

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

** **September 2024**

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Matthew 13 v 31-32

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Dear Friends,

We will soon arrive at the beginning of a new Methodist Year and in due course there will be new membership cards to hand out to folks. I want to draw your attention to the verse from Isaiah 1:17a, which is quoted on the new membership cards: ‘Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.’

The thing that springs to mind for me is the first part, ‘learn to do right’. No matter what age we have reached, there are always new things to learn and that is no less the case for how we live as disciples of Jesus. What does it mean for me today, in the place where God has put me, amongst the people I live in community with, to do right? The answer to that question will be different for each person and it is for each of us to work out, with God, what our answer should or will be.

The membership cards also have pictures on them of four people who, in their lifetimes, have discovered what ‘doing right’ meant for them; some of them I had heard of and others I hadn’t. I didn’t know why Anna Herriman had been included as one of the four so I ‘googled’ her. I found out that she has made a huge difference in raising the profile and highlighting the contributions which a certain group of people can and do make to the life of their church communities. I’m not giving away all the details so that you can find them out for yourselves ☺.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the Methodist Church and what such a step means, please do get in touch: ruthlownsbrough59@hotmail.co.uk or Tel. 01305 820489

Every blessing

Ruth

**PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY for September:**

1st September Rev Gwyneth Owen

8th September 10.30 am Tim Wells 6.30pm Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

15th September Rev Ruth Lownsbrough HC

22nd September Rev Jane Wilson Café Church

29th September Flora Waring

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Coffee morning** – every Wednesday, coffee and cake served from 10.00 until noon. We also have books and jigsaw puzzles that may be borrowed.

**A short time of prayer in the chapel** every Wednesday beforethe coffee morning. This is a time for you to bring your own anxieties before the Lord and also to pray for the life of our church here at WeyBay and how we can go forward with God. This is a very simple time of prayer beginning at 9.50am for about 15 minutes only. Please join us. If you have a prayer request please fill in one of the blue cards on the tables in the coffee area and put it in the box on the table by the chapel.

**Grace Notes** singing groupmeets every Wednesday at 10.30am New members welcome. Come and sing and have some fun*.*

**Cameo *-*** our regular fortnightly meetings for women will start again on Wednesday 4th September with Andy Woodgate talking about some of the work carried out by climate action groups. Our speaker Sept 18TH will be Rev John Yarrien “Finding God at the Potters Wheel “

**Miscellany,** themusic group meets in the church every Wednesday from 5-6 pm. This is for anyone who plays a musical instrument, however brilliant or rusty you may be. You would be very welcome. If you are interested speak to Rosemary or Ailsa for further information.

**Bible Study -** the study group will begin again on Thursday 5th September at 2pm. This is a very informal group with plenty of opportunity for discussion and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

**Dementia Cafe:**

On Friday 2nd August at our drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers,. We held our Summer Tea Party.  The Cycling without Age charity brought two trishaws and 12 people went for a ride along the prom which they all enjoyed. Our theme was the Olympics so as well as our usual activities of word searches, colouring etc we had an Olympic quiz plus our own throwing competition. At 3pm we came together for a buffet tea and this was followed by entertainment from the Weymouth Ukulele band. We had a wonderful time of both listening to and joining in with many well known songs and even some dancing.

The afternoon finished at 4.30pm and everyone went home having had an amazing time of fun, laughter, support and friendship.

A big thankyou to all our hardworking team without whom these occasions would never happen!



Our next meeting will be on Friday 6th September with a theme of Musicals.

More details from Esme on 01305 812637

**Games and Tea afternoon**

The next games afternoon will be at Weybay on Saturday, 21st September from 3pm to 5pm. As there will be refreshments provided there will be a charge of £2pp. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church. Everyone welcome.

**Arts and Craft Week**

We had a very busy week in August with the church filled with craft stalls and lots of visitors. Many people enjoyed the food and drinks available, and Jean and the catering team raised £1,378. Norma and her team kept the bric a brac open come rain or shine and raised £938.50 – although there will be more to come as car boot sales are planned. The bric a brac money will be divided between two charities – the local Shelter bus and Diabetes UK. Stall holders donate to the church from their takings, and this raised an additional £208. Many thanks to all who made the week possible and everyone who came to browse, buy and eat!

**Concerts at Weybay**

The new season of concerts at the church will be starting again on 28th September at 7.30pm with “The Last Night of the Proms” with Weymouth Concert Brass*.* Tickets available from Pete.

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session will be on Saturday, 28th September from 10am to noon. Please feel free to come and join in – there will be refreshments.

Heather and John are assisting with a collection for Ukraine. They would like donations of walking sticks, walkers etc as these are difficult to come by in Ukraine. Just let Heather know if you have anything to donate.

**HARVEST**

Yes it’s that time again. We shall be celebrating with a service on Sept 22nd taken by Rev Jane Wilson. Following this will be our Harvest Meal. The notice will be up soon to sign up to attend.

**A prayer from the Bible Reading Fellowship, written by Martyn Payne**

Lord, we weep for the sadness of these days:

For senseless killing and mindless violence, for lies believed as truths and truths become suspect.

We ask for mercy on our land, with comfort for those who mourn and hope for those who are fearful.

And we long that all might turn to the One who is the truth, in whom alone lasting justice, reconciliation and love are found.

O Lord, guide our footsteps into the Way of Peace.

In Jesus name.

Amen