Toothill Church Newsletter

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'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



10.30 Rev Mark Tidey **Harvest Festival**



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Next Sunday Mrs Rachel Dowling

Activities in Toothill Church

Monday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1st & 3rd Mondays	Next 2 nd October
Monday	17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays	Every week term time only
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group	Next 26 th September
Wednesday	12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week	Every Week
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies	Every week
Friday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2 nd and 4 th Friday	Start 13 th October
Friday	17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only

Sunday 8th October - Toothill Church International Day at 4.00pm

There will be on display during the service different activities from around the world.

These will include some of the following.

Food

History

Dresses

Artefacts

Musical instruments

And many more

If you would like to contribute anything towards the service (e.g Foods or Artefacts) we would like to hear from you.

All are welcome.

For Further information contact Eddie Koppoe eddiekoppoe@aol.com

Music Group (Please note new day and time)

Music Group will begin meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 10.30 – 12.00, the first meeting will be on Friday 13th October. New people are always welcome.

Bible Study Thursday afternoons 12.30 - 13.45

Dear friends

There was interest in a daytime Bible study based at **Toothill Church.**

I am proposing a 12-week session series on the Beatitudes on Thursday afternoons from 12.30 - 1.45.

The timing is after discussion with some of the ladies last Sunday morning.

The series includes discussion, activity and colouring.

- 1 To Be Blessed 5 Oct
- 2 The Beatitudes 12 Oct
- 3 Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit 19 Oct
- 4 Blessed Are Those Who Mourn 26 Oct
- 5 Blessed Are the Meek 16 Nov
- 6 Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst 23 Nov
- 7 Blessed Are the Merciful 30 Nov

Advent/Christmas activity - 7 Dec

- 8 Blessed Are the Pure in Heart 11 Jan
- 9 Blessed Are the Peacemakers 18 Jan
- 10 Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted 25 Jan
- 11 Blessed Are You When 1 Feb
- 12 Coming Down the Mountain 8 Feb

Dates may need to be flexed, but the objective is to complete the sessions before Lent 24.

Thanks

Rachel

Heat and Eat Fund

Te final transaction of the Heat and Eat fund. As you know the sum of £1,000 in cash was given to us anonymously a year ago with a note directing that it be used for the alleviation of food and fuel poverty in our community. We have tried to be as wise and generous as possible with this extraordinary gift. The breakdown of spending has been:

£479.13 to help an individual with the costs of food and fuel;

£520.87 for the provision of food, beverages, newspapers etc for Warm and Welcome Space [now renamed Welcome Space]. However, the cost of heating and lighting the church during the sessions has been borne by church funds.

I have now closed out the Heat and Eat fund. Henceforth we have a new fund labelled Welcome Space which has £441.85 in it.

It just remains for me to say to whoever gave this wonderful gift - thank you! It has proved to be a real blessing to many people during this challenging period of food and fuel poverty.

Yours in His Service

Mike

(Toothill Church Treasurer)

Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying.

Don't forget that it is also helpful to receive updates about those being prayed for and to know when things have improved.

Please pray for:

Emma's friend Kate Storer as she goes through Chemotherapy. She is swimming/walking over two miles a day to raise money even during her chemotherapy.

Ruth's brother James Horton, Carly and all the Burns family, Steph, a friend of Sarah's, Debbie, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Sarah, Hazel, and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We also pray for

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph,

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Our home congregation,

The continuing work with children, young people and families in West Swindon.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges as we continually give thanks for his great Love and Faithfulness.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included https://devotions.urc.org.uk/ By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09

Meeting ID: 871 0566 8938

Passcode: 6pPH0J

SPOTLIGHT 'Contemplative approach to Scripture' Next Meeting - Wednesday 20 September

Come and renew your 'spiritual batteries'! Many of us find that Sundays are a 'high' as we come to church, hear the Bible explained and sing praises together. But as our week gets busy, we find ourselves feeling low and struggling to keep a positive faith outlook. That's where Spotlight comes in!

Just for an hour on the occasional Wednesday evening, those of us who have taken part already find it a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect as we shine a 'spotlight' on a short Bible passage. Anyone is invited to share their thoughts, but it's fine to just listen, and we learn a bit more how to hear God's voice more for ourselves in our daily lives.

You don't need to pre-book or do any preparation as the Bible verses will be shown on screen. Just bring yourself (and a cuppa?) and we look forward very much to 'seeing' you at one or any of the meetings below. The link works for all of them. If you would like to come, but lack the technical knowhow, please contact Susan and we'll try to help - all you need is a digital device such as an iphone, tablet or laptop. The Zoom Room will be open from 7.15 pm onwards, so come along if you would like to chat a bit more before the main session starts at 7.30 pm.

Sept 20 Oct 04 Nov 01, 15, 29

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85054218765?pwd=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVIdz09

Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004

Susan, Lis. and Julian (Susan: white1family@talktalk.net or tel 01793 878334)

NEW BISHOP OF SWINDON

Bishop Viv is delighted to announce that the welcome for the new Bishop of Swindon: Neil Warwick will take place on Advent Sunday, 3 December 2023 at 6.30 pm in Christ Church Swindon.

Bishop Neil will then visit many parishes over the course of 2024.

More details on the welcome service will follow in due course but please note the date. In the meantime, we pray for Neil as he prepares for his consecration on 30 November.

We look forward to his Episcopal ministry amongst us.

ALPHA COURSE, STARTING 20 SEPTEMBER

Pattern Church are starting a new Alpha Course, running on 11 Wednesdays, either mornings starting 11.00 am or evenings starting 7.00 pm. The first sessions are on Wednesday 20 September. You can sign up on the Pattern Church website https://www.patternchurch.org/alpha

Prayer for peace in Ukraine

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need.

Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding.

May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen

STRAWBERRY TEAS 2023

The total donations for the Strawberry Teas Events was £1,453.33.

This year the Teas were made available, every Sunday bar one, between 02/06 and 10/09/23. Bad weather prevented the Teas being served on Sunday 09/07/23. The Events were generally blessed with good weather.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for the Strawberry Teas Events.

Organisers & planners; kitchen helpers/servers; bakers; those who donated other food items, including Gluten-free items.

Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the Teas, and especially to those who made additional financial donations.

Pat and Pauline

<u>DG4J – Day Group for Jesus - Autumn Programme Sep to Dec 2023</u>

Meeting on Zoom - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

- 2. Monday 25 September 2023 Romans Study 2 Host Edward
- 3. Monday 09 October 2023 Romans Study 3 Host Angela
- 4. Monday 23 October 2023 Romans Study 4 Host tbd
- 5. Monday 06 November 2023 Romans Study 5 Host tbd
- 6. Monday 20 November 2023 Romans Study 6 Host tbd
- 7. Monday 04 December 2023 Romans Study 7 Host tbd
- 8. Monday 18 December 2023 Romans Study 8 Host tbd

Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

For further details contact:

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Zoom Details:

Click on link below to join meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497 Passcode: 181042

The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his

mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, ...

October Services

Sunday 1st 10.30 Mrs Rachel Dowling

Sunday 8th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Holy Communion

16.00 International Service - Led by Rev Mark Tidey

Sunday 15th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Sunday 22nd 10.30 Mr Mark Dowling

Sunday 29th 10.00 Today's worship will be a Partnership Service at Westlea Church (Westlea School)

November Services

Sunday 5th 10.30 Mrs Gayle Bryon
Sunday 12th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 19th 10.30 Mr Phil Bunce Sunday 26th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

Peace begins with a smile - Jess' Summer quiz answers



Answers to all Jess' Summer Quiz pictures.

Wk. 1 = Brunel in Paddington Wk. 2 = St Cuthbert in Durham Wk. 3 = Robin Hood in Nottingham Wk. 4 = Manniken Pis in Brussels Wk. 5 = Wenceslas in Prague Wk. 6 = Verity in Ilfracombe

Wk. 7 = Mozart in Vienna Wk. 8 = Johannes Gutenberg in Mainz Wk. 9 = Explorers Belem Lisbon Wk.10= William Tell Altdorf Switzerland

Toothill Church Website
Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We
work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze. Our members
come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four
denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church, and Methodist.