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Dear Friends

Whilst compiling these thoughts on an August afternoon an email has just arrived giving the date of the Dorothy House Hospice Light up a Life Service in December.* A few days before I had correspondence about a New Year's Day Service, the words of the expression "Tide and time wait for no-one" come to mind. Forward planning seems to have become the norm these days, my diary lists the dates of Easter for the next five years.

Reading the Gospels, I'm met by the constant movement of time. Within the first couple of chapters of Matthew and Luke over 30 years pass and even when Jesus' ministry is being described he is always journeying, indeed over a third of Luke's gospel is solely focussed on his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Even with the post resurrection passages there is again this constant theme of movement and also a challenge for the followers of Jesus not to be stationary: "*Go ... and make disciples of all nations,*" if they and those who subsequently followed them, had stayed where they were, neither the United Church or indeed the Christian Church would ever have come into being!

This sense of constant movement is something we as a congregation need to be prepared not only to focus on but embrace. Sometimes it's not just about starting new ventures as being prepared to stop doing some things in order to concentrate on others or fresh expressions of being church. Incidentally in my first appointment, almost 30 years ago my Superintendent minister said this, "Always beware of a church that says it is in a groove, for the only difference between a groove and a rut is the depth!"

Rev David Coppard

**This year's Light up a Life Service will be on Thursday December 1st at 6pm*

SHEPHERD'S WINDOW



We have now had the Shepherds Window inspected by a glass restorer.

I wish to thank Erica for introducing Sheenagh to the Church. Sheenagh travelled to Warminster from East London and spent considerable time examining the window. She has provided an estimate of costs to remove the panels, clean the glass and re-lead it all. As you can appreciate this is a delicate task and will take some time and effort on her part. The total cost of this work will amount to £5,275.00 or thereabouts.

At the Church meeting on 14th August, it was resolved to move ahead with restoring the window to its former glory. Apart from the renovation, money for new lights, Perspex to cover the window and the scaffolding and a glazier to put the work back into place will need to be funded so we shall be looking at ways to raise funds.

Marion Barton

***AN EVENING of
PUDDINGS, POETRY
& LOTS of CUSTARD!
At Warminster United Church***



Friday 16th September 7 p.m.

No need to book

**£4 suggested donation per person towards the
repair of the Shepherd's Window**

The Church Family

We mourn the loss of David Syrett and Hazel Andrews and pray for their families at this sad time.

A surprise call from Barbara Spooner recently let me know that she is well and continues to remember her friends here in Warminster. She's always happy to receive visitors providing a call is made first to ensure she is at home!

We remember and pray for all the friends unable to attend our services; Audrey and Howard Spur, Bernard Cooper, Sally Petrie and Tony Reade.

We are pleased to welcome the two babies – both called Annie – who have been Christening at our church recently. It is good to have them and their parents worshipping with us.

Marion Barton (Pastoral Carer)

Yvonne and all the family would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy since David passed away. He was a truly inspirational and much loved man but most of all a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. His courage in dealing with his diagnosis over the past fourteen months touched many people and raised awareness of the devastating effects of brain tumours. Many people have donated to the Brain Tumour Charity and are taking part in fund raising events and we thank everyone for this invaluable support. Sadly, before David's diagnosis we were unaware of the shocking statistics regarding the investment into brain tumour research so we hope to continue to raise the profile of this aggressive cancer.

Words cannot express how much we will miss David but he would be humbled by all the tributes paid to him.

With our love

The Syrett Family xx



Welcome to our two little ones Baptised in August. Annie Manutu'ufango Binks was Christened on 6th August, her parents are John and Lorraine. Annie Lomoki Amlalo was christened on 13th August, her parents are Bernard and Hannah.

A warm welcome to both families. It is good to be entering 2 new names on the First Steps register hanging in church .

Joan Jones(First Steps secretary)



HELP US CHANGE THE STORY

The stories we hear and the stories we tell are important. They help us shape our thoughts, form our opinions and set the agenda.

The UK has a proud history of supporting refugees. In the 1930s the Kindertransport saved the lives of Jewish children from Germany. In the 1970s the UK welcomed Ugandan Asians fleeing Idi Amin's regime, and in the 1990s we opened our doors to Kosovan refugees.

Today, more than 65 million people are displaced globally. Forced from their homes by violence, fear, desperation, or poverty, each person is made in God's image, and is deserving of safety, freedom and hope. In a society divided over immigration, our message of shared humanity is more important than ever.

Yet, refugees are often portrayed negatively in the media. We are told that they are drain on our economy and that we should be fearful about the impact of immigration on our communities. We hear far less about the positive contributions that refugees make, how historically refugees have enhanced our society, and about the willingness of local people to make refugees welcome.

Here in the UK, faith communities are at the heart of a different story, galvanising local support to find homes for people forced from their countries by violence and conflict and now languishing in desperate situations.

As one of the world's richest countries, the UK has a legal and moral responsibility to protect those fleeing from violence. But so far, the response of our government has not matched the scale of the crisis, nor the compassion of those who have already opened their homes to refugees. Instead, poor countries - like Lebanon and Iraq - are hosting 86% of the world's refugees.

We believe that everybody deserves a safe place to call home, and we stand for a UK that refuses to turn a blind eye to the suffering of people seeking sanctuary.

We are urging that the UK government must commit to host at least double the number of refugees it has currently promised, and do more to ensure safe and legal passage for those escaping violence to travel to and through Europe.

On 19 September 2016 President Obama will host a high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants, with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach. Before then, we need to change the story. Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/changesthestory and urge your local newspaper to Change The Story about refugees.

MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

2016		
January 9 th	Olney/Newton Link (Pre-school for Ebola orphans in Sierra Leone.)	£155
February 13 th	Dementia UK	£195
March 12 th	People against Poverty	£223
April 9 th	Guide Dogs for Blind	£313
May 14 th	Christian Aid	£236
June 11 th	Zimbabwe V S F	£205
July 9 th	Cancer Research	£305
August 13 th	Action for children	£140
September 10 th	Wessex Heartbeat	
October 8 th	Water Aid	
November 12 th	Shoebboxes	
December 10 th	Rwanda Education	

I have already had one request for coffee morning slots for 2017. I will soon be putting the list of dates up. Please let me know if there is any particular date you would like for your charity. *Joan Jones*

TREASURERS REPORT

The income on our offerings for the last quarter is as follows:

February	£1806.00
March	£1732.70
April	£1916.20

The Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund amounted to £126.95
 Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the work of our church.
 As everyone can see the work on the Cameo room is progressing well. There have been some unexpected extra costs, but thanks to some generous donations we have raised extra funding which almost covers the increased expense. However there will be some other minor costs to add the finishing touches, but I think the end result will be worth it.
 A big Thank You to the members of our congregation who have supported this project.

Hilary Reynolds

SUNDAY SERVICES 10.30 a.m. SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4th :	Rev Graham Warmington	
11th :	Rev David Coppard	HOLY COMMUNION
18th :	Cooper House Group	
25th :	Tom Hill	
OCTOBER 2nd :	Rev Susan Holden	HOLY COMMUNION
9th :	Rev David Coppard	HARVEST FESTIVAL
16th :	Bob Farrimond	
23rd :	Tom Hill	
30th :	Wendy House Group	
NOVEMBER 6th :	AREA SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH , DEVIZES	
13th :	Rev David Coppard	
20th :	John Greenaway	
27th :	Douglas Colborne	

MID WEEK SERVICES ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 12th October – Area meeting at our church

THE CAMEO ROOM

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other

The Cameo room is nearly finished and is looking good. The walls are now painted, curtains and blinds in place and new LED lights fitted. Most doors have been raised ready for the new carpet. The church meeting chose the colour for the carpet and it will soon be laid. The old external door, which will be re-housed not "dumped", will be replaced on 9th September. This will be an attractive, comfortable room with many uses, where the church family and wider community can Come And Meet Each Other.

Many thanks to Pauline and everyone who has contributed in many ways to the restoration and refurbishment.



WARMINSTER FOODBANK

Despite the economic upturn Warminster and District Foodbank continues to provide food and support to 160 people - individuals and families per month. Our local Communities remain supportive of our help to families and individuals in crisis but since April the shortfall between food donated and that distributed is 1276.3k - purchased from Foodbank funds - £85 - £100 per week. As we receive no grant funding all funds are raised from fund raising events/personal donations.

This time of year is a very busy one for the Foodbank as families whose children receive free school meals find it difficult to manage - no extra payments are made to assist - increasing the need for our service.

Our Food Stocks are very low and donations of any item from the list would be most welcome.

Food received from Harvest Festivals boosts our stocks for Winter - long Life Fruit Juice, tinned fish, meat, pasta and pasta sauce would be most welcome.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Margaret McDonald

Please see next page for items needed by Foodbank.

There will be a collection in church at the Harvest Festival. If you are able also to donate items before that time they can be taken to the Foodbank in North Row , opening times 10a.m – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday put in the collecting boxes in Morrison's or Waitrose or brought to church.



Food list for Warminster Foodbank - * = items with very low stocks at present

Semi-skimmed milk – UHT

Pasta Sauce*

Pasta*

Savoury Rice – packet

Tinned potatoes

Tinned fish*

Tinned soup*

Tinned fruit*

Cereals

Jam

Snack bars*

Toiletry items - soap, shower gel, toilet rolls, feminine hygiene products, **kitchen roll ***

Fruit Juice - long-life carton *

Pasta in sauce - packet*

Rice

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned vegetables

Tinned meat*

Tinned pasta

Tinned rice pudding/custard*

Coffee/tea

Biscuits

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



We will be filling shoeboxes with gifts again this year. It has been suggested that as well as some going to families in Eastern Europe through Trussell Trust as in recent years, we also send some to a Women's Refuge in this country. Watch Church notices for more information.

FOR NOW PLEASE BRING ALONG ANY EMPTY SHOEBOXES YOU MAY HAVE!

We will put a large box in church to start collecting items to go in the shoeboxes shortly. We have a good supply of woolly hats already but will need all the other usual items for babies and children. A full list of items needed will be put up when we know more about the Refuge and their requirements.

Sorry to be asking for support for Foodbank and for Christmas shoeboxes at the same time! Everyone is always very generous – but please don't feel embarrassed if you cannot give to both! *Joan Jones*

DAVID SYRETT (20th January 1956 – 26th July 2016)

All of us have memories of David as a well known and well loved member of our church – but he was more well known than many of us realised. A search on line reveals that he has his own Wikipedia entry and is mentioned on several other websites.

David began his football career as a striker with Swindon town in the 1970's. Such was his skill that he was called up to the England youth squad.

In 1977 he signed for Mansfield Town where he spent a year before joining Walsall, Peterborough United and Northampton Town. David will forever be remembered at Mansfield for scoring a famous hat-trick against Spurs in an unforgettable 3-3 draw on 25th March 1978, his final goal has even appeared on "A question of Sport." On the internet site UTube that match is described, as "*possibly the best game in the Stags history.*"

David's career was cut short when aged just 27 he suffered a spinal injury. Six years later, David was persuaded to come out of retirement by Salisbury manager Geoff Butler and scored three times in six games.

Following his career as a footballer he worked as a milkman, a groundsman and sports teacher at Warminster School before moving to Chafyn School in Salisbury as head groundsman where he also continued his love of teaching sport. He loved his time at both schools and made many enduring friendships. Whatever your level at sport David was an encourager, Rev David Coppard says the he experienced that last year whilst participating in the Longleat Half Marathon. He said "One of the other competitors was David and Yvonne's daughter Kerry who was a good 10 miles ahead. After Kerry had rocketed around it says a great deal that David and Yvonne hung around on a cold March Sunday for almost an hour until I finally made it." There is a cruel irony that it was the day after David himself completed the 2015 Race for Men in Salisbury that he was diagnosed with the tumour. Just a few weeks ago in June David went round that same course mainly in a wheelchair accompanied by staff, and former pupils from his school, but David ditched the wheelchair and walked the final stretch to the finishing line supported by his son in laws Mike and Nick. Everyone was known as Team Syrett!

Although in his earlier years David played football at a professional level, nothing was more important than his family. Together they enjoyed simple pleasures such as trips to the beach, walking the dogs, cycling through the woods or just kicking a ball about in the garden. David had no airs or graces. Whatever he did, he did to his best ability and football was just one phase of his life. He was proud of what his 'girls' achieved and adored his grandchildren: Austin, Faith and especially little Ralph who arrived very recently.



Christianity declares death as a transformation not an end. God leads us over the horizon of life called death to be with him in heaven where there is no suffering or pain rather the eternal presence of God, whose name is love.

Rota for Church Oct to Dec 2016

Oct to Dec	Vestry (V)/ Opening(O)	Books/Welcome	Coffee	Flowers
2 nd Oct	Joan J.– O Marion - V	Sue Hewitt and Christina Walton	Joan & Evan Jones	Hilda Hanks
9 th Oct	Hilda O/V	Margaret Edwards Sandra Matthews	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Jenny Sanderson
16 th Oct	Diane – O Barry - V	Dennis and Pat Mills	Brenda and Ron	Helen Dawson
23 rd Oct	Karen O/V	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Diana and Wendy	Helen Richards
30 th Oct	Joan S. O John Alpin V.	Jenny Sanderson Marion Hornby	Helen Richards Penelope Harrison	Sandra Mathews
6 th Nov	Marion O/V	Dennis and Sylvia Trevethick	Pam and Derrick Copeland	Pauline Howell
13 th Nov	Brenda – O Pauline - V	Andy Simmons and Arthur Pimm	Brenda & Ron	Joan Jones
20 th Nov	Karen O/V	Joan and Evan Jones	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Jenny Sanderson
27 th Nov	Barry O/V/	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Helen Richards Penelope Harrison	Margaret MacDonald
4 th Dec	Diane - O Karen - V	Dennis and Pat Mills	Diana and Wendy	Pat Mills
11 Dec	Marion O/V	Sue Hewitt and Christina Walton	Brenda and Ron	Joan Stephens
18 Dec	Joan J – O Hilda – V	Pam and Derrick Copeland	Joan and Evan Jones	Mary Treadwell
25 Dec	Karen O/V		Karen Woollard and Mike Evans	Susan Hewitt

HAZEL ANDREWS (22th Feb 1923 – 11th July 2016)

To those of us who only knew Hazel in later life it may come as a surprise to learn of some of her adventures.

As a young woman Hazel took flying lessons. In fact, she flew an aeroplane more than she ever drove a car! Then along came Dennis with his motorbike! That motorbike was the catalyst for a long and happy life together! Motorbikes stayed in their lives for many years to come and provided the means for them to travel Europe together. Hazel and Dennis were always together side by side, the only exception was when they were on a motorbike! Hazel continued to work in the family florists business until she had the boys; Kenneth, Christopher and Michael. Their first family home was in Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire. Having lived there for about 6 years, Dennis came home one day from work and asked her “Do you fancy living in Ethiopia?” Hazel’s immediate reply was, “Yes, I’d love to, where is it?” This was the start of their 23 year adventure living abroad, firstly in Ethiopia and then Saudi Arabia. Getting “involved” took on a new meaning for Hazel living abroad. In addition to bringing up the family, if it wasn’t baking or flower arranging, it would be amateur dramatics, ten pin bowling, Scottish dancing and generally enjoying life. The list is almost endless!

Hazel also worked for several years at The English School in Addis Ababa, her work included teaching Senior Art and working with children in Nursery School. Her school work continued too, whilst living in Saudi Arabia. The family were fortunate enough to be able to do a lot of worldwide travel, including travelling home to the UK at least once a year.

Hazel and Dennis retired in 1985 and returned to the UK . Dennis, sadly passed away in 2002, but Hazel stayed on in Gillingham until 2010, moving then to the Abbeyfields home in Warminster. She moved onto Longbridge Deverill House in 2013, where she enjoyed her time. Some of Hazel’s greatest pleasures were her 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

We will, of course, all grieve in Hazel’s passing, however, her wish was for us all (in her own words) “to rejoice in the fact that I have had a wonderful and happy life”.

Concert by the popular **KENNET ACCORDION ORCHESTRA,**

Saturday 1st October 7.30pm.

St. Andrew’s Church, Devizes

Tickets £8 from Devizes Books, 01380 725944 or ring Ann 01380 727130.

CHIPPENHAM MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday 26th November 7.30pm

Melksham United Church

ANY OLD TOOLS?



Did you know that there is a refurbishing workshop at the Holt United Reformed Church?

They are part of the small national charity, "Tools For Self Reliance." All sorts of hand tools are refurbished to go into dedicated tool kits that go to projects in Africa. Such kits are for Carpentry, Bicycle Repair, Auto Mechanics, Shoe Repair, Electricians etc. They also refurbish Singer sewing machines and collect haberdashery items. They don't ask for gardening tools but if any turn up, they try and sell them for funds. Any other tools donated will be gratefully received.

The workshop is open on a Wednesday morning, 9 'till 12-30.

Contact Geraint Owen on 01225 752555 or search www.tfsr.org for more information



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTIONS

The overall trend was down on previous years. Most door to door collectors reported that people were less generous, and each church raised a little less than last year and our door to door collection dropped by about £500. However, the Tea Party and the Quiz helped to adjust that, and we raised almost £5000 in all, which is extremely good.

This is £5000 which would not otherwise have been raised for the world's poorest people. Thank you very much indeed for all your efforts.

Sheelagh Wurr

Our church raised £439.66



Thursday December 1st
6 p.m.
The Annual Light Up a Life Service
will again take place at our church

AMMERDOWN CENTRE , RADSTOCK

16 to 18 September -Healing Tide- A weekend guided retreat led by Sarah Chabowska and Libby Dobson who will be combining their special gifts as composer and musician (Libby) and poet and photographer (Sarah) to take you on a journey of discovery into the healing tides of God's love. Give your spirit space to breathe, and your soul an opportunity to be restored, as we reflect together upon the ebb and flow of life.

16 to 18 September 'Go west young man' Travels with St Paul With the help of **Revd Ward Jones**, you will join St Paul on parts of his missionary travels, exploring the people and places he visited and seeking to understand why he said and wrote as he did and what it might mean for us in our own time. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Go-West-Young-Man-2016> ring 01761 433709 or email centre@ammerdown.org.

FULLY ALIVE ART EXHIBITION

Thursday 6th to Sunday 30th October Bath Abbey will be exhibiting paintings



from the National Methodist Modern Art collection, including works by leading names in the art world, such as Edward Burra, Eric Gill , Patrick Heron and Graham Sutherland. The aim is to explore what it means to be “Fully alive” by considering the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, who claimed to be the embodiment of a true human being, in the way He lived and through what He taught. The paintings will be curated in sympathy with the beautiful interior of the Abbey, leading visitors on a journey of discovery and response. The exhibition will include lectures, lunchtime recitals and education material. Trained volunteers from the Bath area are helping to host the exhibition to give local and

international visitors a real opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our humanity.

EVENING WALKS

The Summer Evening walks , followed by a meal in a Pub restaurant, have become very popular. A total of 18 people have taken part in walks and a further 6 have joined us for the meal afterwards. In June we walked around Corsley, eating at The Royal Oak. In July we ventured further afield to Nunney, eating at The George . In August we stayed nearer home walking from Heytesbury , through Norton Bavant, up Scratchbury Hill and along Cottley Hill , returning to the Red Lion at Heytesbury for our well earned dinner, the 14 walkers were joined by 6 others for a very pleasant end to the evening.

As the evenings begin to draw in walks starting at 6 p.m. will no longer be feasible . September's walk led by Andy Simmons will start at 5 p.m. on Thursday 8th Sept. Starting and finishing at The Old Ham Tree in Holt, where we will eat after the walk. If you wish to take part in this please let me know. After that we are considering doing some morning walks with lunch. Watch notice sheets for details.

Joan Jones

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

1st Friday each month : During the summer months the Fellowship meetings have ventured outdoors with a coach outing to Athelhampton and a picnic in Heather and David's garden as well as meals in the church.

After September's meal a representative from Warminster's Wessex MS Therapy Centre will be giving a talk.

These popular meetings are organised by Penelope Harrison. Please see her for more details and to book for meals.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

1st Tuesday each month : 2.30 to 4 p.m. Cup of tea, Games and a chat.

TEA-TIME

3rd Tuesday each month: 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea & Cake, Games and a Chat

ALL WELCOME .

BRING ALONG A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR OR COME ALONE

See Margaret Edwards or Jenny Sanderson for more details



**I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS.
WHERE WILL MY HELP COME FROM?
MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH
Psalm 121 v 1 – 2**



Evening walk on Scratchbury Hill overlooking Warminster

(This newsletter is also available, in colour, on our website)