

SUMMER

June to August 2018

WARMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

(Methodist/URC)

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On a Sunday afternoon I often tune into GQT on Radio 4. The part of the programme which most gets my attention is when someone presents a plant specimen for identification. There is a clematis in the manse garden which I had no idea of the name of. On taking photographs I went to a local nursery and they told me the type, so with some help from one of the members of United church who is a keen gardener, and also using the internet we discovered its name - Clematis Textensis "Gravetye beauty"

Matthew's Gospel records an intriguing phrase of Jesus, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7v20). This is explained in more detail in John 15v8, "My true disciples will produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my father." This is a strong calling for Christian living. The metaphor of bearing fruit is quite often used in the Bible. In the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4v1-9,13-20), Jesus spoke of seed that falls on different types of ground, representing different reactions to the truth of the gospel message. The final category he mentions was good ground: "But other people are like the seeds sown in good soil. They hear the message, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred." In other words, those who have spiritual longevity are those who embrace this truth and produce fruit. The Bible tells us that we should bear fruit worthy of repentance (Matthew 3:8). St Paul in Galatians 5:22 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . . " A Christian's life should be characterised by these things. But are we producing fruit? Or is the opposite true? Instead of love, is there



bitterness, or even hatred? Instead of joy, is there negativity? Instead of peace, is there anger? Instead of gentleness, is there a short temper? Instead of meekness, is there pride and arrogance? Instead of self-control, are you a victim of your

own wants?

I wonder if we ever dare to ask of ourselves, "How am I known to others?" As having right attitude or wrong? As being false or true? As being generous or measured in giving? Does my Christian faith show forth in my life? Am I viewed as being a modern day disciple of Jesus? Saint Augustine is reported as having once directed followers, "Tell others about Jesus and, if you need to, speak." Some of the strongest of Christ's disciples I meet do not need to speak. Their every action, attitude, it seems, is Spirit-permeated. In truth, we should be asking of ourselves: "How does God know me to be? AND How does God want me to be?"

I find great store in words by the late Caryl Micklem, a U. R.C Minister

Give to me Lord, a thankful heart
And a discerning mind;
Give, as I play the Christian's part,
The strength to finish what I start
And act on what I find.
When, in the rush of days, my will
Is habit-bound and slow,
Help me to keep in vision, still,
What love and power and peace can fill
A life that trusts in you...

All around us here in Wiltshire we can see the development of the natural harvest, which hopefully will continue throughout the summer days. May what we see around us, also remind us of our personal spiritual calling to continue in our faith development, producing rich and plentiful spiritual fruits that radiate Christ in our lives and thus brings glory to God.

I wish you a happy summer.

Rev. David Coppard

**David Coppard invites You
to cream tea with homemade scones
at the Westbury manse,
26 Brabant Way BA13 3UW
Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of June
2.30to 4.30pm.**

No set charge but donations for Christian Aid.

Directions are available if required

(be warned- Sat-Nav. will try to make you drive along a footpath)



1st Friday Food & Fellowship

**A time of fellowship & sharing over Lunch for members & regular attenders
at Warminster United Church**

Our fellowship (meeting on the 1st Friday of each month) continues to be popular. In May we had an open 'Soup Lunch' and raised £200 for The Warminster's Dementia Centre.

On Friday 6th July we have our annual outing, this year visiting Winchester.

Penelope Harrison



**On Saturday 30th June & Sunday 1st July,
Heather would like to welcome friends to her garden
Between 2-4.30pm**



Heather writes: Some of you may remember Revd Margery Woodland who gave the address at my ordination. She sadly passed away in March aged 88. She was an influence in my candidating for ministry & real support to me throughout my training & beyond. Margery once visited India & the country made a lasting impression on her. So much so, that she supported the Gujarat Education Project

which is based in India. I have therefore decided to open my garden & ask for donations to the charity.

My address is Meadow View. Wylfe Road, Hanging Langford SP3 4NW

I would welcome help on the days with tea making & washing up.

Also you keen bakers, scones & cakes please!

Thank you for your support

Heather Morgan

Traidcraft @21



On Sunday February 9th 1997 the first Traidcraft stall was held in this church. Nowadays this church is the only one in Warminster supporting Traidcraft by buying fair trade products. Over the past 2 years the management team at Traidcraft has changed and their new ideas are filtering through – cost saving A5 brochures and Kenyan and Malawian breakfast tea replacing one cup and everyday tea bags. There is an increase in organic products e.g. Eat Your Hat chocolate and coffee. Traidcraft's ethos is unchanged – to help people in developing countries work their way out of poverty.

“ When people in low-in-income countries receive training in proven skills to add to their natural will to succeed they can turn a profit and use it to feed their families and educate their children, They can build a better future for their families for generations to come” - Traidcraft Bulletin April 2018

Susan Hewitt

Evening Walks

In April it was difficult to find somewhere not too wet and muddy but we walked a pleasant, little known route locally, a few of us eating afterwards at the Snooty Fox. By May the ground had dried out and we walked from Corton to Heytesbury and back, eating at the Dove. All very enjoyable!

Ideas for walks/meals and offers to lead a walk welcomed ! Look out for future walks on notice sheets .

Joan Jones

Around the World Dinner Parties for Christian Aid

Jack & Penelope have hosted 6 dinner parties with each one themed on a different country.

As a finale a supper was held in the CAMEO room on Saturday 26th May with Jacket potato fillings from around the world. The total amount raised is £186



**Total for Christian Aid for all fund raising efforts this year is
£1497.10**

**Well done and Thank You to all who have run events and
contributed**

Karen

Distribution of flowers



As many of you already know, the flowers provided each Sunday in church are taken to those of our number, or known to us, in illness, or who are unable to come to church. We have a number of people who undertake this pastoral work, which is so essential, but our numbers have dwindled recently.

I know from my own experience that it is both comforting and uplifting to be a recipient of these flowers, which show love and support from our congregation.

If you feel that you could join in this outreach (and it only comes round every two months or so) or wish to know more about it, please speak to me.

Mary Treadwell.

Treasurers Report May 2018

This is just a short report to give the figures for our Offerings for the last 3 months.

The income is as follows:

February	£ 2272.11
March	£1766.50
April	£2041.03

Our expenditure is expected to increase over the next few months as our assessment payment is due to rise and we also have maintenance and improvement work to do on the church.

I am very grateful for the generous giving to the church, especially the support for our charity coffee mornings and charity fund raising appeals.

Thank you *Hilary Reynolds*

Rota for Church July, August and September, 2018

July	Vestry (V)/ Opening(O)	Books/Welcome	Coffee	Flowers
1	Karen O/V	Muriel May and Margaret Edwards	Diana and Wendy	Jenny Sanderson
8	Pauline O/V	Derrick Copeland and Anita Silk	Yvonne Syrett and Pam Copeland	Kate Skillman
15	Sue Hewitt O/V	Andy Simmons and Arthur Pimm	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Wendy Wormersly
22	Marion Barton O/V	Paula Johnson and Stuart Bryden	Brenda and Ron	Paula Johnson
29	Hilda O/V	Elaine Searly and Hilary Reynolds	Claire Johnson and Evan Jones	Susan Hewitt
August				
5	Barry O/V	Erica Castle and Sandra Matthews	Paula Johnson & Hilary Reynolds	Pam Copeland
12	Brenda O Helen V	Christina Walton and Anita Silk	Brenda and Ron	Claire Johnson
19	Marion Barton O/V	Dennis and Pat Mills	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Marion Hornby
26	Joan J. O Karen V	Pam and Derrick Copeland	Joan and Evan Jones	Jenny Sanderson
Sept.				
2	Diana O Pauline V	Sylvia and Dennis Trevithick	Diana Bennie and Wendy	Sandra Mathews
9	Karen O/V	Andy Simmons and Arthur Pimm	Hilda Hanks and Yvonne Syrett	Helen Dawson
16	Barry O/V	Muriel May and Margaret Edwards	Brenda and Ron	Pauline Howell
23	Sue Hewitt O/V	Paula Johnson and Stuart Bryden	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Mary Treadwell
30	Hilda O/V	Dennis and Pat Mills	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Hilda Hanks

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES 10.30 A.M.

June 3rd : Rev Mike Burrell
10th : Karen and Heather **SONGS OF PRAISE**
 Also AREA SERVICE AT DEVIZES to which all are invited
17th : Rev David Coppard - **ALL AGE WORSHIP** to include Baptism
24th : Rev Heather Morgan **HOLY COMMUNION**
July 1st : Jacky Williams
8th : Local Arrangements
15th : Isabel Smears
22nd : Rev David Coppard **HOLY COMMUNION**
29th : Rev Susan Holden
August 5th : Eric Clifford
12th : Rev David Coppard **HOLY COMMUNION**
19th : Rev Ward Jones
26th : Rev David Coppard **ALL AGE WORSHIP**

WEDNESDAY MORNING service each week at 10.15 a.m.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS 2018

	Charity	Organiser	Raised
January 13 th	Epilepsy Action	Claire Johnson	£205
February 10 th	Compassion	Marion Hornby	£332
March 10 th	Warminster Stroke Club	Elaine Hunter	£270
April 14 th	Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund	Pam & Derrik	£225
May 12 th	Christian Aid	Karen	£153 + raffle
June 9 th	Water Aid	Helen Richards	
July 14 th	Guide Dogs	Anita	
August 11 th	Cancer Research	Penelope	
September 8 th	People Against Poverty	Joan Jones	
October 13 th	Rwanda Education	Karen Woollard	
November 10 th	Shoeboxes	Joan Jones	
December 8 th	Riding for the Disabled	Paula Johnson	

Charity coffee mornings - 2nd Saturday each month 10a.m to 12noon
 Offers of help and contributions of cakes are always welcome.

Pastoral Care

Like you, I have welcomed the sun and warmer weather and it truly feels as if we are going to enjoy the summer.

As we appreciate it, please pray for all those less fortunate; remembering Sally Petrie, Bernard Cooper, Howard Spurr, David Morgan, Tony Reade, Betty Fielding, Stella and John Case and Joy Kibby. Some of our friends are living away from Warminster and unable to attend church, thinking of Joan Drain and Vera Sheppard.

We give thanks for the improving health of Jenny Sanderson recognising her strength of spirit.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Christine Scott and hold Andrew and their family in our thoughts and prayers

I wish to thank all the Pastoral carers for distributing the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) forms and to you for completing them. This permission allows the Church to hold your personal details for the sole purposes of the church, which includes any financial details you have given to our Treasurer, Hilary, and for photos in the church. Should anyone NOT wish to be included in photographs, please make sure you tell the person taking the photograph at the time.

This also applies to any details which might appear on the website or on the Notices. If you don't want your telephone number shared on Notices/Posters but prefer the Church number to be quoted then please let John Alpin, Karen or I know well in advance.

Just a note for Pastoral Carers – I will distribute new lists after 25th May after I have the final forms on Sunday. Please destroy any earlier copies you hold.

Marion Barton

We are pleased to welcome the youngest member of our congregation Sebastian William Richards born on 23rd March at Bath Hospital and weighing in at 8lbs. Congratulations to Helen and Spencer on the arrival of their son , and congratulations to Hannah on her new brother! It has been good to see him in church on Sundays. Sebastian will be Christened in the morning service on 17th June



Trustee for Warminster Relief In Need (WRIN) Charity.

In 2011 I took over this role from Ruth Dodge, as representative for our church. With only two meetings a year (May & November) - the most recent took only half an hour - it is not an onerous job but I feel it time to hand on to someone with fresh ideas

The Charity gives out small donations in November each year to local good causes and can make emergency payments for anyone who needs particular help. This is a very long-standing charity with representatives from the Council and other Churches as Trustees. The Clerk to the Trustees is John Pomeroy who deals with all the admin and looks after the accounts, cheque book etc.

I do hope someone will be able to take this on as it would be a shame for our church not to be represented after all these years. Please do speak to me if you would like any additional information.

Thank you. *Pauline Howell.*



Let's go fishing

No charge (donations accepted)

Lunch included

See Penelope or Joan for details

**CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY MORNING
Thursday 30th August
9.45 to 12.45**

**Fun activities for
children 4 -10 years
with parent or carer**



Offers of help with activities or catering welcome.



Saturday 23rd June 2018

11am to 4pm

We expect you will know that Warminster has resettled 3 Syrian families over the last year. Most of this has been done on a volunteer basis

from Christian, Muslim and non faith backgrounds, with Council support.

This party is to celebrate these families' arrival and initial settlement here. It's a chance for them to meet all those who have been involved and collectively have some fun. It is also a time for those interested in what has happened to find out more.

Come along and be part of this event. There is no charge for entry. There will be food and Syrian food tasters. Also there will be various stalls from Henna and Candle Art to Cakes, Horse and Carriage rides and the whole Park to play in. There will be Clergy from various Churches and Trowbridge Mosque in attendance together with the Police Community Unit. The only cost is whatever you wish to buy. Otherwise all we are asking is for a donation. At the end of the event the donations collected will be divided equally between 2 local charities who have helped the families, the Warminster Food Bank and the Friends of Warminster Hospital.

Do come along and see what it is all about. It is very much a time for children. We hope there will be good weather and we all look forward to seeing you there.

There will be a cake stall and we would greatly appreciate donations of cakes to sell please. Also, although we should have tasters of Syrian food, we would like donations of food to share for lunch please. If anyone is willing to provide a plate or two of food towards lunches could they please contact me (phone 01985214700)



Thank you very much.

Tim (Volunteer from Minster Church)

Ask Karen Woollard if you want more details.



Well Done Penelope on successfully completing the 100 mile walk from Reading to Bristol in a week and raising £1700 for The Brain Tumour Charity.



Penelope would like to thank everyone who supported her in any way , especially Mary & Barry and

Margery and Ian who gave her lifts to and from the start and end some days, Also Elaine and Yvonne who walked with her one day each.

ROCK BUNS – THE FINALE



My year of baking, boiling and bottling to see how much could be donated to charity, using only a £5 Morrisons More voucher as a starting fund, is complete.

So, in the past year I have made and received donations for:-

273 rock buns, 15 lemon buns, 12 orange and plum buns and 25 chocolate buns. 13 jars of marmalade, 2 jars of mincemeat, 1 jar of lemon curd, 2 jars of plum jam, 5 jars of chutney, umpteen individual containers of stewed apple for porridge-topping and a 2-course lunch for 24 church family friends

The generosity of family, friends and work colleagues has enabled the following donations to very worthy charities:

Zimbabwe VSF	£19.70
Christian Aid	£193.00
Action for Children	£10.00
Cancer Research	£10.80
Guide dogs	£11.20
Toilet Twinned at Warminster Hospital. (The ladies loo near to x-ray and podiatry)	£63.00
Motor Neurone Disease	£13.40
Shoe box sending	£24.54
Children in Need	£45.00
Action on Hearing loss	£13.70
Epilepsy	£10.85
Compassion	£21.70
Warminster Stroke club	£20.00
TOTAL	£456.89

Kevin and I sat at Swanage seafront recently trying to see if we could adapt the Twelve days of Christmas to illustrate my year. Apart from “one toilet twinned” to the tune of “Five gold rings” we were dismal failures as lyricists. However all was not lost as the tune of “All things bright and beautiful” proved easier – please see back page for our effort! I have really enjoyed this challenge and will continue to bake for the coffee mornings!

Helen Dawson

Well done Helen –

will this inspire more of us to use our “Talents” to the full ?

ALL THINGS BAKED AND BUBBLING

Chorus:

**All things baked and bubbling
All causes big and small
Five pounds was the start point
For food enjoyed by all**

Verse One:

**The sweet and spicy rock buns
The tempting lemon cakes
The basket of home baking
That Helen's hands did make**

Verse Two :

**The miles of apple peelings
The tears from onions chopped
The all-pervading odour
Of chutney on the hob**

Verse Three:

**The curd so sweet and tangy
The jam filled full of plums
The marmalade so runny
They all increased our tums**

Helen Dawson