

WARMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Dear friends,

Some of you will already be aware that Revd Susan Holden is no longer able to share in ministry with me at United Church. We are both sad about this as we worked well together as a team. She will continue to lead worship in our Church but will not be leading the Alpha Course for us (see article elsewhere in the Newsletter).

We are all very grateful for the contribution she has made to our work, witness and worship since Revd David Coppard left us early this year.

Meanwhile, until the United Area decide what do to support us in ministry, you can be sure that I will continue to “hold the fort “until reinforcements arrive!!

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If I were to wish you all a Happy New Year, you would be possibly justified in saying “what on earth is she talking about?”

However, the new Methodist year does begin, not in January, but September. Revd Craig Manley will soon begin his ministry in Calne. Sadly, it will not be until September 2023 that (hopefully) a full-time minister for our Sector starts his/her ministry.

At Warminster United Church, you will find many New things happening which are covered elsewhere in this Newsletter. Why not decide to do something New? There’s plenty of things to consider. Perhaps become a volunteer at the Foodbank or Cornerstone?

The word New is used many times in the New Testament. One of my favourite texts is: “if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5: 17)

I hope and pray that God will richly bless our Church’s life together in the New Year and beyond.

*Revd Heather*

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A SERVICE OF WELCOME for
Revd. Craig and Mrs. Elizabeth Manley
and THE INDUCTION
of Revd. Craig Manley
to The Wiltshire United Area
(Methodist/United Reformed)
Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 7pm
at Calne Methodist Church

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Next church meeting – October 23<sup>rd</sup> after morning service

## NEW BEGINNINGS IN SEPTEMBER!

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>:**



### **CRAFT AND CHATTER**

2-4 p.m.



Bring along any craft you wish to do or come and see what others are doing.

Chat over a cuppa

This will be happening every other Monday

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

### **EXPLORING THE FAITH**

Using Alpha material

10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

10.30am. A service open to all, introducing the theme of the session in Church

11.00am. Coffee/tea in the foyer

11.15 - 12 noon Sharing our thoughts in small groups

Details elsewhere in newsletter

This will be happening every Wednesday

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>: ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** - We have already explored all of Paul's letters to the churches so now we are considering which book of the Bible to explore next! You can join us from the comfort of your armchair at home! Details form Marion Hornby

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>:**

### **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

**for Warminster Day-care Club**

**for Alzheimer's Support at the Old Silk Works**

10a.m. to 12 noon

Cakes, books and bric-a-brac for sale. Items to sell welcomed.  
This will be the first of the monthly charity coffee mornings held  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>:**

### **BIBLE STUDY – HOUSE GROUP**

A monthly, evening meeting studying the book of Esther – see Mary for details

On Wednesday 7th September at 10.30am we will begin

## **EXPLORING THE FAITH**

using the Alpha material as a guide. This is open to **EVERYONE**-  
not just those who signed up for an Alpha Course.

Each week we will begin with a short act of worship in the Church,  
followed by coffee/tea in the foyer. There will then be a time of  
sharing in two/three discussion groups on the week's topic ending at  
around 12 noon. Afterward, if you wish to bring a lunch or visit a  
local takeaway, you are welcome to join Karen and myself.

The first few weeks will seek to help us answer the following  
Questions: -

1. Why do you come to Church?
2. What do we know about Jesus?
  3. Why did Jesus die?
  4. How can I have faith?
  5. Why and how do I pray?
6. Why and how should I read the Bible?
  7. How does God guide us?

I do hope that everyone will think carefully about joining us, even if  
every week is out of the question. We will be pleased to see you?

Heather



## ROTAS

|                                          | Door<br>welcome | Vestry           | Coffee           | Flowers             |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>               | Evan            | Joan J           | Joan S           | Mary                |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Erica           | Marion<br>Barton | Anita            | Marion<br>H         |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Andy            | Marion<br>Hornby | Mary             | Hilda               |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Diana           | Joan J           | Anita            | Sandra              |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>                | Barry           | Mary             | Polly            | Polly               |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>                    | Joan S          | Joan J           | Hilda            | Jenny               |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Jan Cobb        | Marion<br>Barton | Joan<br>Stephens | Jan Cobb            |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>                   | Andy            | Marion H         | Anita            | Helen R             |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>                   | SECTOR          | SERVICE          | WESTBURY         |                     |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                | Joan S          | Erica            | Joan J           | Margaret<br>Stanley |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Andy            | Marion B         | Hilda            | Jenny               |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Diana           | Marion H         | Joan S           | Marjory             |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Barry           | Mary             | Polly            | Susan<br>Holden     |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                | Evan            | Joan J           | Anita            |                     |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> AM</b><br>Carols 3.30 | Penelope        |                  |                  |                     |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Jan Cobb        |                  |                  |                     |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>                   |                 |                  |                  |                     |

If you are unable to do a date you are down for, please swap with someone else. **If you are able to do any of the duties left blank in December** or if you are not on the rota and would like to be, please let Joan Jones know.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10.30 A.M.

### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup>: Revd Heather Morgan HOLY COMMUNION  
11<sup>th</sup>: SONGS OF PRAISE - led by Erica Castle  
18<sup>th</sup>: Revd Susan Holden  
25<sup>th</sup>: Karen Woollard

### OCTOBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Revd Roy Fowler HARVEST FESTIVAL  
Followed by lunch  
9<sup>th</sup>: Rich Parsons "THE MINISTRY OF SHOEBOXES"  
16<sup>th</sup>: Revd Susan Holden HOLY COMMUNION  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Karen Woollard  
30<sup>th</sup> SECTOR SERVICE AT WESTBURY METHODIST CHURCH

### NOVEMBER

6<sup>th</sup>: Revd Heather Morgan HOLY COMMUNION  
13<sup>th</sup>: Revd Maree Farrimond  
18<sup>th</sup>: Karen Woollard  
27<sup>th</sup>: Rev Susan Holden



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We celebrate our **HARVEST FESTIVAL** on 2nd October.
We are pleased to welcome Revd Roy Fowler, recently retired,
who was our minister from 1995-2000.

Your gifts for the Foodbank would be greatly appreciated.

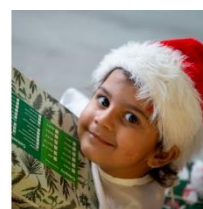
The service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.
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**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Rich Parsons from Foundation for Change and Social Inclusion will lead worship and tell us more about their work including the distribution of the Christmas shoeboxes packed by us and many others.

**There is a box in the foyer for the collection of items for Christmas shoeboxes. The boxes will be packed in early November. Please give what you can to help**

*A Christmas box is a unique present put together by you, and donated via FSCI to a marginalised child, woman or man living in poverty in Southeast Europe.*

Items included in boxes: Soap / shampoo/ Toothpaste / toothbrush /Face cloth / sponge/ Deodorant/ Comb/brush/ Pens / pencils/ Notepad / colouring book/ Eraser / sharpener / ruler/ Sweets /Make-up/ Sewing kit / baby wipes/ Jewellery / hair accessories/ Gloves / hat / scarf/Underwear / socks/ Baby-grows/ toy cars / vehicles/ Dolls / teddies





**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**COFFEE MORNING** 10a.m to 12 noon  
 for the Warminster Day-care Club for Alzheimer’s Support  
 Wiltshire.

Helpers required please. cakes, books and cakes would be welcome.  
 Thank you, John Alpin & John Case

“Old Silk Works Day club opened in May 2018 after an extraordinary collaboration between the local Warminster community and Alzheimer's Support. After a two-year search for the right building, we remodelled and renovated the Victorian mill in a nine-month project. We were supported by local fundraisers and an amazing team of volunteers who helped with everything from project management and painting and decorating to equipping the new club. The club has space for 13 members each day and follows our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences.

Members are joined at least twice a week by therapy whippets Higby and Dottie. The space is thoughtfully laid out with a large main activity area, an open plan kitchen and members' art on the walls. An indoor garden area (complete with water feature) allows members to experience more natural surroundings. There is also a quiet lounge area with retro furniture and fittings. In 2019, the club won Best Dementia Design at the National Dementia Care awards. No two days are the same at Old Silk Works, with activities tailored very much to members' own interests. General activities include art therapy, cookery, board games, reminiscence, dance, poetry readings, photography and much more, alongside plenty of chat and laughter. The club is keen to forge close links with the local community with visiting speakers and entertainers welcomed. “

| Date                                    | CHARITY                                                       | NAME                            |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September              | <b>Alzheimer’s Support</b>                                    | <b>John Alpin and John Case</b> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October                 | <b>Chat Café</b>                                              | <b>Marion Barton</b>            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November               | <b>Christmas shoe boxes</b>                                   | <b>Joan Jones</b>               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December               | <b>Guide Dogs for the Blind</b>                               | <b>Anita</b>                    |
| <b>2023</b><br>14 <sup>th</sup> January | <b>Forever Friends RUH</b>                                    | <b>Marion Barton</b>            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February               | <b>Médecins sans Frontiers</b>                                | <b>Karen Woollard</b>           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                  | <b>People against Poverty</b>                                 | <b>Joan Jones</b>               |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday as 2 <sup>nd</sup> is Easter weekend |                                 |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>                    |                                                               |                                 |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup>                   |                                                               |                                 |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>                   |                                                               |                                 |
| August 8 <sup>th</sup>                  |                                                               |                                 |

**If you would like to run a coffee morning for your favourite charity on one of the free dates, please see Joan Jones**

## Family Activity Day



On August 9<sup>th</sup> 26 children aged between 10 years and 7 weeks brought their mums and grandmothers along to the church for a fun filled morning. We started with a story of Jesus cooking fish on the beach for his friends' breakfast – we even had our own (pretend) camp



fire and beach in the church! Then everyone spent a constructive, slightly messy, hour or so in the Cameo room with various crafts with a sea side or fish theme. Some even floated paper boats they had made on a pool in the garden. We finished with a picnic lunch. Great fun!  
Many thanks to all who helped make it such a success.

Planning is starting for another Activity Day in the October half term – a continuation of the Pumpkin Heroes theme from previous years. If anyone would like to get involved with helping in any way please speak to Karen.

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There are lots of exciting things going on in church and lots of work in the background. If you would like to help with any tasks or be more involved let someone know!

LOCAL CHARITY EVENTS YOU MAY WISH TO SUPPORT

Saturday 10th September:

MacMillan Garden Party Tea/cake and stalls

6 Westbury Rd.

Parking available – Sue Bohana



Monday 12th September:



Muzib Rahman in the Agra Restaurant is kindly working with the Warminster Christian Aid committee to host

an Indian meal to raise money for Christian Aid.

This will take place at 5.30pm (for 6pm) and bookings are essential. Tickets are £25 available from Sheelagh Wurr on 07732129750 or 01985216056. This promises to be a good evening with great food. Please consider supporting it.

Saturday 24th September:

Quiz night at the Red Lion Heytesbury for RUH Cancer Centre

Team of 4.

£10 per person including food – Beef or vegetarian Lasagne

Contact Tanya 01985 840333 to book a table



A concert by 19-year-old Joely Hudson,

Saturday 10th September

St John's Church, Boreham Road.

Door open 7p.m. for 7.30 start

Joely used to live in our Warminster and sing in St John's Church. She has won Wiltshire Musician of the Year and, as part of the prize, Wiltshire music is giving her the opportunity to host a concert in St John's Church.

Tickets are £12 on the door and a little cheaper if you buy them

online <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wiltshireruralmusic>

