



*Endings are the perfect place for new beginnings*


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**THE**  **Bridge**

**Circuit Magazine**

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Circuit Plan  
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**September to November 2024**



And so, to New Beginnings



May God's Love and Blessings go with us all as we say Farewell and begin a new and exciting journey with Him.

Our Mission Statement

To Know God's Love, To Show God's Love,  
To Share God's Love



## From the Circuit Office

Going into September my working hours will reduce, I will continue to work from home, usually Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 1pm, visiting the office as required. I can be contacted by telephone on 07423 837504 during working hours or email [yandbvcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:yandbvcircuit@gmail.com)

**Holiday:** I will be taking Annual Leave in the last two weeks of August.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Circuit Meeting Wednesday 18 September, 7pm at Vale Methodist Church, Sturminster Newton**

**Circuit Service Sunday 4 August at Bell Street United Church 4pm.**

This will be the last edition of The Bridge, which will be replaced with another form of Newsletter/Magazine for those Churches remaining in the Yeovil & Blackmore Vale Circuit. Details to be confirmed.

My thoughts and prayers go with you all as we all move in different directions.

*God Bless, Helen.*



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### Circuit Presbyters

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**Community Café and Clothing Exchange**

BELL STREET UNITED CHURCH, SHAFTESBURY (Bell St entrance)

Every WEDNESDAY 10.00am - 12 noon

Come along for refreshments, chat, children's clothing & baby accessories, toy corner.

Whether you are a parent (bring the children), a grandparent, a student, someone on their own, whatever your situation or age - join us for a warm welcome!

Always eat alone? Tired of cooking?

**Community Meal**

Every 1st Friday of the Month

At:- 12 Noon. YMC, Chelston Avenue, Yeovil

2 Course Hot Meal & Tea/Coffee.

Cost £5

To book your place please contact:- Beryl: 475541 or Kate: 472702

**COME ALONG AND MEET NEW FRIENDS!**

We look forward to seeing you.

**NEED A BIRTHDAY PARTY VENUE? EASY!**

Hire a room at YMC Chelston Avenue, Yeovil!

Millford area, Yeovil. We'd love to have you at YMC Chelston! Includes hall/kitchen hire & tables/chairs \* Other times/prices are available

**Only £39 for 3 hours\***

Contact: Damilola (Bookings Manager) 0746 741 6577 Email: [yeovilnckbookings@gmail.com](mailto:yeovilnckbookings@gmail.com)

**Mid-Week Worship**

Tuesday's & Fridays 11am

YMC @ Quedam for 30 mins

You are invited to join us. God isn't just for a Sunday.

4th Sunday Month

**OVERFLOW**

In The Spirit

Modern Worship  
Relaxed & Informal  
Opportunity for conversation & Questions  
Perhaps a Drama  
COME & HEAR OUR BAND!

4pm @ YMC, Chelston Avenue

Please join us for cake and refreshments afterwards.

1st Sunday of the Month!

**Munch Bunch**

BREAKFAST CHURCH

10:30am—11:30am At YMC, Chelston Ave.

Come and enjoy Worship with Breakfast and Chat. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Sunday School for all ages.

Sunday's 10:30am @ YMC, Chelston Avenue.


# What's happening around the Circuit



Yeovil Methodist Church, Chelston Ave  
 Thursdays on term time 9.30-11am  
 Toys & Crafts, Singing & Snacks  
**Seedlings**  
 Baby & Toddler Group  
 £1 per family  
 For More info please contact  
 Lucy: 0796 673 6240



**LITTLE SUNBEAMS**  
**@ MOTCOMBE**  
 A friendly group for  
 parents / carers with  
 babies and pre-school children  
 Term-time Thursdays 10 – 11.30 am  
 Motcombe Methodist Church,  
 The Street, Motcombe, SP7 9PF  
 FRIENDSHIP, PLAY, LEARNING, SINGING AND FUN!  
 NUMBERS LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE  
 Contact Sarah on 07814 275985 Facebook: Sunbeams@Motcombe



**THE BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION**  
 >the adventure begins here  
 Anchors 5-8 years 6:30–7:30PM  
 Junior 8-11 years 7-8PM  
 Company Section 11-14 years 7:30pm-8:30pm  
 Why not come along and see whats going on. We'd love to see you!  
 Thursdays @ Yeovil Methodist Church, Chelston Avenue.  
 For more info contact Andy Voizey:- 1yeovilboysbrigade@gmail.com



**Bright Beginnings**  
 BABY GROUP  
 A support group for  
 parents/ carers  
 of babies up to  
 10 months.  
 at Bell Street United Church  
 Shaftesbury, SP7 8AL  
 Please contact Ruth Jones on 07764 497532 for more information



**youth club**  
 AGE 8yrs +  
 @ Yeovil Methodist Church: Chelston Ave  
 Fridays Fortnightly  
 Feb: 10th, 24th  
 March: 10th, 24th  
 April (Easter Hols), then back on 21st  
 May: 5th, 19th  
 6:30pm – 8pm  
 £1.50 + Money for Tuck Shop  
 More Info call Lindsay: 0781 727 1001

VALE METHODIST CHURCH  
 (Based at Sturminster Newton & Kings Stag)  
 STURMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH  
 EVERY MONDAY:-  
  
 PRAYER TIME:- from 2- 3pm  
 All welcome to join us.  
 'CRAFTY CUPPA':- from 3pm- 4pm  
 Want to learn to knit?  
 Trying to Learn to sew?  
  
 ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND SHARE  
 Join in a project together?  
 Cuppa's are always on the go!!



**Every 3rd Saturday of Month!**  
**10am – 12ish.**  
 AT:- YEOVIL METHODIST CHURCH: Chelston Avenue  
 WE HAVE LOADS OF ARTS, CRAFTS, SONGS, SCIENCE, FUN & GAMES FOR YOU TO ENJOY & YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO STAY FOR A MEAL TOGETHER TOO!  
 WE CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU. EVERYBODY WELCOME!  
 DATES: March 18th  
 April 15th  
 May 20th  
 This is a free event for all, but contributions would be gratefully received should you feel able to contribute.  
 FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT Lindsay:- 0781 727 1001

## From The Revd Lin Francis

September, 2024

Dear Friends,

**'Go and make disciples of all nations...' Matt 28:19a**

In our last Bridge Magazine, I wrote about the ending of this Y&BV Circuit as we know it and I talked about how Jesus prepared people for change and of how he promised his disciples that he would give them another Counsellor to be with them, the Spirit of truth. Jesus did not leave his friends, nor leaves us to struggle with our Christian lives alone. The Holy Spirit is someone who is called on to help in times of trouble or need.

Endings and New Beginnings are difficult. They are also necessary. Without change there is no growth, no development, just a stagnant situation. So far from massive sorrow and lamenting about the changes we are embarking on, there should also be a celebration of how we might grow in faith, in life through the experiences which will come to us.

There is no new life without death. We need to remember Good Friday and Easter. We couldn't truly celebrate Easter Sunday without experiencing the emotions of Good Friday. The disciples journeyed with a Master who had set his face to go to Jerusalem. They had heard him say he would be handed over, mocked, flogged, and crucified, but that on the third day Jesus will be raised from the dead. On Easter Sunday morning they were awestruck. They had failed to understand him – but now it was true. The consequence of Easter morning, for both the disciples and us, is that the journey is by no means over, there is more travelling to do.

In one sense, the journey to Jerusalem has no end, because at Jerusalem it led, not to completion, but to commission, as we read in Matt 28. Jesus called the disciples three years earlier; and yet now the disciples are going out, into the vast, antagonistic, sceptical, suspicious world of the first century.

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For all of us, the churches that are joining the Salisbury Circuit: Bell Street, Motcombe and Tisbury, Wincanton who are joining the Somerset Mendip Circuit and for the churches of Cheap Street, Marnhull, Vale and Yeovil this is an exciting time. New opportunities to develop the work in each of the churches. The ideas of new people that will spark inspiration afresh. Different preachers to hear and listen to. A fresh outlook. This is only the end of a chapter, not the end of the book.

Armed with faith in the risen Jesus and being empowered by the Holy Spirit; the disciples turned the world upside down. Within four centuries, belief in the resurrection of Jesus was the received religion of the Roman Empire. There were believers in Jesus all over its vast confines and far beyond. Now, two millennia later, the disciples of Jesus are still on the long journey of faith and witness, and the risen Lord, as he promised, is still with them wherever they travel.

Travel onwards with him. He will guide you, direct you and strengthen you and be travelling with you. Be prepared to be surprised at how this next chapter unfolds.

With love and prayers from

*Lin*



## Yeovil Methodist Church

<http://yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/>

Fund raising has been the main object in the last few weeks—with a Wonka movie night being well attended, with basket meals and sweet shop treats—pop corn and drinks available! Around £300 being raised.

We then had a Summer Garden Party! The grounds had been adorned with bunting and balloons, despite being windy conditions, the rain held off and the sun shone! Maybe this had something to do with prayers offered by Rev Kate at the start! The usual stalls offered something for everyone from cakes and plants to puzzles, books and lots more and should one get hungry the tea and coffee stall, along with lunch time rolls and cream teas, came to the rescue. There were fun activities for the children. A very happy occasion with £655 being raised. Many thanks to those organising, running the stalls and working behind the scenes to make it a success.



As the various churches move on into new Circuits, we think of them as they tread uncharted waters. We say thank you to them for their friendship, fellowship and hospitality on many occasions, especially those of us who in the past have attended Circuit Meetings and events.

Yeovil Methodist Church in the Quedam



One more step along the road we ALL go, from the old things to the new—He'll be travelling along with us all.

*Thelma*

# Yeovil Churches

# Worship Night

Join with the Church of Yeovil to worship  
and encounter God together

**Yeovil Methodist Church @ Quedam**  
**6th September | 7pm**

Vicarage St, Yeovil BA20 1JB

The **Methodist Church**  
**Southampton District**

District Welcome Service  
for

**The Revd  
Rachel  
Bending**

as Chair of the  
Southampton District

SUNDAY  
15:00

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SEPTEMBER  
2024

at  
**Salisbury Methodist Church**  
26 St. Edmund's Church Street,  
Salisbury SP1 1EF

All are welcome to our service of welcome  
including Holy Communion,  
followed by refreshments

For any queries please contact PA to the Chair,  
Sarah Potheary: [chairspa@sdmc.org.uk](mailto:chairspa@sdmc.org.uk)

Livestream link—<https://youtube.com/live/VVyrH2RD01c>



## Bell Street United Church, Shaftesbury with Ashmore Chapel

<http://www.yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/bell-street-shaftesbury/>

<http://www.yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/ashmore/>



It seems hardly possible that we have reached the time when we will no longer be part of the Blackmore Vale & Yeovil Circuit. We at Bell Street have mixed feelings - sad to be leaving, but also looking forward to joining the Salisbury Circuit. We will continue to pray for all the churches that the transitions go smoothly. We would also like to express our thanks to the circuit, local preachers and ministers for all they have done over the years.

By the time this reaches you Shaftesbury Fringe Festival will have taken place. Once again our church is being used by varying performers (music, poetry, Christian theatre). It's always a very exciting weekend and we pray for all the performers around the town who bring such joy to many. There is a real sense of community and an opportunity to see God's love working through others offering hospitality and being welcoming to those visiting the town.

Our outreach continues with the Community Café & Clothing Exchange, Bright Beginnings baby group, Sunshine Hour and Bereavement Drop in.

We are putting our trust in God as to what plans he has for us in the future.

Blessings to all from Jo and all at Bell Street United Church.



## Cheap Street Church

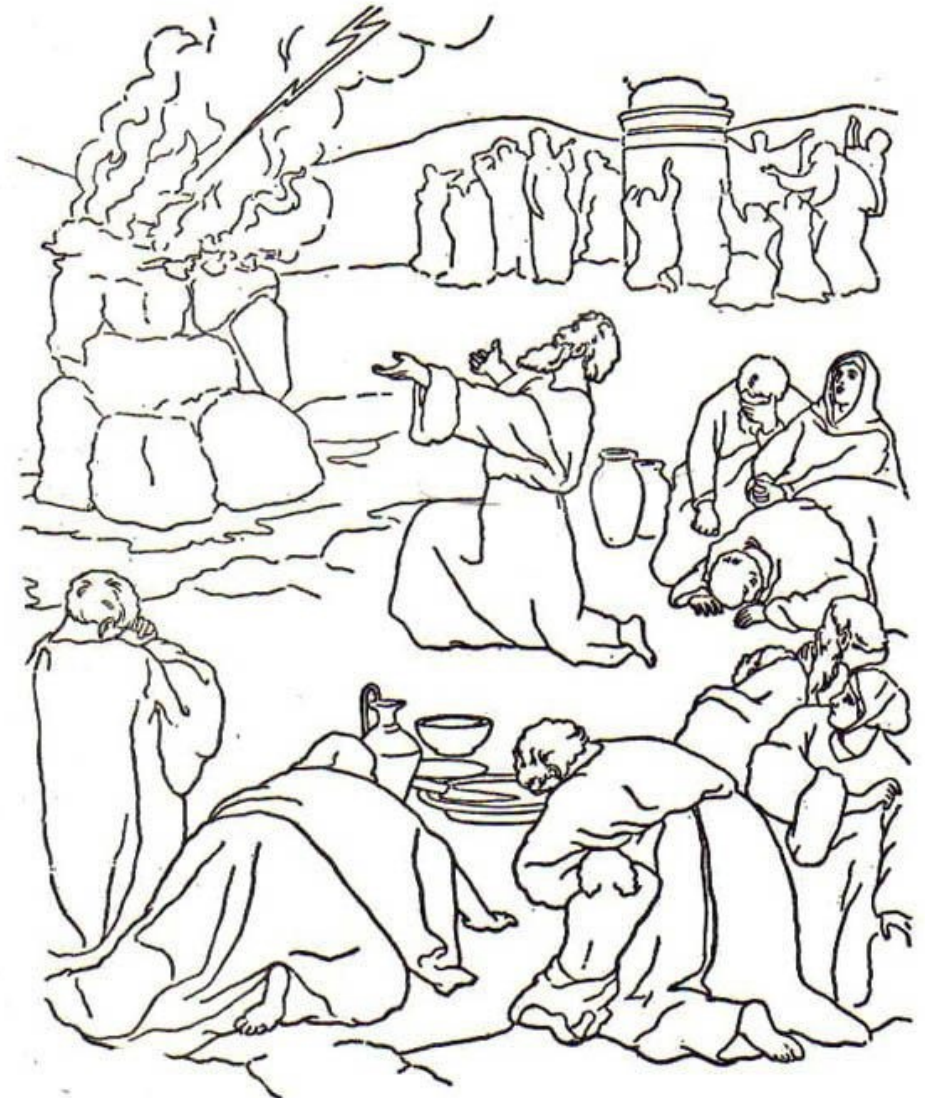
<http://www.yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/cheap-street>  
<http://cheapstreetchurch.co.uk/index.php>

Firstly, and most importantly, Cheap Street Church sends our love and prayers to all in the Circuit. We appreciate that changes can be unsettling, but we know that we all want to continue our faith journey, knowing, showing and sharing God's love. Wherever your church is in the Circuit, know that we remember you in our prayers at this time. Love has been a theme recently at Cheap Street. Supporters, both from and associated with the church, walked in the first ever Sherborne Pride Parade. The theme for the day was "Love Lives Here", a message of love, acceptance and inclusivity; a celebration of community coming together in love, against hate - a message which resonates with

# FOR THE CHILDREN

(and the young at heart)

## GOD ANSWERS ELIJAH'S PRAYERS





## Wincanton Methodist Church

<http://www.yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/wincanton>

When we first arrived to work in Wincanton in 1971 the church was part of the Wincanton and Milborne Port Circuit. The Circuit comprised of Milborne Port, Stalbridge, Wincanton, with small chapels in South Cheriton (where my last two sons were christened), Yenston and Glanvilles Wooton. Sadly we saw Milborne Port close in stages, then Yenston, Stalbridge, South Cheriton and Glanvilles Wooton also closed in time.

As we know we then joined Sherborne circuit, then part of Yeovil, and finally about ten years ago the present Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuit, which extends from Yeovil to Shaftesbury, was formed. And now it is fragmenting and all the churches are joining other circuits, Wincanton joining the Somerset-Mendip Circuit. Castle Cary will be the nearest church of our new circuit.

We have been made to feel very welcome by Castle Cary and the new circuit, and will be taking up an invitation to join them for a welcoming tea followed by evening service on 14<sup>th</sup> July. We will be reciprocating their invitation.

Happily the MHA, which a lot of us still call Live at Home, will continue as before, meeting in our hall at least twice a week.

Wincanton now has a good and supportive congregation though we are worried by the lack of church officers. The Treasurer and Church secretary/Property Steward will both be in their mid-80's by the time we join the new circuit and feel the need to step down, and we badly need someone to take their places.

We will miss all our friends in the old circuit, who have been hugely supportive to us in many ways, and for this we are most grateful. Mendip Circuit say that we can express a wish for preachers who we know of old to come to Wincanton. In that way we will continue our contact with you all.

We wish everybody in the current circuit our warmest best wishes, and look forward to staying in contact with our many good friends from Shaftesbury to Yeovil and beyond.

*Bob Jones*



everyone. Sadly, the weather was rather changeable, but Cheap Street was lined with hundreds and hundreds of smiling faces, waving, cheering and shedding the odd tear. The afternoon continued with dancing and singing, eating and drinking and it felt like love for our fellow humans really had embraced all.

We are sending our love out into the world in a different form this month too. A tea party was held in the church

hall in July to remember Muriel with great affection and say goodbye to Raymond Woods, a long time church member.

Back in 1995, Raymond helped to found The Rendezvous, an education and advice centre for the young people of Sherborne, located in the basement of the church. For the last 13 years, Raymond has run a series of very successful jazz evenings in the church, introducing us all to a host of talented musicians and raising over £35,000 for The Rendezvous in the process. Raymond is moving to County Durham to be closer to family and



we are so sorry to see him go, but wish him a happy, fresh start in his new home. The logistics of running the concerts will now be taken over by Rendezvous with the next concert due to be held on Wednesday 25th September with the Sunset Café Stompers and Special Guest Ben Cummings. Due to data protection legislation, Raymond's email list cannot be passed on. To join the new updated mailing list, please email [Fiona.franklin@therendezvous.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.franklin@therendezvous.org.uk) The Cheap Street church is still very much involved with the concerts and you would be very welcome to join us for these or any service. We would love to make you welcome.

*Caroline Wolffsohn*

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

July 2024

The Pod has just won a national award! We were Highly Commended by The United Reformed Church "Community Project Award" and will receive £1000! I travelled on Saturday, with my husband Richard who is a Pod Volunteer, to the URC General Assembly at Swanwick in Derbyshire, where we were presented with a special award plaque which we will soon have on display! There is also a video of our project, with the other award winners, on the URC website, along with a photo of us all together. The Head of Communications, who came to visit us in May, was really impressed with just how many different things we are doing at The Pod, in quite a small space!



[URC Community Project Awards 2024 - The Pod Church & Community Together, Sherborne - YouTube](#)

To date we have been visited over 11,000 times. As you know, our visitors come in for all sorts of reasons. Some bring in knitted items (4450 so far!) and other donations for refugee support or fundraising. I recently learned that a Ukrainian family settling in the town urgently needed a bed settee, and before I had chance to even ask around, a couple came in to The Pod offering the perfect item, exactly what they wanted! This is the sort of thing that happens at The Pod. It is wonderful to be able to be a link between community needs and community generosity. I believe God is involved in the timing!

We have now raised over £4000 for the Yeovil Breast Cancer Unit from the jewellery in the window, and I know thousands more have been raised at auction with the more expensive items donated at The Pod. We have also raised over £4000 for other charities, focusing currently on The Air Ambulance.

Many love that we have Christian Books on offer, and about 600 have been taken so far, as well as over 560 free Bibles!

The visitors to our emergency food shelf are very grateful for that extra bit



## Vale Methodist Church

### Incorporating the chapels at Sturminster Newton and Kings Stag

<http://yeovilblackmorevalem.org.uk/our-churches>



Over the last 3 months we have had much to celebrate, and to see God's hand at work in our two Churches.

#### STURMINSTER NEWTON

Working with the other two churches in Sturminster Newton (Christians Together), we are holding a Summer Holiday Club from August 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) to 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday), from 10-12noon. Any children aged 5 - 11yrs old are welcome to come and join us - Our theme will be 'Going for Gold' during this Olympic year.

#### KINGS STAG

We are really aware of God's hand being there as we have installed the pump to remove excess water from our building. So many people have contributed to the fund raising put in place. It is hoped to re-decorate the building ASAP.

On the afternoon of May 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an 'Afternoon Tea Party'. Once again many locals came in to celebrate with us.

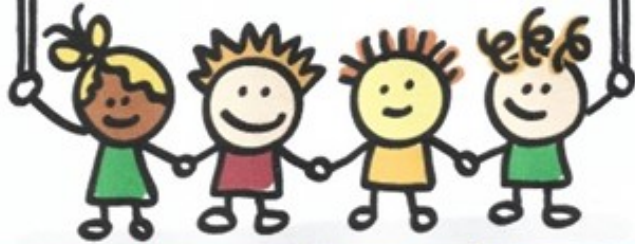




# Christians Together in Sturminster Newton

All  
5 to 11  
year olds  
welcome!

## Going for Gold Holiday Club



Crafts Games Stories Songs

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

10am to 12 Noon

Methodist Church, Church Street,  
DT10 1DB

Free Event sponsored by Christians in Sturminster Newton

donations are greatly appreciated

Christians Together in Sturminster Newton:

St Mary's; Christian Fellowship; Methodist; Roman Catholic

Contact: Revd Mary Gubbins: revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com 07440 680387

Mrs Vera Peevor: aloeverap46@gmail.com 07919 338105

Revd Margaret Oxenham: margaretoxenham14@gmail.com 01258 472985

of help, as well as a friendly chat, and we can also make referrals to the Sherborne Foodbank, with other sign posting support. Some are looking for volunteer opportunities in the town, activity groups or social lunches, and we have info to direct them.

If any of you would like to become a volunteer, or just see what that may involve, please pop into the Pod for a chat. The main requirement is a friendly welcome, showing you care, and have time to listen. Many visitors just pop in for that reason alone.

Thank you to all of you who have played a part in this project happening, to all who have helped us financially and those who pray for us. To all the wonderful volunteers, past and present. To all the community who have joined in, in all sorts of ways! Thank you God!

Lynn Heaton

## Ellijah and The Prophets of Baal

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## Marnhull Methodist Chapel

<http://yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/marnhull/>

The Marnhull Fellowship send love and blessings to the four churches leaving the present circuit. Those of us who have been in the area for many years have previously moved circuits - Marnhull, from the Stour Valley Circuit to the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Circuit which then became the North Dorset Circuit when other churches joined (Sturminster Newton, Hazlebury Bryan, Ibberton and Kings Stag) and we are now the Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuit. Probably many of you will know all this. Whichever circuit we are in or will be in we continue to serve and witness to those around and beyond.

We have one or two events planned for the Autumn. Firstly, a quiz on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We would be pleased to welcome anyone from the circuit to join us - give me a ring or email for details. We then have Harvest Thanksgiving followed by lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Revd Gwyneth Owen is our visiting preacher. Then in November it is hoped to hold a curry evening - not my favourite food but enjoyed by many. Once again if you would like to join us, please do let me know.

The Girls Brigade have completed their year and held the Awards Evening on 10<sup>th</sup> July. They work very hard gaining many badges and I was amazed at how many years some of them have been coming to GB -from 6 - 13yrs attendance. It was wonderful to see so many of the teenagers who joined as small girls of 4 or 5yrs now taking their young leaders training. We thank God for Rachael's leadership and her officers and helpers for their continuing work.

I am sure we will see those from other churches around particularly folk from Bell Street - hoping we may still be able to borrow StF hymn books from you when needed!

*Sally (Williams)*

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

church. Then 11 people enjoyed a bring and share lunch together, spending more time in Rachel's company. At 3.30 Rachel kindly stepped in for Lin and led a Songs of Praise planned by Lin, with Memories from Win, Tony, David and Rachel who shared from our memories book

Then a quick turn around of furniture to enjoy a cream tea prepared by Win and Gill and helpers.. Another cake, made by Sue Gray, was cut by Kate and Chris, who share a birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, Kate being 90 that day..

We are grateful to all who helped, prayed, or joined in. It was certainly a week to remember.



Now we sadly say Goodbye to all the friends we have got to know as the Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuit and to Lin Francis as our minister. We will miss you all.

However as we journey on to become part of the Salisbury Circuit with Denise Binks as our new minister we look forward to all God has in store for us over the next 250 years. I wonder what life will be like then, if Motcombe as we know it and earth as it exists today is still here.

Thankfully God knows the future and will lead and guide if we are willing to follow.

*Margaret Wooldridge*



## Tisbury Methodist Church

<http://yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/tisbury/>

We wish to say a big thank you to all those in the circuit who have supported, encouraged and helped the congregation at Tisbury over the years. A special thank you and blessings to those who have led our worship particularly to the preachers who have travelled to us from Yeovil and beyond. We pray that all the churches in YBV will find a home and welcome in a new circuit in the coming months.

*Christine Fordham*

in the coming months.

Very sadly our own Minister, Revd. Lin Francis was very unwell and not able to take part in any of the celebrations, although she did manage to sneak in to a back seat for the final Sunday morning worship.

The first Sunday was excellently led by Mrs Margaret Whitford and set the scene for our purpose for the week.

On Monday evening the balloons were delivered and more bunting hung. With some young friends blowing up more balloons.



Tuesday was Lunch Club Anniversary Celebration Meal. Everyone met to chat, sign our visitors book and enjoy a glass of orange juice. Chris Francis and helpers provided a lovely lunch of ham, new potatoes and salad, followed by Chris's own version of Jubilee Pudding, Then Joyce and Bruce who were married in our Church 31 years ago cut a special cake made by Sue Gray, which we all enjoyed with

our coffee.

Wednesday, the Ladies Fellowship had their Annual Garden Party. This year using the Clock Hall, at the Memorial Hall. A lovely day and a lovely time over tea.

Thursday was the Little Sunbeams' turn and 29 children with their carers enjoyed some lively games led by Anne Cook, and had party food and cake, and they all took a pen home, wrapped in a celebration napkin. They have drawn pictures of their faces which will be made into a souvenir tea towel.

In the afternoon 6 ladies arranged flowers in each window, the pedestal and communion table and candlesticks. Thank you all. They were all beautiful. Debbie even brought some left from her step-son's wedding the previous week.



So then on Friday and Saturday we were open from 10 to 4 each day, serving coffee, tea and snacks and our Exhibition was viewed. History, photographs and china all on display in the schoolroom.

Welcoming friends old and new. Some even came from Yeovil and some from Salisbury,

Saturday saw 30+ people set off for a day in Sidmouth and had a really lovely day, Good weather and a relaxing time, and great company and fellowship.

Then our grand finale. Sunday morning worship was led by Revd. Rachel Borgars, the Acting chair of the Southampton District. An amazing time of praise and worship. That was followed by coffee and tea etc. served in the



## Motcombe Methodist Church

<http://yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/our-churches/motcombe/>

We started thinking about how to celebrate at our Anniversary last year.

Illness, problems and difficulties bombarded us for the next few months, making everything we hoped to achieve very difficult. However with the firm belief that we were in God's will and that these difficulties were trying to prevent us from carrying on, with much prayer and help provided from unexpected people, we weathered the spiritual battle.

Publicity caused the biggest headache, Helen in the office produced invitations which were delivered to every house in the village and many others were used as personal invitations.

It was in the Villager, the Bridge Magazine, and Gill organised a Banner for outside which will remain until we display our Christmas one.

The week was really good and saw a large number of people come into our building during the 8 days of celebration. We met some old friends and made some new ones.

We decorated inside and outside with bunting and balloons. Some balloons were printed 'Celebrating 250 years'.

We used specially printed Napkins with a special logo and wording.

The same printing was on specially ordered pens, which we gave out freely to all who came.

We also had a basket full of free literature about our faith and Bible Readings for anyone to take.



A Little Brick of Little Books was purchased along with us donating one to another church, (in Derbyshire no less). Some of these have been taken and we pray those who need help will find them really useful.

2 Visitors books were used, one for those who attended at any time during the week. The other was full of memories and greetings from some of those unable to join with us. The active Visitor's book is now in the porch for anyone visiting to use. Pens are also on offer and napkins will be used

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# CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN

SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2024

YEOVIL & BLACKMORE VALE PREACHING PLAN 2024		SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				NOVEMBER			
		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
		22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time Remembrance Sunday	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time Safeguarding Sunday	Sunday before Advent
Lectionary Related Principal Services Year B		Deut. 4: 1-2; 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: <a href="#">14-15</a> ; <a href="#">21-23</a>	Isaiah 35: 4-7a Psalm 146 James 2: 1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 116: 1-9 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38	Jer. 11: 18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13 – 4: 3; 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	Numbers 11:4-6, 50-16; 24-29 Psalm 119: 7-14 James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50	Genesis 2: 18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Amos 5: 6-7, 20-15 Psalm 90: 12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10: 17-31	Isaiah 53: 4-12 Psalm 91: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10: 46-52	Deut. 6- 1-9 Psalm 119: 1-8 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12: 28-34	1 Kings 17: 8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12: 38-44	Daniel 12: 1-3 Psalm 116 Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13: 1-6	Daniel 7: 9-30, 13-14 Psalm 93 Rev. 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37
Cheap Street Sherborne (81)	10:30	Farquharson	Konrad HC	Way	Konrad HF	Hopkins HC	Francis	Konrad HC	Catchpole	Konrad	Choi HC	Konrad US with St Paul's	A Turner-Smith	Konrad
	6:30		Taizé					Taizé				Taizé		
Marshall (17)	10:00	Francis HC	De Gruchy	J Turner-Smith	Choi	Oxenham HC	Owen HF	Francis GB enrolment	Way	Bullock	J Turner-Smith	R Farrant HC	Farquharson	Francis
Vale (Sturminster Newton & Kings Stag) (16)	10:30 SN	A Turner-Smith CA	Francis HC	R Farrant	Farquharson	De Gruchy	11am HF / US @ St Mary's	J Turner-Smith HC	Konrad	A Turner-Smith	C Farrant	US @ St Mary's	Francis	Oxenham
	6:00 RS		Oxenham HF		Francis HC	Bullock <del>50P</del>		Konrad HC		De Gruchy		Oxenham HC		Francis
Yeovil Methodist Church Chelston Ave (76)	10:30	LFS MB	Oxenham	Konrad HC	Francis	R Farrant HF	Konrad MB BB/GA enrolment	C Farrant	Francis HC	Bending	Konrad MB	Francis	Choi HC	J Turner-Smith
	4:00				Konrad Alternative Worship					Konrad Alternative Worship				Konrad Alternative Worship
<b>Tuesday at Yeovil Methodist Church in the Quedam, Vicarage Street, Yeovil</b>														
YMC in the Quedam	11:00	3	10	17	24	1/10	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
		A Turner-Smith	De Gruchy	Way	Choi	R Farrant	Way	J Turner-Smith	Catchpole	A Turner-Smith	Choi	J Turner-Smith	A Turner-Smith	J Turner-Smith