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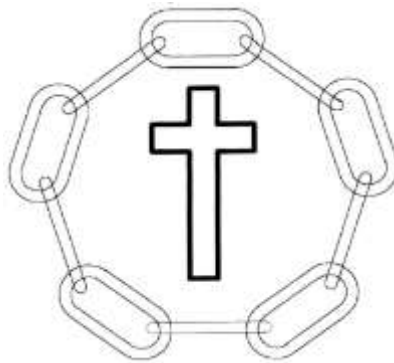
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BURNHAM on SEA

Minister's Letter

Last month we celebrated both Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday as in individual churches and together in our Circuit Service we remembered the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, and how John Wesley's heart was 'strangely warmed' at a Moravian Church in Aldersgate Street. In these two things we were reminded of how the God we worship is a God of transformation and renewal.

This God, whose creating hand 'flung stars into space' and whose heart cares deeply for individual people in every time and place, calls us to a life that demonstrates transforming and renewing power.

The Holy Spirit was a gift to the new community of Jesus' followers to transform the words of the disciples into words of power, the Holy Spirit transformed the Wesley's from people of religion to catalysts for revival. As we acknowledge that God is the same yesterday, today and forever so many we recognise that the same Spirit of God is offered to the church today to meet the challenges (of which there are many) of our generation.

Let us then be open to God's continuing transformation and renewal.

Steve



CALENDAR

MAY

- Fri 25th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill in aid of West Huntspill School
- Sat 26th FOOD FESTIVAL In Burnham
- Mon 28th 10.30 - 12.00 BR Brean Methodist Coffee Morning in aid Weston Hospicecare All Welcome

JUNE

- Sat 2nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by Choir
- Wed 6th B/H Wednesday Group - Outing to Walled Gardens of Cannington
- Sat 9th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
- Sun 10th W/H West Huntspill Church Anniversary
- Fri 15th 2.00 to 4.00 The Knitted Bible - Rowbarton Church Taunton
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- Thu 21st Sat 10.00 to 4.00 The Knitted Bible - Rowbarton Church Taunton
- Sat 16th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Friends of Weston Hospice Coffee Morning
- Sun 17th **LAST DAY FOR THE JULY - AUGUST 2018 LINK**
- Wed 20th 3.00 onwards B/H Afternoon Tea at the home of Dorothy & Cedric
6 Brightstowe Road
- Sat 23rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
- Sun 24th 10.30am Burnham Church Anniversary
- Sat 30th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
- Sat 30th 10.30am B/K Brent Knoll Praise for Pets See page 4

JULY

- Sat 1st 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning
- Tues 3rd 7.30pm. Churches Together AGM & Social at St Andrew Burnham
- Fri 6th Bristol Pilgrimage
- Sat 7th Bristol Pilgrimage
- Sat 7th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by Wednesday Group
- Wed 11th 7.00pm B/H Burnham Quiz Night
- Sat 14th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
- Tues 17th B/H Coffee Morning at The Home of Mrs. Joy Bishop
7 Naish Road

BH Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll,
E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill.





BRENT KNOLL METHODIST CHURCH
A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving
for all pets and animals

All pets welcome great and small
Saturday June 30th 10.30am
Refreshments and treats for all



Enjoy later life and find your feet!

Ageing well is something we'd all like to do, but it requires a little bit of work – and Age UK Somerset is helping to make it easier. Besides the obvious health benefits of attending a physical activity, these sessions are also an opportunity to get out and meet people.

But wait. Before you think “that sounds like hard work”, yes these sessions can improve balance, flexibility, co-ordination, muscle strength and help you to sleep better at night. However, another equally good reason to join is that all the sessions are a good laugh and don't take themselves too seriously. As they are geared for the more “mature” adult there is no-competitiveness, they are a good way to meet new people and extend your social life, and at the end you will have that satisfied glowing feeling for having taken part.

‘Don't be afraid to come alone’

‘The best thing that's happened to me in a long time’

These sessions have now started at Berrow Village Hall on Thursdays 2-3pm costs just £4.00.

Don't put off any longer, make 2018 healthier and happier. For further information phone 01823 345626 or email

ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk.



WEST HUNTSPILL



THE KNITTED BIBLE IS COMING
TO ROWBARTON METHODIST
CHURCH, GREENWAY ROAD,
TAUNTON. TA2 6LA

A date for your diary: Friday 15th June to Thursday 21st June 2018

As part of their 125th Anniversary Celebrations Rowbarton Church are hosting this exhibition for a week.

The Knitted Bible comprises of 34 scenes depicting stories from both the Old and the New Testaments. I also understand that the knitters in Rowbarton's congregation are busy creating a few more scenes.

The exhibition is free and is open on weekday afternoons 2pm - 4pm and Saturday 16th from 10am – 4pm

(Greenway Road is just the corner opposite Taunton Railway Station)



Our next Coffee Morning will be held

Friday May 25th

Table Top Sales

Donations to West Huntspill School



BRENT KNOLL

Minister Revd. Steve Bennett

All who attended our church anniversary shared a wonderful time of fellowship. It was held on a weekend of celebration with the royal wedding on the Saturday, the day before. We all enjoyed this special service as we gave thanks for the enduring life of our church and the part it plays in Brent Knoll village's life and in the life of our Circuit. The service was followed by a sharing lunch made up of a variety of homemade soups, fresh bread and a cheeseboard, all made and provided by our accomplished cooks. I'm sure the fare rivalled any which the Royal party and their guests enjoyed the day before!

We are also looking forward to our "Praise for pets" service which will take place on Saturday 30th June at 10.30am. Posters will be going up around the Circuit letting people know that all are welcome to this service of thanksgiving for our best loved furry, finned or feathered friends who offer us so much pleasure and companionship. We look forward to welcoming them all - and of course their human carers. However, if, like me, you feel you are unable to bring your best loved animal friend (my cat Buddy is terrified of dogs), you can join in this celebration of all creatures great and small by bringing a photograph to hang on our prayer tree which will be blessed during the service. Likewise, if your much cherished pet is no longer with you but you would like to say thank you for the times you've shared together. Refreshments for all will be available after the service.

On the subject of much loved friends, Ruth Knott, such a cherished member of our church, would like to thank everybody who has visited her, supported her and remembered her in their prayers during her time in hospital after a fall. Ruth, we wish you a speedy recovery and a swift return to us. You are sorely missed.

In the meantime, from all of us here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church we wish you a peaceful and joyful start to the summer.

With every blessing

Rosemary Krull

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EAST BRENT

Our numbers, such as they are, have been more depleted than usual during the last couple of months. Joan suffered a spell of ill health; Margaret Green suffered mobility problems due to her bad hip; the weather just defeated Tui and she was unable to face venturing out. The good news is that we have welcomed them all back. Joan has rediscovered her 'get up and go'; Margaret has a new hip; Tui has returned with the better weather. Just in time for them all to celebrate our 147th Anniversary together. The anniversary falls in the month of May and used to be celebrated on the last Sunday of the month when we had a family service. Since this is no longer the case the anniversary does tend to pass rather quietly. Perhaps in 3 years' time we ought to do something special?

Talking of 'special' I'm not going to mention gardening and growth, but I have got to mention THE wedding. I must admit that I didn't switch on the television in the morning and watch all day, but I did tune in at about 11.45 am and am so glad that I did. I'm sure I won't be the only one to mention it, but I can't resist. I must agree with so many people who said it was lovely to see all the modern touches that Prince Harry and Megan added to the traditional Royal pomp and ceremony. What about the Most Reverend Michael Curry? We can only pray that some of that wonderful love which he talked about, that we already know about and cherish, that is available for all, will be discovered, through the broadcasts of the wedding, by people who so desperately need it, not just in this country but in all corners of the world.

Good luck to all young people taking exams at this time of the year. We do hope that all your hard work will pay off and you will be able to move forward, confidently, in the next stage of your life.

Margaret S.



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STEWARDS COLUMN

Well – it’s all over now. The Wedding that is! It was a glorious day and for a few short hours you could feel that happiness reigns and all is well with the world. If only that were true! I wonder what you thought of Rev Michael Curry’s address to the congregation. I thought it was rather a “marmite” event. You either marvelled at his rhetoric and his passion or felt that it was inappropriate and unsuitable for such an occasion. But whatever your feelings his overwhelming message of love came out loud and clear and we all need love in our lives – to be loved and to love others as God loves us. (By the way, I was enthralled by it – even though Bishop Curry was rather overlong!) The Cup Final was fun too!

So – back in the real world of Burnham on Sea. The weather has been very kind to us for a while and a lot of gardening activity has been going on. My gardens, front and back have been resembling wild flower meadows and I could have made very long daisy chains had I had the time but the lawns have now been mowed and now fit in with everyone else’s cropped lawns in the close.

Some of the choir went to Milton last night for the Circuit Service led by our District Chair Revd Dr Jonathan Pye. It was lovely to sing with the Milton Choir and other choir people from other churches within the circuit. It was a great service. (Jonathan was inspired by the Bishop Curry address by the way!)

The stewards have been very busy lately struggling with the new data protection legislation and all that it involves but we are making solid progress getting to grips with what it means. The stewarding team is very happy to welcome June Parry to the group. June has been working with us for a while as a temporary, assistant, stand-in steward for a while and has now been formally appointed at our recent AGM. So, there are 7 of us as all of us were willing to remain as stewards and were duly approved by all at the

AGM. Two of us have changed roles however – I have relinquished the role of contact/ senior steward and Joan Wilkins steps into that role and I am taking her role as the steward representative to the Circuit Meeting.

We are aware that there are folk within the Link Churches who are suffering ill health at the moment and to them and to all who are unwell that we know personally we send our thought and prayers for a speedy recovery. We think especially of John Le Sueur in hospital (Now with Jean in Tudor Lodge Editor)

Enjoy the summer ahead – we send good wishes and God’s blessings to you all.

Ann Hall on behalf of the Burnham Stewards



BREAN

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It will come as no surprise to most people to learn that I don’t believe in a God who created our world in six days some 6404 years ago. I am more attracted to the ideas of Stephen Hawking who died recently, and to the work of others of his ilk. I can’t understand more than a single iota of his writings, but by instinct I feel he has developed something that could ultimately lead us into a better idea of the world in which we live. And of God’s part in it. His labours on black holes and from them his conjectures about the Big Bang is an inspiration; his idea being (as I understand it) that there is a memory deeply buried from that Big Bang event that remembers the solid unity of that time and whose dynamic even now is to return to that singularity. That to me is seen in the dynamic we know as love. And who was the arch exponent of that 2000 years ago, I wonder?

Now that may just be my rambling as I try to put into words that which is inexpressible; but as I look out of the window on a bright sunny evening in late Spring, I hear the sound of birdsong, from the light cheeping of sparrows to the thunderous brrr – brrr br-br of pigeons and I see all the flowers and fruits (and yes even the weeds) coming to fruition that is the sign of unity around us. All is well, or at least can be all well, with the world, if we will simply allow the natural and unseen rhythm and dynamic that is deeply immersed in nature, to impress and infect us.

We have, over the past thirty years tried to work together as two churches (Methodist and Anglican) in Brean. Sometimes that has worked better than at others. We had set up a wide-ranging set of conditions that were meant to lead us onwards. Now we have decided that we can better express that unity by reducing those conditions to an absolute minimum and instead to rely on our working together on an informal basis, with just one meeting a year. There are to be no treasurer, secretary or chairman, except as necessary appointed at the time of and for the meeting. It puts much responsibility on us to work together more deeply. Pray for us that it becomes successful and an example to others.

And in working together in our community we are having a coffee morning (with cake), on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May, from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come and join us; all proceeds to Weston Hospicecare.

Our joint service with St Bridget's in June will be on the 10th so all our services this month will be in our own church at 10.30am.

Harvey Allen

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