

# Wonford Methodist Church

## Contact Newsletter

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**BIBLE** 2018  
MONTH

*30 days with Jonah*

— #BibleMonth —

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# A Message From The Minister

**Dear Friends,**

And so we come to the final of the rhythms of discipleship – Read & Reflect. This might best be understood as an interpretation of the fact that the early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship” (Acts 2:42). Whilst the early church may have been able to listen directly to Peter, John, and others, and to devote themselves to this, we do not have this privilege. What we do have, however, is their teaching recorded in scripture. When we take the time to read scripture, and to give ourselves to this wholeheartedly, in terms of time, energy and attention (for to reflect is to think deeply and care-fully about something), then we too follow in the footsteps of the early church devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching. What I find interesting is that Luke pairs this with fellowship. It seems to me that Luke is suggesting these two things went together, perhaps even needed each other. The teaching of the apostles’ was received collectively. Their devotion to it was shared as they encouraged one another on, as they wrestled with what it meant. It’s an emphasis we find consistently within Methodism; that our understanding of scripture, our reading and reflecting, is best done together (and all members are encouraged to be part of a group for this reason).

For some of us, the challenge of this particular rhythm will be in making the time to read, or to find the energy and care with which to think deeply (and prayerfully) on what we have read. For others, perhaps the challenge might be more about how do we do this together? There is absolutely a place for personal Bible reading, but how might we grow more by reading with others, reflecting together, and being both challenged and encouraged by the insights of those also seeking to follow Jesus? [For those who are not already part of one of our Bible Studies or House groups, there is an ideal opportunity to explore this practice with the 4 week Jonah Bible Study I will be running in June/July – see details elsewhere in Contact]

**With every blessing  
Bruce**



# Dates For June

## Coffee

3rd Fran & Pauline  
10th TBA  
17th TBA  
24th Madeline & David



## Flowers

3rd Kathy  
10th Joan & Tony  
17th Barbara J  
24th Beryl



## Minister's Monthly Bible Study Group

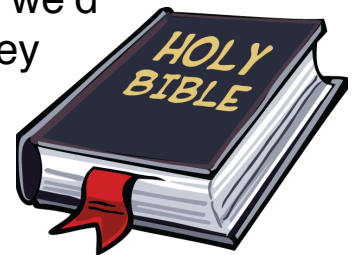
This group meets in the lounge at 2pm normally on the third Thursday each month. All are welcome. This month they are continuing to study Job.

21st 2.00 p.m. Bible Study in the lounge.

## Home Group

This is the House Group that meets approximately fortnightly, and often hosted generously by Caroline Sawyer at the manse. Do look in the Diary Dates for exactly when we're meeting this month, and we'd love to have you come and join us anytime. In June they will be attending the Jonah sessions (see later in this newsletter) on a Thursday evening. They do however have a social event as detailed below.

Monika Noronha



26th 7.30pm At 20 Whipton Lane

## Girls' Brigade

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 50th anniversary celebrations! Our focus this term is 'Caring for the world' and we have various activities planned such as planting troughs with bee and butterfly friendly flowers (if you are able to donate any plants/compost please contact Helen) and making butterfly feeders and a bug 'hotel'! We also hope to decorate the fence with flowers, bees, butterflies and ladybirds and are pleased that Young Church are going to be involved too! This will also be a Church 'contribution' to Wonford in Bloom.

## Our Calling

Our Calling, in the Methodist Church in Britain, is to:

*increase awareness of  
God's presence and to  
celebrate God's love*

*help people to grow and learn as  
Christians through mutual  
support and care*

*to be a good neighbour to  
people in need and to challenge  
injustice*

*make more followers of Jesus  
Christ*

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Acts 2: 46-47**

## Bible Month 2018

The Bible is; breathed by God; a light for the path at our feet; bread that nourishes us; a stream that waters our soul.

Throughout June the Methodist Church is encouraging members to adopt Bible Month and spend 30 days with the book of Jonah. It's an opportunity to plunge into the depths of the Bible, to immerse yourself in Scripture by focusing on a single Biblical book to help us read the whole Bible better and more deeply.

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Why Jonah? Jonah invites us to consider how God calls us to mission in the unlikeliest of places. It points to a God who is compassionate and loving to all, and challenges us to reflect this God in our mission.

At Wonford, we will be engaging in Bible Month in two ways. Firstly our preaching at Sunday morning services will focus on a different chapter from Jonah throughout June/early July:

3rd June – Jonah 1: Monika Noronha [All Age Service]  
17th June – Jonah 2: Rev'd Alan Rothwell  
24th June – Jonah 3: Rev'd Bruce Sawyer  
8th July – Jonah 4: Rev'd Bruce Sawyer

Secondly, Bruce will be running a 4 week study group. This will meet in the lounge on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (for about an hour). Each week will feature a DVD reflection from Jeff Lucas to get us thinking about the story of Jonah, followed by discussion.

7th June – The Passionate God  
21st June – Life After Failure  
28th June – Partnering in the Mission of God  
5th July – Trusting through Anger and Disappointment

The study group is open to all, but if you're not already part of one of our house groups, why not make a special effort to come and explore for yourself the benefit of being part of a small group to explore faith and nurture your discipleship?

## Community News

### Community Litter Pick

Are you willing to give up a couple of hours to make a visible difference in this community?



**Will you help the Eco-team help the Girls' Brigade help our Community from 5.45pm on Monday 25th June in a litter-pick?** Please join us on the Wonford Playing Fields if you can! Thank you!

### Wonford Community Day

This takes place on Saturday 7th July from 11am to 2pm at Wonford Community Centre and Wonford Playing Fields.

If you would like to run a stall/activity or know someone who would please contact [wclcentre@outlook.com](mailto:wclcentre@outlook.com)

It is free to have a stall and you can keep any money you make!

**Helen Moore**

## **What's the Value of a Piece of Paper? – our Wonderful Local Preachers**

Did you know that at the Circuit Evening Service held recently at Littlemead Methodist Church, our Superintendent Minister Steve Santry presented a 50-year Local Preachers' Certificate to each of Joan Wragg and Tony Wragg, as well as a 25-year Local Preachers' Certificate to Paul Violet - he's completed more years than this. Prayers of thanks to them, and the 2 others receiving such Certificates, were shared. It took only a minute or two, but it showed us all the huge debt Methodist worship owes to our Local Preachers, and to these - and our other - Wonford preachers we know well. Thank you!

## **The Fundamental Question for Methodism**

In my opening letter I encouraged us to read and reflect on scripture together, and said that this brings both encouragement and challenge. Reading and reflecting together is not always easy, and we will not always agree. I therefore want to commend to you the following article. The article was written by Rev'd Sam McBratney. Sam was my dissertation supervisor at Queens' and has worked closely with Rev'd Paul Smith in helping the Methodist Church reflect on issues of sexuality. Please note, I am not asking you to agree with Sam's convictions regarding marriage but to reflect on his question of whether we can live in a church with those with whom we disagree, and whether his final suggestion of assumptions to make regarding those with whom we disagree is helpful.

Of course I am very willing to engage in discussion and reflection on this article with anyone who would appreciate that!

**Bruce Sawyer**

## **The Fundamental Question for Methodism**

The Churches have been struggling with the inclusion of open LGBTQ+ Christians for fifty years and more and many are still struggling. Since the introduction of legal same-sex marriage in many jurisdictions about the world, the churches in those places especially have been forced to address the question of whether they would bless or solemnise such unions. For the most part, with some notable exceptions, churches have either said an outright 'no' or 'can we think about it?'

For my own tradition, two of its branches are currently in the throes of debate about the next steps forward. The United Methodist Church, based in the US but covering 54 countries, is about to release its report on the

Way Forward and take it to a vote next year. In the British Conference, a debate is scheduled for this July on the definition of marriage. I have been involved in numerous conversations about this over the last few months and get both frustrated and concerned that the question is framed around a zero-sum choice of yes/no to same-sex marriage with a consequential schism in the church, one way or the other. As in the past, when issues such as women's ordination or attitudes to race or war have been debated, this framing is intended to polarise opinion and create battle cries, not Christian conferring.

The fundamental question is not whether people are in favour of same-sex marriage. Recent consultations have clearly shown that a significant proportion of British Methodists are indeed in favour, with many others undecided. The question therefore really is: can you live in the same church with people who fundamentally disagree with you? A vote on the floor of Conference may affect our practice to a certain extent, but it will not change the reality of a Church whose members hold contradictory convictions. We have placed such emphasis on the vote itself that we fail to take seriously how we live the day after it.

This is not to say I will give up campaigning for recognition of same-sex marriage in British Methodism - far from it! But I would be happy to live with an 'official' position that says that Methodists disagree about these things. With pacifism and alcohol and abortion rights and remarriage after divorce and cohabitation, Methodists hold positions that are Biblically-based, theologically-reasoned and pastorally-informed, but often contradictory. Yet someone whose grandfather was imprisoned for conscientious objection and someone whose father flew bombing raids over Dresden sit next to one another every Sunday in chapels across the Connexion.

Twelve years ago, when it became clear that opinions on relationships were not going to converge, Methodism began talking about 'contradictory convictions'. To live well together with those with whom we disagree, we need ground-rules. Here are six assumptions to make about the other person that might help to form them:

that they have read their Bible, prayed and thought through their position;  
that they have heard most or all of the arguments and don't need to be 'enlightened';

- that they are trying to live as faithful and authentic a Christian life as you;
- that their views and convictions shape them but do not completely define who they are - people are much more than the views they hold;
- that they are open to listening and discussion with good grace and Christian love and will give you the same respect and courtesy as you give them;

- that they want to be part of a Church that is faithful to the gospel and shares the love of Christ with all.

**Sam McBratney, 15 May 2018** , [www.cassowary.eu/](http://www.cassowary.eu/)

## **Cranbrook Community Choir**

***Joint Concert with 'Key Voices'***

***Sunday 3rd June 2018 from 2.30pm***

***Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook***

***Raffle & Refreshments Available***

***Admission FREE***

***In aid of Hospiscare***

### **Exminster Church Anniversary**

This is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June when **Cream Teas** (with various stalls) are being held on the lawn at the front of the church (in the hall if wet) from 2.30 pm till 4.30 pm. **We warmly invite you to come along** and enjoy a cream tea.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> we have our **Anniversary Celebration Service** at 10.30 am led by Major Steve and Major Mandy White from the Salvation Army.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!



# News From The Methodist Church

## Faith In Politics Monthly Podcast

Faith in Politics, an exciting new podcast series that features guests discussing topics from current affairs that link in with faith, has been launched by the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT).

The podcast is aimed at JPIT's existing supporters and activists but will also appeal to a younger audience thanks to increased engagement with current affairs and politics, and the accessibility of social media and podcasts.

Those taking part are people who are living out a faith of some kind in public and political life. Guests will include the Co-Leader of the Green Party, Jonathan Bartley, Labour politicians, the Rt Hon Stephen Timms and Alan Milburn, and the Conservative politician and member of the House of Lords Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

The podcast can be found at the address below:

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/podcast/>



**Sunday 24th June  
2018  
4.00pm  
ALL Welcome**





## Sponsored Walk June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Would you like to support the work of Exeter Foodbank? Last year we helped to support over 5000 local residents with emergency food; almost one third of these were children.

If you are interested in joining our walk please contact us for the information.

Tel: 07818 226524

Email: [walk@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:walk@exeterfoodbank.org.uk)

Let us not talk the talk about fighting food poverty.  
Let us walk the walk.



# Joyfest

Between Monday 4th – Sunday 10th June Wonford Methodist Church will be joining with other churches across Exeter for a celebration of smiles and brightened days.

The strategy comes from Jesus. He said, *“Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”* (Matthew 5:16)

Joyfest is a week of intentional good deeds for friends, family and strangers. It's a chance to focus our efforts, take a step out of our comfort zone and do something simple to brighten someone else's day. These are the 'good deeds' Jesus asks us to do.

But we want the praise to go to God, not to us, so the Joyfest initiative helps people join-the-dots; seeing that our good deed isn't because we're nice, but because we follow God, who is full of generosity, kindness and joy.

Each time you do an act of joy or have a conversation you can give someone a Joyfest card, with the website address for more information. It will take a bit of bravery, but everyone can do something to make someone smile. It doesn't have to be a terrifying leap into the unknown; even a small step out of our comfort zone is a powerful declaration of faith!

Maybe you could imagine yourself saying something like, *“Hi, I'm taking part in Joyfest, it's like a social experiment to brighten the day of people in Exeter, so I wondered if I could pay for your coffee? Here's a card with some info, if you're interested.”*

The website ([www.church.joyfest.org.uk](http://www.church.joyfest.org.uk)) will include a church search function of all the churches taking part, and it is hoped that those who receive the card following an act of kindness will consider coming to a church near them on 10th June. Why not also make an effort to encourage family/friends/neighbours to come to church on this Sunday (regardless of whether you were able to do an act of kindness for them).

For more information, please pick up a leaflet at Church – and start planning your (random) acts of kindness.



# Prayer Focus for June

## Do not worry but pray about everything!

Please pray this month for the Methodist Conference which begins on June 28th. Pray for ministers who will be 'sitting down', ministers & their families that will be moving to new circuits & for those who will be ordained. Pray for the churches in & around Nottingham where the ordinations will take place & for safe travels for all.

Pray for Yangsun Yi for her Testimony service & also her Ordination.

As our theme preaching through June is 'Bible Month' when we will be looking at Jonah, pray for our hearts will be open to this book that sees Jonah trying to do his own thing and the consequences that come his way. As we read our Bibles pray that we will apply The Word to our own lives and grow in our Faith. Remember those Countries around the world where to own a Bible and be found out can lead to prison or even death. Pray for them and thank God for the freedom we have in this Country.



## Refugee Week 2018



**DIFFERENT PASTS, SHARED FUTURE**  
**Celebrating 20 Years of Refugee Week**  
**Programme of Events 2018**

### **Tuesday 12th June Prelude to Refugee Week**

8.00pm Human Cargo: Stories & Songs of Emigration, Slavery and Transportation.

Matthew Crampton and Jeff Warner at Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street, Exeter: Tickets £14 (£12\*)

### **Saturday 16th June Refugee Week 2018 Launch Event**

11.00am – 3.00pm - Short Film, Panel Debate and Q&A session. FREE entry, but places may be booked in advance. Panellists will debate the issues around the refugee crisis. Exeter University Alumni Forum. More details to be announced shortly - visit [www.refugeesupportdevon.org.uk](http://www.refugeesupportdevon.org.uk)

## **Tuesday 19th June**

11.00am – 1.00pm - Palace Gate Centre, Exeter: Refugee Support Devon Information Session

2.00pm – 4.00pm - Mulberry Café Exeter Community Centre: Refugee Support Devon Information Session

7.30pm - Film followed by Panel Discussion “Another News Story” Exeter Phoenix Gandy Street Exeter

12a Dir. Orban Wallace, UK, 86 mins, 2017 Tickets can be booked in advance: £7\*/£5\*

## **Wednesday 20th June**

10.30am – 12.00pm - Refugee Week Coffee Morning The Mint Methodist Church Fore Street Exeter ALL WELCOME

10.00am – 12.30pm - Community Sponsorship Information Event  
Hosted by ABIDE At The Deanery Exeter FREE Please book a place:  
abide@otterystmary.org.uk

7.00 – 8.30 pm - “Refugee Entrepreneurship in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey”. A talk by Dr Haya Al-Dajani Associate Professor in Entrepreneurship at the Plymouth Business School

Exeter Community Centre St Davids Hill Hosted by DDE - A Gown Meets Town Free Event

For further details and to book a place: dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk  
01392 438811

8.30pm - FILM Another News Story

12a Dir. Orban Wallace, UK, 86 mins, 2017

Tickets: £7\*/£5\* Exeter Phoenix Studio 74

## **Thursday 21st June**

All Day ‘I Welcome’ Exhibition of Photography FREE Entry St Petrocks Church, High Street, Exeter

Hosted by: Exeter City of Sanctuary and Amnesty International

6.30pm - Talk by Aqeel Abdulla and Photography Exhibition Open Evening at St Petrocks Church, High Street, Exeter

## **Friday 22nd June**

All Day ‘I Welcome’ Exhibition of Photography

Details as above

## **Saturday 23rd June**

All Day ‘I Welcome’ Exhibition of Photography

Details as above

2pm - 8pm - World Café .Methodist Church Hall, Fore Street, Totnes - the event is on a pay what you feel basis - all welcome! Come and enjoy food and music from our multicultural community.

Organised by Food In Community, Integr8 and volunteers.

7.00 – 10.00pm 'New Year in the West Bank' Devon Globe Trotters  
Speaker: Jean Harrison

To be held in Kennford Admission - £10 For details of venue and booking (essential) [dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk](mailto:dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk)

During the week there will also be talks in St Thomas, Willowbrook and St Nicholas Primary schools by the Exeter City of Sanctuary Group and a display in Exeter Civic Centre

## **Sidford Methodist Church Photographic Competition**

Some of you may have seen our 2018 calendar which resulted from a photographic exhibition held here in June 2017. Photographs were submitted in a competition and an independent judge selected thirteen photos to be reproduced for the cover and for the twelve months of the year. An appropriate biblical text was chosen to accompany each picture and the calendar was then professionally printed. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars were for the Sidford Development Fund – the membership at Sidford is working hard to raise money to extend its premises.

Many of the photos chosen for our 2018 calendar were local to Sidford and the beautiful countryside of the surrounding area, but for our 2019 calendar we would like to adopt a theme which reflects life in our Church and other Churches across the Circuit. We are particularly interested in photographs which reflect the many and varied ways in which Christians live out their faith - in worship, in service to the community, in social events, in clubs and societies, with all ages and in all seasons of the year.

So, we are asking for your help! It may be that you have a keen photographer in your midst who would happily submit some photographs or you have an archive of photos to draw upon. All we ask is that you write a couple of sentences to explain what the occasion was and then send them to us either by email or through the post. Contact details are below:

- for photographs sent by email and for any enquiries and further information: [rajsercombe@gmail.com](mailto:rajsercombe@gmail.com)

- for photographs sent through the post: Gordon and Sharon Howe, "Stephens Mayne", Harcombe Lane East, Sidmouth. EX10 9QH

Please send any photographs (we suggest a maximum of two per person) to reach us by Saturday, June 16th. at the latest. And, please be sensitive to Safeguarding issues by asking the permission of any people in the photographs before sending the pictures on. It is, of course, very important to get parents' permission where children are involved.

We very much hope that there will be a good response and that we will be truly inundated with photographs which reflect Church life across the Circuit in all its variety. By supporting this venture you will help Sidford in its aim to improve its premises, but, more importantly, we will have a means of outreach which says to the recipient this is the Methodist Church in this Circuit, this is what we believe, this is what we do, come and join us.

With all good wishes,  
**Gordon and Sharon Howe**

## **Wesley Cottage Summer 2018 Events and Wesley Day information**

### **Wesley Cottage Events Summer 2018**

Due to limitations of space it is necessary to book your place at these summer events by emailing [wesleycottage@live.co.uk](mailto:wesleycottage@live.co.uk) or telephoning 01566 880265. **Wesley Cottage is in Trewint, Cornwall.**

On Friday 15th June at 7pm Rev Philip Seaton will be presenting Wesley Cottage John Wesley's Preaching Bands for display here. This special evening will be hosted by Mr John Hogarth and Rev Steve Wild who will deliver an address. The event will conclude with light refreshments.

### **Study and Quiet Days**

Although there is no set charge to attend these days donations are welcome and a buffet lunch is provided.

The following days (all Mondays through the summer) are now open for booking:

June 4th 10am-3pm Study Day: 'Goings and Comings': studies in Acts Chapters 1 and 2 with Rev Paul Smith. Paul returns for another of his popular study days where he will unpack with us the first two chapters of Acts.

June 18th 10am-3pm Study Day: “The Post-Resurrection Church and the Church today - are they the same?” with Rev Philip and Mrs Pauline Seaton. We are delighted to welcome Philip and Pauline to Wesley Cottage for the first time for a study that will focus Luke 24 v 36-43 and cover the areas of Peace, Proof, Promises and Purpose.

July 9th 10am to 3pm Quiet Day: “Taize Quiet Day” with Mr Andrew Nicholson. Wesley Cottage welcomes Andrew to lead us in a new venture for Wesley Cottage as we enjoy a Taize quiet day.

July 23rd 10am to 3pm Study Day: “Discovering John Wesley” with Rev James Gilbert. James is a Baptist minister who grew up in Epworth and will share a day with us that will include plenty of opportunity for discussion as we consider what we can learn from the life experience, organisational approach and theology of John Wesley.

## Jonah Word Search

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

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P E S D N I W T A E R G W H U  
R E D H M S H S A R A L N E G  
A F R E O A S S S R I U O D E  
Y O A D M L R E O E S S W E F  
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D G B D D C T T N D R T I P S  
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S V E A W V H E O M R K C I H  
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E E L O T N A L P Y F A E L W  
Y S C C A S T L O T S E V A W  
E S A L V A T I O N W O R H T  
D E E W A E S Y A D Y T R O F

Arise, Cargo ship, Cast  
lots, Commanded,  
Decree, Disobeyed,  
Distress, Forgiveness,  
Forty days, Great wind,  
Holy temple, Huge fish,  
Joppa, Leafy plant,  
Mariners, Overboard,  
Prayed, Redemption,  
Rowed, Sackcloth,  
Salvation, Saved,  
Scorching sun,  
Seaweed, Shade,  
Tarshish, The deep,  
Thrown, Violent storm,  
Waves, Wickedness



# The Royal Wedding Preacher Who Stole The Show



While Curry's sermon received wide praise, a few naysayers complained it went on for too long. I would beg to differ, but if you're of that ilk, or if you missed it entirely, below is an edited version. The key passages have been highlighted. It's a great speech, made all the more remarkable by the fact it was witnessed by hundreds of millions (perhaps billions) worldwide.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King once said, and I quote, **we must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love.** And when we do that we will make of this old world a new world.

There's power in love. Don't underestimate it. Don't even over-sentimentalise it. There's power, power in love.

If you don't believe me, think about a time when you first fell in love. The whole world seemed to centre around you and your beloved.

**Oh, there's power, power in love. Not just in its romantic forms, but any form, any shape of love.** There's a certain sense in which when you are loved and you know it, when someone cares for you and you know it, when you love and you show it, it actually feels right. There's something right about it.

And there's a reason for it. The reason has to do with the source.

We were made by a power of love. And our lives were meant and are meant

to be lived in that love. That's why we are here.

**Ultimately the source of love is God himself. The source of all of our lives.** There's an old medieval poem that says where true love is found, God himself is there. The New Testament says it this way: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God and those who love are born of God and know God. Those who do not love, do not know God. Why? For God is love. There's power in love. There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. **There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There's power in love to show us the way to live.**

I'm talking about some power. Real power. Power to change the world.

Love is not selfish and self-centred. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive.

And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and think and imagine.

**Well, think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families when love is the way.**

Imagine neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way.

Imagine governments and nations where love is the way.

Imagine business and commerce when love is the way.

Imagine this tired old world when love is the way.

When love is the way—unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive, when love is the way—then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history.

When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room, plenty good room for all of God's children.

**Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other, well, like we are actually family.**

When love is the way we know that God is the source of us all. And we are brothers and sisters. Children of God, my brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven. A new earth. A new world. A new human family.

Dr. King was right: We must discover love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world.

My brother, my sister, God love you, God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

## Dates For Your Diary

### June 2018

Sun 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Monika Noronha - All Age Worship, Jonah-1 **
	6.30 p.m.	Chris Southgate - Cafe Church
Wed 6th	7.30 p.m.	Local Preachers' Meeting - Sidford MC
Thu 7th	7.30 p.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Bible Study on Jonah-1 **
Sun 10th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Yangsun Yi's Testimony Service at Sidwell St MC
Wed 13th	7.30 p.m.	Circuit Meeting at Temple MC, Budleigh Salterton
Sun 17th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Alan Rothwell - Jonah-2 **
	6.30 p.m.	Circuit Barn Service & Barbecue at Home Farm, Poltimore
Tue 19th	10.00 a.m.	Roundabout Cafe meets (until 12pm)
	7.30 p.m.	Church Council meets
Thu 21st	2.00 p.m.	Bible Study in the lounge **
	7.30 p.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Bible Study on Jonah-2 **
Sun 24th	10.00 a.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Jonah-3 **
	4.00 p.m.	Messy Church
Mon 25th	5.45 p.m.	Girls' Brigade Litter Pick - DO HELP!! **
<b>28th June to 5th July - Annual Methodist Conference in Nottingham</b>		
Thu 28th	7.30 p.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Bible Study on Jonah-3 **

### July 2018 - Advance Notice

Sun 1st	10.00 a.m.	All Age Worship
	4.00 p.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Celebrate Together Service
Thu 5th	7.30 p.m.	Rev Bruce Sawyer - Bible Study on Jonah **

**\*\* Details in this newsletter or on the notice board in the hall.**



# Weekly Activities

## Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Morning Service and Young Church  
*(1st Sunday in each month is All-Age Worship)*  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service  
*(2nd Sunday in each month is Prayer & Praise)*

## Monday

- 7.30 p.m. Away Group Bible Study  
Girls' Brigade (4 - 16 year olds) 5.45 to 7pm **\*A\***

## Tuesday

- 9.15 a.m. Weekly Prayers in the Quiet Room  
10.00 a.m. Men's Coffee and Games Morning  
10.00 a.m. The Roundabout Café *(3rd Tuesday each month)*  
7.30 p.m. Home Group Bible Study Meeting *(fortnightly)*

## Thursday

- 2.00 p.m. Bible Study *(3rd Thursday each month)*

## Friday

- 9.30 a.m. Friday Toddlers Group **\*A\***

To be sure these take place see Dates to Note or the Notice Board

( **\*A\*** = No meeting during school holiday)

The deadline for items for the July 2018 Newsletter will be Sunday 10th June 2018. There is no guarantee of inclusion, but they may be given to:

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