



Monthly Notices - September 2024

Our Minister - Rev Bethany Willers

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

We have had some discussion amongst our leadership team recently about how best to care for people if they fall ill at church. We want to make sure we would be able to get in touch with someone's emergency contacts if anything were to happen. This led us to realize that it is a larger conversation - as really everyone should have emergency contact information on them in case something happened anywhere - not just at church!

There are two safety precautions we would like to encourage people to take, so that in the event of an emergency, your loved ones can be reached.

The first is to put emergency contacts in your phone under the heading "ICE" - which stands for "In Case of Emergency." So, for example, I have Joel's number listed in my phone under the heading "ICE - Spouse." Emergency workers are trained to look for these contacts in people's phones so they know who to call. You can list as many contacts as you want under this "ICE" heading.



However, it would be good to have a back up to this system in case your phone is password protected and people cannot access your contact list. To that end, we have designed and printed an "emergency contact card" that we will distribute and encourage people to fill out and carry with them. This second form of holding the information is business-card sized and will fit easily into any wallet or purse. I would encourage you to keep it next to your ID, which is also something emergency workers are trained to look for.

I have ordered these cards and they should arrive sometime in mid-September. Once we have them available we will distribute them on Sunday mornings and at our coffee mornings. We would encourage everyone to carry one with them at all times!

We hope this will help to keep everyone safe and their loved ones easily contactable in case of an emergency.

**Blessings,
Bethany**

Friends and Neighbours

We will resume after summer break ,on
Thursday September 5th at 2..15 pm..
Looking forward to seeing you all then.**Pam.**

Friends

HARVEST LUNCH SUNDAY 29TH SEPT.

The list for names will be on the school room notice board from Sun. 15th Sept. The cost will be £7.50. per person & we'll remind everyone on the Sundays leading up to the 29th. Please would you give payment to Maureen, Babs or Margaret before that date. Thanks,

The catering team.

HARVEST Lunch



COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Tuesday & Friday 10am



How having faith in God can help you here on earth

Anglicans are more likely to say that they are satisfied with their lives, and many older churchgoers say that they never feel lonely.

A recent survey for the Belonging Forum, which supports dialogue between faiths, has found that there is a strong association between belonging to a faith group and having greater well-being and health.

The survey found that religious people have higher levels of 'social connectedness' and friendships than the general population. They are more likely to speak with their neighbours regularly, and to have on average more friends than non-religious people do.

It seems that faith communities can play an important role in providing a sense of belonging and purpose in the UK.

We welcome all who worship with us

MORNING WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING

Every Sunday at 10.00am

Preachers for September

1st Rev B. Willers (Holy Communion) ++ 8th Mrs A. Smith
15th Rev B. Willers ++ 22nd Worship Leader

→ NOTE CHANGE OF TIME 10.30am 29th Rev B. Willers ←

Zoom Service - Every Sunday at 10.00am

United with the service in the church

To join the service or for further details or to request the Zoom link be emailed to you please contact Jack Healey or Gareth Edwards (caldicotmc@gmail.com)



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

Lin and Jack are going to open their garden and bungalow as a fundraiser for Church Funds on

Saturday 7th September

from 10am to noon & from 2pm to 4pm.

Teas, Coffees, assorted cakes and biscuits will be available, together with plenty of opportunity for social chat. Entry Free



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SAILING WITH THE SPIRIT

Lester Amann considers what it means to wait for God

On a calm, windless day, it can be frustrating to be in a sailboat. Your sails are ready to go, but with no wind and only calm waters, you aren't going anywhere!

Some sailors try to propel their little boat forward by paddling with their hands. Others fret over the lack of wind. But others simply stay on land, and patiently wait. For it isn't until a breeze blows up, and the sails fill out, that a sailboat can skim out towards the open sea.

This scene is similar as to how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. The Bible describes the Spirit as wind and sometimes, like the sailors, we may have to wait for His energising power to guide and move us onwards. There are occasions, from a spiritual standpoint, nothing seems to be happening – for weeks and months on end. During these waiting times we may wonder what purpose God has for us.

But while some of the people in the sailing club might have left their boats to do other things, they were also watching for signs of the coming wind. No one was packing up and going home! They were waiting with a purpose.

In our times of stillness and waiting, we can also wait with a purpose. We can pray for the Church, our community and the world. We can pray that we will be ready for God to move us into the next course He has planned for us. And we can keep our sails ready, for the Spirit to blow afresh into our lives!

Prayer for September 2024 - By Daphne Kitching

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at the end of the summer, but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of September; you are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in you for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

NEXT MONTHLY NOTICES

If you have an item,
please contact Roger Simms
by **29th September**

Café Church is starting back

Thursday 12th September at 7pm

At Portskewett Church Hall