## Sunday 23rd June 2024 Toothill Church Newsletter

Issue 869

'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'



## 10.30 Deacon Som Okonkwo



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

## Next Sunday 10.30 Mr Adrian German

#### **Activities in Toothill Church**

Sunday	17.00 – 18.00 Bible Study every 2 weeks	Next 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	Next 1 <sup>st</sup> July

**Monday** 17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays Every week term time only

Next 2<sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00 U3A Travel Group 10.30 – 12.00 Music Group 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays Next 26th June Wednesday

Welcome Space every week Cancelled until further notice. Wednesday

Thursday 10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies Every week

17.00 - 19.00 Friday Club Friday Every week term time only

#### **Prayers for today**

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we are praying.

Updates about those being prayed for are welcome.

#### Please pray for:

Jan and Gordon, Norma, Sarah and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph.

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Welcome Space in our churches,

Our home congregation,

Our work with children, Hazelwood Academy, young people and families in Toothill and West Swindon.

## For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included https://devotions.urc.org.uk/ By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

#### Prayer – In the depth of stillness

Jesus and his disciples drift in a little boat,

light fading, as evening falls on the Sea of Galilee.

Suddenly, a storm brews, wild and terrifying.

Jesus rises, standing with the disciples in their terror, soothing the storm, until all is still.

Perhaps we identify with the disciple's feelings – moments when we have known great fear, crying out in distress, 'Jesus, don't you care?'

Help us remember this story, Jesus, when we are afraid, and the beautiful message it offers, peace enfolding us in the quiet of your loving calm.

'Come to me and I will give you rest!'

Your love speaks always to our hearts.

Wherever life takes us, facing challenges or joy, possessing little or nothing, in you we have everything. The stormy waters cease, and quietness comes, bringing the gentleness of your healing comfort.

Perhaps the secret of strength lies in stillness, deep in the depths, beneath all turmoil and sorrows in life. here, we touch the spring of peace, held in your love forever. Amen

Hazel McCorrisken URC Prayer Handbook

#### **Music Group**

**Dear Friends** 

After a conversation about Music Group this week we have changed our meeting date to the second and fourth Wednesday mornings of each month at the same time of 10.30 – 12 noon.

We would love to see you then as we are looking for new members. No experience is necessary, just a love of singing and praising God, with voices and/or instruments. Please feel free to come along. If you have a baby or small child at home feel free to bring them with you as well.

Nicola

## From The Treasurer - Finance report - April and May 2024

Income - April	- manac report - 7,pm and may 202	<u>Outgoings - A</u>	<u>April</u>
Giving	£996.00	Bills	£596.41
Letting (paid)	£ 232.00	Partnership Share	£500.00
	£1,228.00		£1,096.41
Welcome Space	£1,193.79	Welcome Space	£147.65
Heat & Eat	£150.00	Heat and Eat	£150.00
Filing Station	£13.00		
Interest	£32.74		
	£2,617.53		£ <u>1,394.06</u>
Income – May		Outgoings - N	<b>Л</b> ау
Giving	£689.50	Bills	£378.20
Letting	£466.00	Partnership Share	£500.00
	£1155.50		£878.20
Gift Aid Claim	£3,845.69	Transfer to Saver	£3,845.69
Water Aid	£153.47	Water Aid	£153.47
Interest	£34.20		
	<u>£5188.86</u>		<u>£4887.35</u>

We are grateful to those who continue to give generously.

Our bills totalled almost £600 in April and reduced to almost £400 in May. We made our usual payments of £500 as our Partnership share. You may remember that we reduced this from £1,000 a month at the start of 2024.

Welcome Space received a grant of £1,000 from the National Welcome Space team in April and we will need to reflect carefully on how we use this money. We will need to provide a report in due course. In other good news West Swindon Parish Council have agreed to grant Welcome Space a further £550. Payment was made in June and will be included in our next financial update. Again, we will need to provide receipts and a report on how we have used this money.

We made and received our Gift Aid claim of £3,845.69 in May. This is transferred to the Methodist Saver account so that we can get the interest on it. This money will be a useful towards our winter fuel bills. We were able to make a Heat and Eat donation to respond to specific need in April.

Water Aid donations for Easter totalled £153.47 and this has been passed on to Water Aid. Filling Station donations decreased to £13 in April and there were no donations at all in May. I will make a transfer to Filling Station in June for the first half of the year.

Bank Balances at 31 May are:

Co-op Bank £3,282.58 Meth Saver £11,558.83

**Rachel Dowling Treasurer** 

#### **News from Clive**

"The Reverend Canon Captain Clive Deverell is delighted to announce, he has been asked to be training incumbent for Neil Fisher, former Licenced Lay Minister and organist of St Augustine's in Even Swindon. Neil will serve as Assistant Curate in the Parishes of West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze, at Holy Trinity Shaw and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze following his ordination at the end of June. Neil's ordination is due to take place on Sunday 30th June 2024, at 10.30am in Bristol Cathedral."

There will be a welcome service/event at 5.00pm in Holy Trinity Shaw on the same day, please hold Neil in your prayers as he prepares to join us."

#### <u>Strawberry Teas – Summer 2024 at St Mary's</u>

The Teas will run from Sunday 7th July to Sunday 15th September inclusive, 1.30 to 4.00 pm. (Weather permitting). The suggested donation is £4.00.

This year, the Teas are fundraising for new steps/ramp to the Stable Room.

## Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 - Please note new Zoom details below

#### **Zoom Details for Spotlight, DG4J and Friday Morning Prayers:**

Click on link below to join meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7613457970?pwd=rgnv9nacamvUclWf4QYh9DEhE6VtuF.1&omn=86530499491

Meeting ID: 761 345 7970

Passcode: 031989 Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

July

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr David Hoar + Mr David Passmore (Café style Church)
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey Holy Communion

Sunday 21st 10.30 Rev Trevor Day and Deacon Som Okonkwo

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Canon Capt. Clive Deverell

#### **August**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr Joseph Musungo

Sunday 11th 10.30 Mrs Nicola Hoar and Team

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr David Hoar Holy Communion

## Peace begins with a smile from Jess - This Years Summer Quiz



Staring next week, we will be looking back at quiz pictures featured in this spot over the years, some will contain pictures of Sam my Collie others will contain Jess (Whose sat on the computer keyboard in the picture) Some pictures will be of places visited or a theme like a Radio or TV programme. All pictures will have been used in these quizzes.

## "The times they are a-changing."

Over 40 years ago, West Swindon was conceived, houses, schools, and infrastructure were built, to support what was to be a growing community.

Four Church denominations, the Church of England, the Baptists, the Methodists and the United Reformed Church responded by committing resources and ministers, working in a way supporting this new West Swindon community. (An Ecumenical Partnership)

They built Oliver Tomkins Schools, and the Churches of Toothill and Holy Trinity Shaw, however, times have changed and resources have diminished and so after 40 years this formal Partnership will come to an end at the end of August 2024.

There is much to be proud of over the last 40 years on how together the denominations have supported the people of West Swindon, and a lot of this work will continue like our "Open the Book" teams under new governance models.

So, from September 1st 2024, your nearest Churches reflecting the denominations who came together in the 1980's will be:

#### **Baptist:**

Gorse Hill Baptist Church: Cricklade Road, Swindon SN2 1AA

#### **Church of England:**

Holy Trinity Shaw: Shaw Village Centre, Ramleaze Drive, Shaw, Swindon. SN5 5PY St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze: Lydiard Park, Hay Lane, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon SN5 3PA

## **Methodist:**

Toothill Church: Dunwich Drive, Toothill, Swindon, SN5 8SX.

#### **United Reformed Church:**

Emmanuel URC: High Street, Haydon Wick, Swindon. SN25 1HU.

Rev Canon Capt. Clive Deverell, Vicar of West Swindon;

For further information contact Clive clive.deverell@btinternet.com or 01793 877111



<u>Toothill Church Website</u> Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze. Our members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church, and Methodist

# DG4J (Day-group for Jesus)

Summer Programme Apr 24 to Jul 24 Meeting on Zoom – 10:00am to 12:00pm

Monday, 1st July 24 – Extreme Unction – Leader tbd Monday, 15th July 24 – tbd – Leader Edward – at Mary Poole's Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

For further details contact:

Edward Glennie – <a href="mailto:edge-noise-

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Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

#### Notes:

The dates for meetings can also be found on Holy Trinity Shaw's website:

## http://htschurch.org.uk/

All meetings are on Zoom starting 10am, unless otherwise specified.

#### Motto:

The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, ...