Sunday 28th July 2024

Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known.'

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10.30 Rev Canon Capt. Clive Deverell. 17.00 Bible Study Rev Joseph Ribiero



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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 Joseph Musungo

Activities in Toothill Church

Sunday	17.00 – 18.00 Bible Study every 2 weeks			
Monday	10.00 – 12.00 The Hub			
Monday	14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1 st & 3 rd Mondays			
Monday	17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays			
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group			
Wednesday	10.30 – 12.00 Music Group 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays			
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies			
Thursday	12.00 – 2.30 Welcome Space (Now on Thursdays)			
Friday	17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club			

Next 11th August Every week Next 16th September Every week term time only Next 10th September TBA Every week Every week Every week

GOOD News - Welcome Space is back 12.00 – 2.30pm

We are still looking for volunteers to help set up before we begin and clear at the end of sessions.

Strawberry Teas – Summer 2024 at St Mary's

Come and enjoy a Strawberry Cream Tea in a friendly atmosphere available every Sunday until 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.

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.

Important notice from Clive

Dear All,

I am delighted to announce, following a successful stage 2 advisory panel Som Okonkwo has been selected for associate priestly ministry status within the Church of England. Having already been deaconed in Nigeria.

Som, will continue to work at the His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Services and will study for ordination at Sarum College in Salisbury.

We look forward to supporting him on his journey, wherever God calls him.

Please continue to pray for Som, Chika, Danielle, Divine and Derek at this time, most importantly, we celebrate his successful candidacy, and the call God has placed upon his life.

With thanks

Rev Canon Capt. Clive Deverell C.A. B.A. Hons

Westlea Church

Dear All

I think you all know that the Ecumenical Partnership of West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze is ceasing on 31st August 2024.

Having reflected on the various options for itself, Westlea Church has sadly come to the conclusion that the Church will close on 1st September 2024, a decision ratified by its members at a meeting on 7 July. The Parish oversight for Westlea and Eastleaze will be passed to the Parish of West Swindon but there will be no regular Sunday morning worship in Westlea School from 8th September onwards.

We are encouraging the members of Westlea Church to visit local churches with the aim of finding one where they will be guided to feel at home, and we request that you will welcome them warmly in Christian fellowship.

On behalf of the leaders and members of Westlea Church I would like to say Thank You for your faithful and supportive ministry for Westlea Church over many years

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Westlea Leadership Team

Kind regards Richard

On behalf of Westlea Leadership Team

(Pete Gilder, Chris Scarisbrick, Richard Williams, Wilson Javaid)

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 <u>https://devotions.urc.org.uk/</u> By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day

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							
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Prayer – Creation Praise

You bring each new day to light, - Afresh with nights dewfall: Birds awaken and sing, glorifying heaven: Tender buds break forth - In warm embrace of the sun's rays, And your people stir and move on the face of the earth, To work and love. Surely you, Lord, are all these things - And all creation praises you with joy. *Caroline Vodden URC prayer Handbook*

Finance Report – June 2024

Income - June			Outgoings - June	
Giving	768.05		Bills	242.36
Letting (paid)	254.00		Partnership Share	500.00
		1,022.05	Equipment	89.99
Welcome Space	550.00		Welcome Space	101.70
Filling Station	32.00			
Interest	48.17			
	1,652.22			934.05

We are grateful to those who continue to give generously. Our giving has reduced by almost a quarter since the first quarter of the year. If you are able to make a regular donation via bank transfer or add to your giving through Gift Aid please speak to Rachel Dowling.

Welcome Space received a grant of £550 from West Swindon Parish Council. This is in addition to the £1,000 received in May from the National Welcome Space Team. Clive has also let us know that the Diocese of Bristol will be giving us £650 for Welcome Space, donations from Bishop Lee's sponsored cycle ride. These donations have allowed us to buy some new equipment for Welcome Space including tablecloths, trolley, flasks and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Some of these expenses were paid in June and others in July.

Other equipment purchased includes kitchen signage so that we comply with Food Safety requirements. Again, other related costs were paid in July.

With the warmer weather our bills have reduced. We made our usual payment of £500 as our Partnership share. From September we will be contributing ministry expenses to the Methodist Circuit based on an assessment.

Bank Balances at 30 June are

Co-op Bank £3,952.58

Meth Saver £11,607.00

<u>August</u>

Sunday 11th 10.30 Mrs Nicola Hoar and Team

10.30 Mr David Hoar

Sunday 18th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero

Holy Communion.

Last Service as a Partnership Church and an Ecumenical Church.

Toothill Church will now be a Methodist Church

September

Sunday 25th

Sunday 1st 10.30 Rev Shirlyn Topping Superintendent of the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit

 Sunday 8th
 10.30
 TBA

 Sunday 15th
 10.30
 TBA

 Sunday 22nd
 10.30
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Peace begins with a smile from Jess – Summer Quiz Pictures from Past Summer Quiz's



Answer to last week's picture; Wimbourne Minster

Where am I?

From Dorset we move to Northumberland.

1 Originally the location of a Celtic Brittonic fort known as Din Guarie.



2 The fort was destroyed by Vikings in 993, and the Normans later built a new castle on the site, which forms the core of the present one.



Toothill Church Website

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

From Rev Canon Capt Clive Deverell, Vicar of West Swindon

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. So, after 40 years, this formal partnership will come to a conclusion 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.

The church at Toothill will become a Methodist Church, and the churches at Holy Trinity Shaw and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze will become Church of England Parish Churches.

We will continue to welcome everyone to join us as we worship Jesus and continue to serve our community together.

From September the 1st

Your nearest Churches reflecting the denominations who came together in the early 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.

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

DG4J (Day-group for Jesus) Autumn Programme Sep 24 to Dec 24

Meeting on Zoom – 10:00am to 12:00pm Monday, 9th September 24 – Gladness & Generosity (1) – Angela Monday, 23rd September 24 – Gladness & Generosity (2) – Edward Monday, 7th October 24 – Gladness & Generosity (3) – Pete Monday, 21st October 24 – Gladness & Generosity (4) – Pete Monday, 4th November 24 – Gladness & Generosity (5) – Edward Monday, 18th November 24 – Gladness & Generosity (6) – Angela Monday, 2nd December 24 – Gladness & Generosity (7) – Pete Monday, 16th December 24 – Gladness & Generosity (8) – Edward Ethos – 'All' are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

For further details contact:

Edward Glennie – <u>edglennie@hotmail.com</u> - 07769874146 Peter Rogers – <u>peter.rogers5599@ntlworld.com</u> – 07500355201

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 Notes:
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The dates for meetings can also be found on Holy Trinity Shaw's website: <u>http://htschurch.org.uk/</u> All meetings are on Zoom starting 10am, unless otherwise specified.