

**Salisbury Methodist Church
St Edmund's Church Street Salisbury
Newsletter**



“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

**“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.**

**I will be their God,
and they will be my people.”**

Jeremiah 31:33

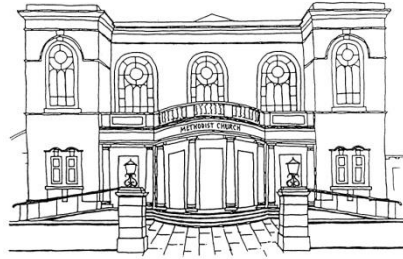
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An A4 Word or other editable text document (in Aptos font size 15pt if possible).

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Worship in July and August

Sunday 5th July	10:30 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham HC
Sunday 12th July	10:30 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham/Paul Chilcote 3:00 p.m. Mrs Fi Waddingham LB
Sunday 19th July	8:00 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham HC 10:30 a.m. Captain Davison AA 6:00 p.m. Mr John Pipet Iona style Worship
Sunday 26th July	10:30 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham: Action For Children
Sunday 2nd August	10:30 a.m. Revd Anna Bishop HC
Sunday 9th August	10:30 a.m. Mr Bernard Robert
Sunday 16th August	8:00 a.m. Revd Stephen Maunder HC 10:30 a.m. Mrs Fi Waddingham AA
Sunday 23rd August	10:30 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham
Sunday 30th August	10:30 a.m. Revd Dr Mark Cheetham

Children and Young People on Sunday (CHYPS) offers activities for children linked to the church service each Sunday, except when there is an All Age Worship.

Additional Information: -

AA All Age

HC Holy Communion

LB Little Blessings

Ministers letter.

Dear Friends,

In the context of John 15: 9-15 I note how Jesus is looking for friends who love why he does what he does even more than they love what he does. In our shared life together I think engaging this truth is absolutely crucial.

There are moments when I wonder if we speak too often about the why of kingdom ministry, the theology of the kingdom of God from which Jesus operated, all the things he did and taught, the postures of the apprentice of Jesus, and what apprenticeship to Jesus means. But then I think back on the lives of my own mentors and the dangers I've seen when influential people have the wrong 'why' motivating their use of power. What I have seen convinces me that laying our foundations well on what it means to follow Jesus as apprentices in the kingdom of God is of the utmost importance and is well worth our time.

If we are apprentices and the Master is doing the ministry through us, then our work is to trust and obey. (Do you hear the hymn in the background?) And that leads me to note that you or I are not the ones doing the ministry. Jesus is doing the ministry through you. Is that a cop-out? Should we be working harder to do what Jesus did? Or is it the actual, central, essential idea behind ministry that goes beyond what humans can do?

Healing through a moment of prayer: Can you do that? I can't. Some may say they can, but no follower of Jesus in Scripture has ever claimed anything other than "what I do have I give you" when talking about ministry in the love and power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 3:6). And for those fixated on the power part of ministry over the love part, here is a passage to consider. This is a "new level" of power that some caught up in the language and excitement of power ministry miss:

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:16–19)

Paul is not asking for power to do miracles. Paul is asking for power for us to grasp the love of God. Paul is not asking for power to show who God is. Here Paul is asking for power to receive the reality that Jesus dwells within us, power to grasp the

length, height and depth of his love, and power to know this love that we might be filled with “all the fullness of God.”

Back to John 15:9–15, which says, beloved people live from love, through love, and to love and end up knowing the intimate, holy business of the Trinity. People who can abide with God don’t spend much, if any, time looking only to themselves, nor are they/we lost-in-worship or hoodwinked by the apparent trappings of modern culture. People who abide in God are people of holy, discerned, loving, powerful, and right action. They/we don’t wander on endless side trails instead they try to feed the poor.

People who abide in God are listening people. They/we remain in Jesus and know his voice. As we come to know his voice better and better, we minister in partnership with his Spirit in some incisive and profound ways. We walk in the Spirit, keep in step with the Spirit, and follow the guidance of the Spirit. So what do those who wish to apprentice Christ pray for? I think it is a prayer of invitation, welcome, and surrender, one that has been on the lips of the saints for centuries. It is a simple three-word prayer. Let’s pray it out loud, together. “Come, Holy Spirit.

Best wishes,

Rev Mark

Christian Aid News



Totals are now in for this year’s Christian Aid collections.

SMC is responsible for delivering collection envelopes to a number of streets in Laverstock, Bemerton and Harnham (plus some outliers where people deliver around their own homes). From this collection we have raised £1593.97 this year, in addition to £319.10 from the collection at SMC.

Some of the donations were quite small, a pound coin or two, or an envelope of small change – it all adds up. So does every bit of help that is offered to our collection effort; ultimately it is a gift of assistance to those living in the slums of Nairobi and all the other places where Christian Aid works.

Thank you to everyone who delivered, collected, counted, stuck or printed labels or helped in any other way.

The Big Breakfast at Woodfalls was a huge success, serving 129 meals and raising just over £1800!

Paul Butler



Pastoral News

International Bring and Share Lunch: Sunday 5 July, 12.30 pm.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to come along to this social event for the whole church family. There is still time to add your name(s) if you haven't done so! We look forward to this opportunity of gathering together in community over a shared meal.

It has been a joy to welcome new folk to worship with us over recent weeks, including Paul Anderson, Helen Boyd and Michael Douglas. Helen is transferring her Membership from Leigh Wesley Methodist Church, Southend -on-Sea, and we look forward to Revd Mark formally welcoming her to SMC in the near future.

August celebration: We send our love and fond Happy Birthday greetings to Nora Snook who will be celebrating her 97th birthday on 7 August. Enjoy your special day Nora!

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We're delighted to share the following reflection from Revd Rosemary Richter (Pastoral Lead, along with Revd Philip), thank you Rosemary:

Where would we be without our phones or computers? How I wish that as a geographically challenged person I had been able to navigate my way down country lanes to homes and churches early in my ministry – now I just listen to instructions from my phone! Nowadays family and friends at home and abroad can be easily contacted and seen without worrying and delayed contact, which is miraculous to me.

However, with benefits come negatives. Emails or texts can be fired off when you feel angry or sensitive, or dare one say it, even spiteful. In days gone by you would have taken a breather and time to reflect, and decided not to hurt relationships - because in a face-to-face conversation or on the phone you can see or hear how a person reacts to what you are communicating. We all see adults glued to their phones and oblivious to the children or people who are with them.

Pope Leo XI has delivered an encyclical 'On safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence' in which he states that while AI is an amazing tool, pastoral care must stay relational and human. He goes on to say that the quality of caring for each other, for example spending time with older people or listening to children, cannot be outsourced without losing our humanity.

It seems to me that even while we contemplate the benefits of AI, we should deliberately take even more time to be pastorally aware of each other – to look and see the face, not the phone; to listen to one another and converse; to spend time in companionable silence without reaching for the phone - and to develop an understanding of what life is like for the other person.

Read the gospels - Jesus instinctively knew what people were facing and what the issues were for them. It was an integral part of his humanity that he had developed such understanding. He communicated very directly with the people he met. Let our humanity be like his.

It is good to share church family news, so please let your Pastoral Visitor know of anything you wish to share with others through the Newsletter. Please ensure that you have permission from the people concerned or their relatives before sending items to Monica Gillings, pastoral@salisburymethodist.org.uk

Five Minutes for the Planet

Recycling for Ukraine

I was looking for ways to recycle candles and initially only found two commercial recyclers wanting large quantities. But looking for one thing led me to discover something even better. **New Forest for the Ukraine** is a local charity based in Lymington with a wide range of activities aimed at supporting the people of Ukraine. Their Romsey supporters' group holds regular workshops to make "trench candles" - food tins filled with donated wax and cardboard wicks to make robust and long-lasting candles.

The organisation also collects a variety of things that can be used in Ukraine, including medical equipment and spectacles. To support them we are expanding our top recycling box (by the door into the hall).

This will now accept:

- candles (any number or condition)
- spectacles
- medical supplies in sterile packaging e.g. dressings, catheters.
(No prescription medicines, please)

If you have a quantity to donate, please speak to me, as the box is not very large!

For more about this charity, see www.newforestforukraine.org

Paul Butler



‘What has Salisbury Listening Place achieved this year?’

This question gave rise to a lot of thought amongst Listeners because, what is obvious to us, is not necessarily appreciated by others.

“We keep basic data but, unless a client returns and tells us what happened after they were listened to and what a difference it made to their lives, we simply don’t know what our ‘achievements’ are!

Some clients do let us know of course, but years can pass before they do! What we do know for certain is that the vast majority of people who use our service value being given time, space and privacy to express their thoughts and feelings without interruption or judgement. Being listened to by our team of trained Listeners is very different to talking with friends and family. You are not given solutions or well-meaning advice. Your feelings are acknowledged and respected. Being truly listened to and heard is often a new experience which can lead to enlightenment.

Even if there is no action taken as a result of the listening experience, most people feel better afterwards. If clients go away feeling happier, more confident, less anxious or angry then that is the achievement of Salisbury Listening Place.”

Salisbury Listening Place is based at Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street SP1 1EF. There are three sessions per week: Monday evening from 5.30-7pm and Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10am -12noon.

Drop in or make an appointment

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www.thelisteningplace.org.uk

Every Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm

Silent Vigil for Peace and Justice in Palestine and the Middle East

Outside Salisbury Library

All are welcome

Amnesty Quiz

At the end of Refugee Week (June 20) the local Amnesty Group held a quiz in The Cheesemarket to test what passers-by knew about Immigration and Refugees Here it is. Answers supplied on page 14

1. Where do most refugees go when they get to Europe?
United Kingdom Germany France
2. Is crime higher among immigrants than the rest of us?
Higher Lower The same
3. Is the number of immigrants here rising?
Yes No Staying the same
4. Can immigrants work when they get here?
Yes No Only with a visa
5. What percentage of immigrants come on small boats?
0-10% 10-20% More than 20%
6. Do immigrants get priority in housing?
Yes No

Barbara Hickman

Ecumenical Prayers for Justice and Peace

in the Cathedral Trinity Chapel
12 noon

All are welcome

Third Wednesday of every month

Next date

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 19th August

Poetry Group

in Room 1 at 10.30am.

First Friday of every month

Next date

Friday 3rd July

The subject will be

The Sea/Seaside

**Please note there will be no
meeting in August, we will meet
again in September**

Pause for prayer

(Prayers used in Salisbury Cathedral June 17th 2026)

Russia and Ukraine

Lord God

Five years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

We pray for the people of Ukraine who have suffered so terribly.

We bring before you each person affected, for you know their suffering better than ourselves.

We pray for those on the frontlines, for families torn apart, for the widows and for the orphans.

We pray for those displaced from their homes, whether living in Ukraine or exiled in other countries.

We are thankful for the strength that your faithful followers have found in you, their witness to hope in the face of such adversity, and for the Ukrainian churches that have served their communities sacrificially with love.

Grant your grace to us, sinful human beings that we are, so that we learn to forgive one another and love, recalling Christ's love for us.

We relentlessly pray for peace in the hope that you have placed before us.

We pray for the efforts of leaders who seek to negotiate a just and lasting peace.

May all in Ukraine and Russia be encouraged to hope for a better future

Sudan and South Sudan

God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ wept over your people who knew not the way of peace and were as sheep without a shepherd, Hear our prayer for the people of Sudan and South Sudan.

Turn the hearts of their leaders to reconciliation and peace.

We pray for those who face hunger and disease, who have lost family and friends, who endure in this time of crisis.

We pray for those who are working tirelessly to support the people as famine looms and violence persists.

Guide us to stand alongside one another and through our prayers and actions keep the people of Sudan and South Sudan always in our hearts.

Bless their Archbishops and clergy that they may be true shepherds of your flock.

Strengthen those who heal the wounded and feed the hungry.

Hasten the time when all nations will own your just and gentle rule

And receive our gift of peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation
pour your power upon all our children in the Middle East,
Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation.
That violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces
And peace and justice experienced by all.

Father of all mercies

We pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear.

We lift up the mothers and fathers who have escaped with only their children,
leaving everything else behind.

Their countries have changed, their lives will never be the same and they are
afraid of the future.

We lift up the countries who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even
though they may be struggling themselves.

We thank them for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East.

We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts
towards peace.

As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond, please grant
them wisdom and insight.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and
bloodshed and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.

For our Churches

Give us, O Lord, churches that will be more courageous than cautious,
That will not merely “comfort the afflicted” but “afflict the comfortable”,
That will not only love the world but will also judge the world,
That will not only pursue peace but also demand justice,
That will not remain silent when people are calling for a voice,
That will not pass by on the other side when wounded humanity is
waiting to be healed,

That will not only call us out to worship but also send us out to witness,
to this end we pray for our own part in all this and offer ourselves in
the name of him who loves us and gave himself for us.

Amen.

Revd Rosemary Fletcher



Dates for your diary

Annual Open Evening

Engaging with Homeless People in Salisbury

Speakers: Leah Palmer & Jasmine O'Leary from Alabaré

Leah and Jasmine will help us improve our understanding and awareness of homelessness in Salisbury and how to interact with homeless people

Tuesday 22nd September

6.45 for 7pm

Salisbury Methodist Church

St Edmunds Church Street

Salisbury SP1 1EF

Free event – All welcome

Light refreshments

Autumn Training Courses:

Do You want to Listen Better? – A Training in Listening Day

This course benefits everyone as it provides practical help and advice. Your listening skills will be enhanced whether you are talking with friends or family or in a work context.

Saturday 17th October, 10am – 4pm, at Salisbury Methodist Church (address as above). Please bring your own lunch

Training to be a Listener

If you would like to consider volunteering as a Listener, you are asked to attend the above course **and** a further day of training on **Saturday 24th October, 10am-4pm** (Details as above)

To register for the course(s): manager@thelisteningplace.org

or 01722 325 294

Our Zambia link

July and August are cool, dry months in Zambia. Travel is much easier, because the roads and tracks are dry. People have completed the harvest in July, and so this is the season when regional and national conferences and other gatherings are held.

This July and August, life in Zambia will be dominated by the elections – for President, for the National Assembly and for some local government posts. The number of National Assembly members is being increased by more than 40 percent, so 70 new constituencies have been created.

Pray for peace and integrity before and after Election Day – August 13th.

A good harvest is expected this year, and thanks for that will be given, nationally on the Farmers' Day public holiday (August 3rd) and in church on Harvest Sunday (August 9th).

In our prayers, we join with the special Sundays in the life of the UCZ:

- UCZ University Sunday on 12th July: The UCZ University on the Copperbelt is where ministers, deaconesses and other church workers study and are trained. On this Sunday congregations will hear about the work of the University and pray for staff and students.
- Men's Christian Fellowship (MCF) Sunday on 19th July. In their distinctive red jackets, MCF members are vital to the witness, pastoral care and adult education of the UCZ. Give thanks for their ministry, and pray for continuing dedication.
- Stewardship Sunday on 26th July: The UCZ is self-reliant financially, and so each church member is called to give of their time, talents and money to sustain the mission of the church.

Please continue to pray for our link congregation, St John's, Mtendere, for the minister, Revd Mwaka Phiri, and for her family and for Deaconess Majorie Mvula and her family.

Cecil King

Circuit Justice and Peace Group

Next meeting Wednesday 15th July 2pm at Bemerton Methodist Church – in the Back Room

All are welcome

Answers to Immigration/refugee quiz

- 1 The largest percentage intake in recent years have gone to Germany. Britain and France are about the same level (1/2 million each).
 - 2 Crime rates are difficult to measure as the data is not collected by immigration status. Claims have been made for high levels of sexual offences among Afghans and Eritreans, but these are disputed. Age data is not collected but would be a factor.
 - 3 Net migration is falling (by half in the last year). Irregular migration is down by 12%. Cases awaiting decision are also falling.
 - 4 Irregular immigrants cannot work unless they get leave to remain. Legal migrants have to have a work visa.
 - 5 Only 4% of all migrants arrive on small boats.
 - 6 Irregular migrants do not qualify for points on the local authority housing list; virtually all are in private housing or hotels (even if placed there by the local authority).
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Future Diary Dates - Two Organ Recitals

To celebrate the refurbishment of our organ and to raise funds for Christian Aid, there will be two lunch time organ recitals here in the autumn on Saturdays at 12 noon followed by a soup lunch.

The first is on **Saturday 26th September** by John Challenger, Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral. The second is on **Saturday 3rd October** by Oliver Macmullan, organ scholar at Exeter University and my great nephew.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible with us then.

*Barbara Hickman
For Salisbury Christian Aid Committee.*

Pause for prayer

A prayer for all students awaiting their exam results

In August thousands of students across the country will await exam results that will determine the next stage in their life's development. This prayer was written by a gap-year student when receiving her own results was still fresh in her mind.

Jesus,

Keep reminding me of the bigger picture over the next few weeks,
Keep me in your hands when all other hands disappear,
For I am convinced that neither entry requirements nor exam results,
neither anticipation nor doubts, neither success nor failure, nor any expectations,
neither last minute fears nor anxieties, nor anything else in life, will be able to
separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Please, don't let me forget it!

Amen

(From the Church of England website)

Under the warmth
of the summer sun
the world awakes and blossoms into every imaginable colour. You created a garden
for us to enjoy, and within it planted the most magical of flower and trees. You
needed no horticultural training to plan your colour scheme, no gardening expert to
recommend variety or design. Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its
scale immense, spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.

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Creator God who breathed this world into being, who is discernible within the
harmony of nature, the perfection of a butterfly's wing, the grandeur of a mountain
range, the soaring eagle and humming bird, thank you for this world which you have
created. Thank you for summer sun, which reminds us that your creative breath is
still alive and active. Thank you for the warmth of your love, sustaining this world,
your garden.

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Revd Rosemary Fletcher

Holier Than Thou? – Philip Richter

When I was growing up, the New English Bible was first published. I was so pleased to discover a Bible in modern English, rather than the archaic language of the Authorised Version, and with far less use of ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ (though I realise, looking back, that ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ were actually still used in it when addressing God or Jesus).

At SMC we sometimes get hopelessly mixed up as to which version of the Lord’s Prayer we’re using (not that it matters!) and some use the modern ‘you’ form while others default to the older ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ form.

I used to think that ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ were a very formal way to address God, but more recently I’ve realised that I got it the wrong way round. In fact ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ were a more intimate way to address Jesus and God.

Many European languages have two words for the second person pronoun, whilst modern English has just the one. Having two words enables speakers to distinguish between ‘you’ plural and ‘you’ singular, and also to make a distinction between formality or detachment, on the one side, and informality, even intimacy, on the other. In languages such as French, German and Spanish, a student speaking to their teacher might use the formal option (in French = ‘vous’), whereas, when speaking to a friend, they might use the informal (in French = ‘tu’).

This used to be the case in English, up to about Shakespeare’s time: ‘you’ was invariably used for the plural and ‘thou’ for the singular. ‘You’ also denoted formality and respect, whilst ‘thou’ was informal and intimate. There are some modern exceptions in places such as Yorkshire and Lancashire where local dialect still uses ‘thee’ and ‘thou’, but generally the informal pronoun has died out in modern English, except in a phrase such as ‘holier than thou’.

‘Thee’ and ‘thou’ were still used by Shakespeare to denote intimacy and friendship. Indeed there’s a passage in ‘The Tempest’ when Caliban, addressing Prospero, fondly remembers how ‘then I loved **thee**’, but then quickly expresses his anger at how things have changed between them: ‘here **you** sty [imprison] me’. In just a few lines, their relationship is downgraded from ‘thee’ to ‘you’.

Occasionally, in foreign language films, for instance on ‘Walter Presents’ on Channel 4, you might notice a similar shift in the opposite direction from a formal to informal pronoun. English sub-titles are not very good at conveying this. In French someone might ask ‘On peut se tutoyer?’ to check out whether it’s appropriate to start addressing each other using the ‘tu’ (informal) pronoun.

It’s an important question, as switching to ‘tu’ too early or uninvited in a relationship could be awkward and potentially offend someone. Whilst, using ‘vous’ for too long could sound stuffy, unduly formal and unfriendly.

I notice that the Lord's Prayer in French uses the informal pronoun: 'Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que **ton** nom soit sanctifié, Que **ton** règne vienne, Que **ta** volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel...'. Sadly, 'thee' and 'thou' don't have the same intimacy nowadays in English.

Except when we were stationed in North Lancashire and would hear the prayers of Local Preachers, often farmers, in the circuit. I have seldom heard such warmly personal prayers, all using 'thee' and 'thou' and expressing their sense of intimate closeness to God.

So, my attitude to 'thee' and 'thou' at church has come full circle. I'm not proposing that we re-introduce what's now an archaic personal pronoun, though maybe you might try out the Lord's Prayer in French once in a while? Thanks to Jesus, you don't need to ask God whether you can 'se tutoyer' !

Philip Richter

Worship

As we approach the end of the Methodist Church year there are a number of services planned to which I hope you can make a special effort to attend. As mentioned in the last newsletter on 12th July we will again welcome the Wesley Pilgrimage from the United States. We look forward to Paul Chilcott preaching the sermon. Then on July 19th our morning All Age service will be led by Captain Davison from the Salvation Army and at 6pm John Pipet will lead an IONA style service. To complete July Revd Mark will lead our annual Action for Children Service on the 26th. That evening there will be a Circuit Farewell Service for Revd Denise at Bell Street Shaftesbury. If you would like to attend but cannot easily get there, please speak to me and I am sure something can be arranged. In August the All Age service on 16th led by Fi Waddingham will mark the end of the Holiday Club week. Do come along to see and hear about the activities that took place during the week.

The next worship article will be for the start of the next plan in September. Before then we will be holding our next Worship Consultation on 14th July at 7:30 p.m. as I have said before this is an open meeting to which you are all invited. If you cannot come but have something you wish us to discuss, please mail me using worship@salisburymethodist.org.uk. We will also be thinking about the evening service on the next plan. If you have ideas for a particular style of worship, please let me know. Best Wishes for a warm, but not too hot summer, and if you are on holiday I hope that you have a good time.

God Bless

Jim Gillings Worship Team leader.



International bring and share Lunch

Sunday 5th July 12.30-3pm
Salisbury Methodist Church

Please bring a favourite dish from any country if you wish.
Sign up for attendance and food contributions in North
corridor. National dress encouraged but not obligatory!

See Angela Maunder or Monica Gillings for more info

Fairtrade Shop



As you may be aware, we are sponsoring a tea project in Kenya this year, through Transform Trade (formerly the charitable arm of Traidcraft). The Methodist Recorder of June 5 (in rack in Welcome Area) has a full page *Look at Fairtrade*. In it they mention about tea consignment from Kenya being delayed in Mombasa warehouses because of the Iran war leaving farmers without payment. Overall, however, they report that sales of Fairtrade tea have risen over the past year. Every extra cup of Fairtrade tea enjoyed in the UK (and that includes in the hall after worship here on Sunday mornings) benefits tea growers who work hard but struggle to make ends meet. To quote from the article again: *For anyone who hasn't yet made the switch to Fairtrade tea, we urge you so to do. The more tea growers can sell on Fairtrade terms the more they can invest in training, strengthen their incomes and build resilience to climate change, one of the biggest challenges facing the sector.* Sarah Sirengo who comes from that part of Kenya can tell you more.

The Kenyan teas we stock, both bags and loose, are popular, with the Breakfast teabags from Transform Trade having won a Great Taste award.

We have welcomed Paul and Lynda to the shop team and thank them for their willing help and support. Takings over the last three and a half weeks have totalled approximately £430, plus £335.10 from the May Cathedral Stall.

Barbara Hickman and Monica Gillings

CROWE HILL RETREAT
Exploring Prayer

An invitation to pause, reflect and deepen our connection with God

- What is prayer?
- Expanding our ideas about how to pray
- Becoming aware of what styles are more helpful to us as individuals
- Tapping into ancient and modern methods of praying

Led by
Rev. Sue Baker-Maher

An informal morning exploring prayer in the beautiful surrounds of Crowe Hill Methodist Church – *the church in the forest*

Wednesday 8th July
9.30 for a 10am start till 12.30
Cost £10
Booking required – email crowehill@gmail.com

Crowe Hill Methodist Church
Crow Hill BH24 3DQ
A place to belong, believe and become

WILTSHIRE FAITH COMMUNITIES NETWORK RELAUNCH

Friday 24 July 2026
10.00am – 12.45pm
Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE

Help us renew and relaunch this network, as we recommit to a partnership of social action, embracing all that the county's faith communities offer

MORE INFO >>> karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

Venue:

£3 PER MORNING 10AM - 1PM

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HOLIDAY CLUB
10TH -14TH AUGUST 2026



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**What do we find in our churches and why?
How does God equip us to live life fully?
Come and explore these questions through
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