



Peasedown St John Methodist Church

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Sunday 23rd January

10:30am Morning Worship led by Kathy Dymond
and The Harbour

Sunday 30th January

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev David Winstanley
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Same-Sex Marriage – Church Council Decision

Following the decision of the Methodist Conference to allow individual churches to decide whether or not to allow same-sex marriages in their buildings, the Church Council at Peasedown St John considered three possible ways forward:

1. to have a vote 'yes' or 'no' on the matter,
2. deregulate the church for marriages altogether
3. choose not to alter the marriage registration status of the church as it presently stands.

The Church Council felt that a yes/no vote could lead to division within the church and the pastoral ramifications of such division. Deregulating the building for marriages is not simple and did not offer a viable way forward. At the Church Council meeting on the 18th January, and following a series of meetings and lengthy debate, it was decided to keep the marriage registration as it is, which is that we are only registered to conduct marriages between one man and one woman.

I would ask you all to continue to follow Jesus' command to us to love one-another.

Rev David Winstanley

Strictly Questions is back – Saturday 5th February, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Have you ever been to church and wished you could stop the preacher and say 'I don't agree with that'?

Do you have thoughts about faith and church that you'd like to discuss?

Are you interested in sharing your thoughts and listening to others?

Then why not come along to Strictly Questions on Saturday 5th February, from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Church Recycling

The recycling (green boxes and blue bag) is no longer being collected from the church. If you run a group, meeting or event at the church, then please could you take any recycling home with you. Thank you!

Big Bath Sleepout for Julian House – Friday 4th March

On 4th March Julian House will be hosting their annual Big Bath Sleepout to help raise vital funds and awareness for people forced to sleep-out every night. This year there will be the option to join the Julian House team and hundreds of other people at Alice Park in Bath for the night or to sleep out at home in your garden, balcony or kitchen floor. For further details and to register, please visit <http://www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk/>

Outreach Worker at Midsomer Norton Methodist Church

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church are looking for an enthusiastic and approachable Outreach Worker to work with people of all ages and circumstances. The post is for 17 hours per week for 2.3 years (Flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends). For an application pack or informal chat, please contact Rev Stephen Robinson via email msnminister@btinternet.com or 01761 402755. Closing Date for applications is 31st January 2022.

Green Tip of the Week – Meat-free Mondays and more!

We don't all need to be veggies, and we don't need to be vegan either, but meat (particularly beef and lamb) will be the most carbon intensive bits of what most of us eat. So, picking just one day each week to eat a plant-based meal is going to help the environment. Of course, two, three or more days would be even better!

A prayer for Tonga

The President and Vice President of the Methodist Church have expressed their concern over the situation in Tonga caused by a volcanic eruption on Saturday and subsequent tsunami. They ask the Methodist people to pray for those affected.

Loving God, we stand in awe at the power of creation seen in volcano and tsunami, recognising the smallness and weakness of our own existence. Yet you tell us that each person is special and important to you, and in that confidence we hold before you the people of Tonga as they deal with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption.

We pray also for the peace of your presence for all those around the world waiting for news of family and friends, wanting to believe that the reports so far of little damage and no loss of life are true, but fearful of different news when the situation becomes clear.

We give thanks for the moves within the Pacific and the wider international community to provide support for Tonga, and pray that there will soon be opportunity to allow appropriate relief to be channelled quickly, especially the provision of clean drinking water. And although now everything is dismal and grey from volcanic ash, may the people of Tonga be able to hold on to the hope of the return of colour and joy to their land.

Sheila Norris - Acting Partnership Co-ordinator for Asia-Pacific

Diary Dates

Sunday 23rd January 10:30 Morning Worship led by Kathy Dymond 10:30 The Harbour	Sunday 30th January 10:30 Sunday Worship led by Rev David Winstanley 10:30 The Harbour
Monday 24th January 19:30 Monday Night House Group @ 27 Underknoll	Monday 31st January 19:30 Monday Night House Group @ 27 Underknoll
Tuesday 25th January No events	Tuesday 1st February No events
Wednesday 26th January 10:00 Seeds Baby & Toddler Group 19:00 Alpha @ The Meeting Place	Wednesday 2nd February 10:00 Seeds Baby & Toddler Group 19:00 Alpha @ The Meeting Place
Thursday 27th January 11:00 Meet the Neighbours 18:00 Lighthouse	Thursday 3rd February 11:00 Meet the Neighbours 14:00 Thursday Bible Study @ Church 18:00 Lighthouse
Friday 28th January 10:30 Prayer Walk 12:00 Foodbank	Friday 4th February 10:30 Prayer Walk 12:00 Foodbank
Saturday 29th January No events	Saturday 5th February 19:00 Strictly Questions

Next Services

Date	23 rd Jan, 10:30am	30 th Jan, 10:30am	6 th Feb, 10:30am	13 th Feb, 10:30am
Notes			All Age Worship	
Preacher	Kathy Dymond	Rev David Winstanley	Rev David Winstanley	Steve Beck
Harbour	Jill Souter	Julie Winstanley		Karen Smith
Steward	Niki de Silva/Linda Day	Karen Smith	Clare Midgley	Ali Williams
Tech	Ali Wright & Thomas Scott	Nick Martin & Ian Sims	Nick Martin & Ian Sims	Nick Martin & Ali Wright
Keyboard	Ruth Reeve	Ruth Reeve	Ruth Reeve	Ruth Reeve
Worship Songs	Francis Day	Jim Midgley	Richard Parry	Andrew Day
Flowers	Jill Souter	Pam Turner	Anne Brown	Karen Smith
Welcomers	Linda Day & Val Humphreys	Fliss Taylor & Heather Solly	Derek Button & Elaine Hillier	Pat Skibinsky & Linda Day
Counters	Linda Day & Francis Day	Ian Sims & Clare Midgley	Marilyn Martin & Lucy Day	Anna Sims & Ian Souter

Next Notices

Please let Nick have anything for the next notices by **Thursday 3rd February**.