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**THE LINK**

## **Our Church Mission Statement**

**Fore Street Methodist Church seeks to worship God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and share God's love with all.**

### **Worship**

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

### **Learning and Caring**

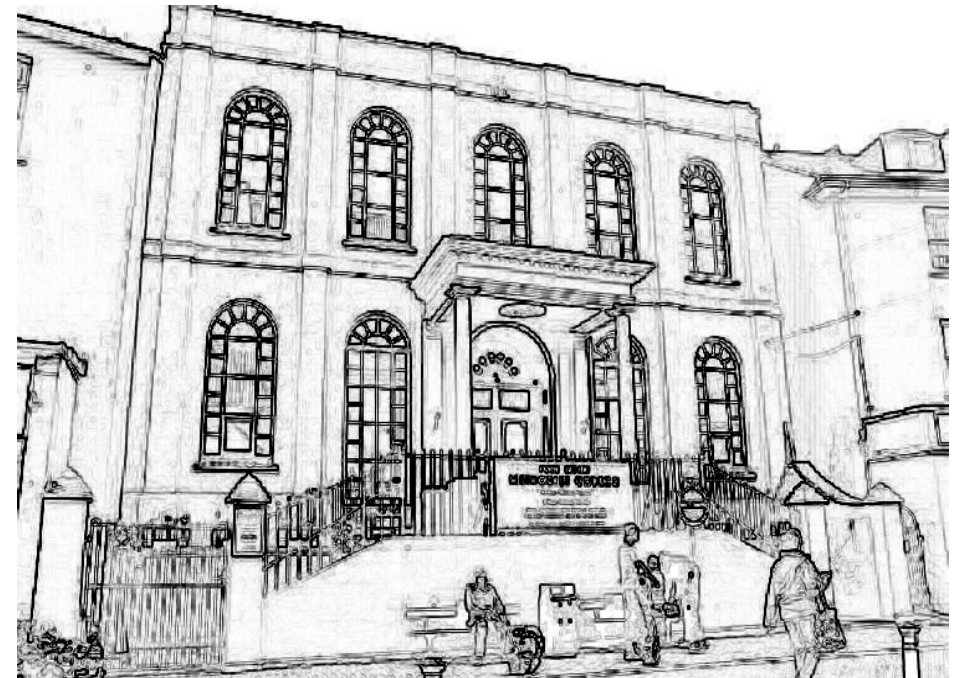
The Church exists to help people to learn and grow as Christians through mutual support, care and teaching.

### **Service**

The Church exists to be good neighbours to people in need, to challenge injustice and care for God's world.

### **Evangelism**

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.



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### PLEASE REMEMBER

**The submission date for the Summer edition of the Link is 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Articles can be:

- put in the red box in the Church entrance
- sent by post to 17 North Boundary Road, Brixham, TQ5 8LH
- sent by email to 54aklucas@gmail.com

It would be useful if you could provide a contact telephone number or email address in case I have any queries.

All articles submitted by email will be acknowledged asap. If you do not get a response, please contact me so that I can rectify any problems.

Many thanks

*Angela Lucas*



It costs 50p to produce this magazine but it is FREE to you.

If, however you wish to contribute to its production it would be very much appreciated.

## The Lectionary - June 2026

The Bible Readings are from the Torbay Circuit Plan and the Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays. Whilst not all preachers will use the lectionary, you might like to use these readings week by week for personal Bible Study and reflection.

7th June	Genesis 12 v1-9, Psalm 33 v1-12, Romans 4 v13-25 Matthew 9 v9-13 & 18-26
	1 Samuel 18 v1-16, Psalm 41 Luke 8 v41-56
14th June	Genesis 18 v1-15(21 v1-7), Psalm 116 v1-2 & 12-19, Romans 5 v1-8, Matthew 9 v35-10 v8 (9-23)
	1 Samuel 21 v1-15, Psalm 43 Luke 11 v14-28
21st June	Genesis 21 v8-21, Psalm 13, Romans 6 v1b-11 Matthew 10 v24-39
	1 Samuel 24 v1-17, Psalm 46 Luke 14 v12-24
28th June	Genesis 22 v1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6 v12-23 Matthew 10 v40-42
	1 Samuel 28 v3-19, Psalm 50 v1-15 (16-23) Luke 17 v20-37

## Message from the Minister

My missive for the last Link was written on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Now, I write a few weeks after Easter. I wonder how quickly we have returned to our usual routine? Locally we have welcomed pirates (how many Jack Sparrows did you count?); the football season is drawing to a close (come on Arsenal); a Bank Holiday has come and gone...I confess that I have fallen back into the usual business of life and routine. Perhaps, I need a Resurrection reboot and reset.

So, here is a gentle reminder that we always live post Easter. And, that it is very, very important. Indeed, here is what St Paul says this is 1 Corinthians 15:

'Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.'

Did you notice that St Paul speaks of the resurrection as of 'first importance. First Importance. It makes me wonder what is of first importance in my life? What is of first importance in yours? St Paul is clear that everything hangs on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you have a few minutes, I invite you to grab your bible and read 1 Corinthians 15. St Paul reminds us that the resurrection gives us purpose, hope, life now, and a future with God eternally in heaven with an incorruptible body.

So, I offer a few thoughts: If the resurrection is true (and it is), how should that change my priorities this week? How can the hope of a resurrected, incorruptible body help us deal with physical pain or grief? In what ways can I 'increase in the work of the Lord' knowing it has eternal significance?

And, as Mr Wesley put it; 'the best is that God is with us.'

*Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald*

## Church Family News



We are very sorry to hear that Phil Berrett has died. Phil was a faithful worshipper here at Fore Street and he will be missed by us all. He was always full of fun and during the last few months of his life, he had to endure great hardship but even so he always tried to make the best of the situation. We are very glad to have known him and we send our thoughts and prayers to his partner, Anne and also to David Finch who was his firm friend throughout. We also send best wishes to David as he continues life in Torquay although we hope to see him back with us on a Sunday whenever he is able to do so.

June means Summer Lunchtime Concerts in the Church so please book the 3rd, 10th and 17th June. Coffee from 12noon and each concert begins at 12:30 pm. There's no better way to enjoy a little touch of Summer than by relaxing with friends for an hour, enjoying music and also giving to charity. Please come and support the artistes. Look out for more info!

Thoughts, prayers and good wishes go to us all from us all as we continue to be Easter people in the place where God has put us!



Help please!!

Among some old papers, I have come across an old green book mark with the following list of names on it, but no indication just what occasion or event it refers to!! Any ideas??

HELEN, IAN, JANE, CHARLENE, SUSAN, DERMOT, ROSEMARY, ROY, VIVIEN, SUSAN QUICK, IRENE READ

My apologies for wrong spelling!! I can make a guess at some of them - the first 3 for instance, - but some others don't seem to fit and several are apparently older than I would expect!!

*Helen Barrett*

## CHURCH DIARY

- Mondays 10:00-11:30 (term time only) Busy Bees
- Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 Watercolour Group in Room 1
- Tuesdays 17:30 (term time only) Rainbows
- Usually every last Tuesday 13:00 -15:00 Carers Coffee Afternoon
- Every Wednesday 10:00 -12:00 - Church Coffee Morning
- Every Wednesday 11:00 - Prayer Service in Church
- Every third Thursday 8:30 Bible Breakfast at Caroline's Kitchen
- Every Friday 10:30 (term time only) Friday Fellowship
- Every 3rd Sunday 17:00 Coffee, Cake & Conversation in the CCC

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Sat 6th	10:00	Girls Rugby Club Coffee Morning
Sun 7th	08:30	Morning Worship
	10:30	Holy Communion - Rev Tony Broad
Tues 9th	13:00	Carers Coffee Afternoon
Sun 14th	10:30	Morning Worship - Rev Jerry Cook
Thurs 18th	08:30	Bible Breakfast at Caroline's Kitchen, Churston
Sun 21st	10:30	Morning Worship - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald
	17:00	Coffee, Cake & Conversation in the CCC
Sat 27th	10:00	Cats Protection Coffee Morning
Sun 28th	10:30	Morning Worship
Tues 30th	13:00	Carers Coffee Afternoon



**Please Note:** There are vacancies for Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you are interested please contact Dawn Mortimer by email: [mortimerds@aol.com](mailto:mortimerds@aol.com)

The leaders were subsequently removed from their positions in the Wesleyan church but continued as before with Camp Meetings. Bourne and Clowes were poor labourers who appealed to the working classes to whom they preached, and as a result of this they were also instrumental in the formation of Trade Unions. In 1932 the Primitive Methodists and other offshoots reunited with the main Wesleyan Methodists.

This Biddulph plate has intrigued me for some time and I have often wondered how it found its way 200 miles south to Brixham 100 years after production. Does anyone know?

*Barry Cornes*

### **A Prayer for Brixham**

Dear Lord,

We thank you that we can bring our requests to you. This month we ask for your blessing on local businesses, especially any of those that are struggling, or worrying about costs, closing down, staffing problems, their premises.

Dear Lord, be near them.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

contributed by *May*

### **Prayer Handbooks 2026/27**

It will soon be time to order the Prayer Handbooks for September 2016 to 2017.

Please let me know if you wish to renew your Handbook, or not, or if you would like to start taking it. If you want to know what the Handbook looks like there is a copy on the table in the Prayer Corner in church. Last year the Handbooks cost £4.50 each.

Thanks.

*Helen Barrett*



**We believe in life before death.**

We have had a wonderful start to Christian Aid Week in the Christian Community Centre. We had our Coffee morning followed by a delicious lunch of home cooked ham and a huge variety of salads followed by desserts to die for!

We had very successful cake sale and our gardens will be looking good and producing well after our plant sale.

Many, many thanks to all who helped to make it a marvellous morning with their generous donations and giving. We raised an amazing £835.68!

The results of all our activities will be in the July Link. Praying comes first with us. We have had special Sunday services in the Baptist Church and St. Mary's and there are more to come ending with The Christian Community Centre which is at the heart of Christian Aid Week.

And the acting and giving carries on. Our next big occasion is our annual garden party in Roger and Lindsey's beautiful garden on Saturday 13th June 2-4pm.

*Marie, Lindsey & Mary*

Lord you have promised to hear us when we call on you,

Bless those who are battling hunger and hardship.

Open our eyes to the challenges our global neighbours face each day.

*Amen*

## The Primitive Methodist Connection

Immediately to the left as you enter the Community Centre is a display cabinet containing among other items a plate commemorating the formation of Biddulph Male Voice Choir in 1922. It is still a very successful choir and celebrated its centenary four years ago. In addition to the inscription the plate displays two other pictures; the Staffordshire knot, the county's emblem, and in the centre of the plate, what looks like a ruined tower. This landmark is known as Mow Cop castle (Mow rhymes with cow). It is actually a folly erected in 1754 by a wealthy land owner Randle Wilbraham, when such buildings were seen as a status symbol. It stands just outside the town of Biddulph, 1100 feet above sea level on a spur of the southern Pennines with extensive views west to Merseyside. It is now managed by the National Trust.

Of interest to Methodists is the fact that Mow Cop is regarded as the birthplace of the Primitive Methodists movement. Hugh Bourne (1772 – 1852) a farmer, wanted to revive the open air preaching of John Wesley and he based his revival on the Camp Meetings he read about that were taking place in the USA. These American Camp Meetings sometimes continued for many days and nights under lights, where preachers followed one another in an attempt to convert people to Christ. Bourne was assisted in his venture by his brother James and their friend William Clowes, a potter. Travelling on foot they preached the gospel widely in the local area and gained many converts. Some meetings took place in the houses of converts but soon their numbers had increased to such an extent that they were obliged to have open air meetings. Their first Camp Meeting took place at Mow Cop on 31st May 1807 and this has been regarded as the birth of the Primitive Methodist Movement. In time they spread to other parts of the country and also abroad.

Despite their success, all was not well; in July 1807 the Methodist Conference described the Camp Meetings as 'highly improper' and 'likely to be productive of considerable mischief'.

## CHURCH GIFT DAY 2026

We are again combining Church Gift Day this year with the Church Anniversary. So, on Saturday the 4th July we will be holding a coffee morning from 10.00 until 12.00 in the Christian Community Centre when the Church Treasurer will be in attendance to receive any gifts and try to break his record to see how many cups of coffee he can drink in 2 hours. This year, due to their popularity we will again have toasted teacakes available!



Although we currently have a fund raising scheme to replace the Church boiler, the Gift Day remains a very important part of our normal Church income which helps the Treasurer to pay the mountain of bills that arrive every week covering everything from repairs to the dishwasher to the purchase of communion wine.



Then on Sunday we will have our Church Anniversary Service, at 10.30 am in the church, preceded by Breakfast Praise at 8.30am. The 10.30 service will be led by Deacon Ruth Richey, who is the Mission Lead for the Northern part of our new District (The South West Peninsula District)

**Come along and bring your friends.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

*David Taylor*