

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

These events take place at Bishoppool Church unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday and Friday. 9 am to 12 Noon. Working Party

Please can you come along occasionally to help tidy up, clean, or decorate around the church and grounds? All offers of help gratefully received!

Tuesday 4 pm. Bishoppool Methodist Church Community Choir. Whether or not you can read music or think you can sing, there will be a welcome for you! They meet most Tuesdays, but please call Ellen on Npt. 275654 to make sure.

Wednesday 7:30 pm. House Groups. Would you like to meet with others for fellowship, bible study, prayer and support in a relaxed environment? Groups meet fortnightly on a Wednesday. Please speak with a Steward or with Rev. Andy and we will put you in touch with group.

Wednesday 1:30pm to 3:15 pm. Tots & Toys.

A safe space! A fun place! Come and share with other parents and carers in a supportive environment, and always with a cup of tea!

Wednesdays 16th June and 7th July "Space for Prayer" 9:15 – 9:45 am.

Space to listen to music and to listen to God, light a candle and share your prayers through words and in silence. Church open from 9 am.

Friday Shell Club. 6:30 pm. Our young people's group with craft, tuck, games and fun with gentle spiritual input for those in Year 2 to Year 6. There is currently a waiting list for new members.

Friday 003 Club. 8:15 pm Our group for older young people has been given a new lease of life with some enthusiastic new members! We meet most weeks on Friday evenings at 8:15 pm – 9:45 pm during term time for a varied programme of activities.

PASTORAL & PRAYER Requests for prayer may be passed to Rev Andy or Stewards and may be written in the Prayer Book at church.

Please let us know how we can serve you.

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Dear friends, a warm welcome to our newsletter keeping you in touch with the life of our church. Inside you can see a report of all the money that you have raised in the past year or so for many charitable causes and church projects. Thank you!

More events are planned, and the first of these is a **Barbecue** hosted by Ivy Jones on Saturday 12th June. Following our successful Shell Club event, the "grown ups" will get their own version of '**Bishoppool's Got Talent**' in the Autumn!

Not so encouraging was the news of a council official who responded to an enquiry about church involvement in the forthcoming Ryder Cup by saying, '**but there aren't many Christians in Newport**'!

Is that the misguided opinion of one official, or is that because churches fail to work together in getting their message across? Or are we just not very good at explaining to people what it is we stand for? **What does following Jesus mean to you?**



For me following Jesus is about identifying with the cross; confessing my sin, receiving forgiveness, living in hope, and bringing light into the world by aiming to be a servant of others.

I do not get it right always, but this is my foundation for life.

Let us not shy away from sharing Jesus and our reason for being, that people in Newport may know that there are indeed many Christians in our City!

I hope to see you soon, and may God bless you. **Rev Andy.**

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Church Services on Sunday

Date	10:30 am at Bishopool	Steward's Team	Flowers	6 pm at Langstone	6 pm at Shaftesbury
Sun 6 th June	Mrs Pam Smith	Penny's Team	Mrs Dorothy Ravenhill & Mrs Ellen Routley	Rev Joe Rooney	No Service
Sun 13 th June	Mrs Hayley Fisher	Alf's Team	Mrs Pattie Cox	Rev Joe Rooney (S)	No Service
Sun 20 th June	Rev Andy Walker (S)	Ivy's Team	Mrs Ann Waldron	Rev Joe Rooney	Rev Andy Walker (S)
Sun 27 th June	Rev Andy Walker & Baptism at 12 pm	Penny's Team	Mrs Joy Archer & Mrs Sue George	Rev Joe Rooney	No Service
Sun 4 th July	Mrs Yvonne Oakes	Alf's Team	Mrs Ivy Jones	Rev Joe Rooney	No Service

Have you seen our Annual Report? It gives a good overview of church life and is food for thought as we look to go forward in mission and service in the coming years. Thank you to all those who worked hard producing their individual reports.

Please also come along to the re-scheduled **General Church Meeting** which will take place after worship on June 20th. We do not plan to 'read out' all the reports, but to summarise where we are and to agree on the objectives for the coming year.

DIARY

Saturday 12th June. Fundraising Barbecue hosted by Ivy Jones. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you wish to come along.

Space for Prayer Will take place on Wednesdays **16th June** and **7th July** (as originally advertised), from 9:15 am.

Saturday 26th June – Coach Trip to Longleat There may be some places still available for this full day excursion organised by Shaftesbury Methodist Church. If you wish to come please contact Fran Williams a.s.a.p. on Npt664304.

Monthly Communion at 11:30 am : Tuesday 15th June, Tuesday 13th July (revised date). It will also take place on Tuesday 17th August, to be led by Rev. Richard Gillion. Please support Rev. Richard on this day if you can. Thank you.

General Church Meeting – Review of Church Life. The reports have now been made available. The re-scheduled meeting will take place at 11:45 am on **Sunday 20th June.** Please do come along. Thank you.

Tuesday 6th July. Bishopool Church Council. 7 pm. at Church.

Thursday 8th July. Evening Meal out for all Youth & Children's Workers and volunteers (Sunday School, Shell & 003). Please keep the date free.

July 2010. Rev Andy & family will have their last morning service at Bishopool on Sunday 11th July. This will be our opportunity as Bishopool to share our last morning service with them. The following week, **Sunday 18th July, at 4:30 pm at Bishopool**, there will be a Circuit Farewell Service for Rev. Andy and Family.

The Welcome Service for Rev. Anne Ellis will take place at Shaftesbury on **Thursday 26th August at 7:30 pm.** (Not 7 pm as previously stated)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Until you start writing it all down, you don't realise how generous you have been with different appeals over the past year or so. In the midst of a recession this is a great achievement so thank you all very much!

Samaritans Purse	50.00
MRDF	142.06
Action for children	78.66
Batanai Bambanani (Gutu)	500.00
World Mission Fund (Haiti)	327.00
LWPT	10.00
Fresh eggs (Tom Steer)	150.00
Fund for world Mission	91.05

Christian Aid	231.50
Jo Homan Boys	190.00
Car Treasure Hunt	40.00
Christmas Fayre	300.00
Carol Service	120.00
Webb Ivory	115.00
Maundy Thursday	156.80
TOTAL	2502.07

Pennies for Haiti through St. Gabriel's school raised a total of **£129.30.** Many thanks to all of you who contributed, from Ben, Joseph and Joshua Walker.