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From the Manse

"Bird by Bird": The author Anne Lamott describes an occasion from childhood when she heard this advice given to her brother as he struggled with a school project. Asked to learn and describe the distinguishing features of each bird on a long list, the task seemed too daunting. Her father's guidance to her brother was that the task be reduced into smaller, more manageable chunks, focusing on one at a time.

Since moving to Scilly, I've thought a lot about Anne Lamott's story. Growing up in a rural inland setting, I'm aware of how few seabirds I can identify and how overwhelming the task seems of expanding my sparse knowledge. A "bird by bird" approach might offer some hope. As a general principle too, the wisdom of the story seems applicable to most current issues.

I reckon if birdwatching was a hobby in ancient times, then the prophet Jeremiah would have been in the club. In the writings attributed to his name, there are several references to lessons learned from the birds. I like to imagine Jeremiah in awe as he watches the swallows dart and skim the skies. Calling attention to the way that swallows return from afar, Jeremiah expresses his deep longing for the human response to God to be as faithful.

The writer of Psalm 84 seems to have been a bird enthusiast too. Not only do swallows get a mention; so also do sparrows. Less spectacular, far more ordinary in appearance, sparrows once represented the commonplace. I remember a Sunday School song about the "hundreds and thousands and millions of sparrows". True in Scripture times, but the decline in the sparrow population across the UK means these words might no longer hold the same power. The song comes from words recorded in the Gospels where Jesus teaches about the immense worth of each human life. I wonder what images, words and actions we might use today to convey that Gospel truth? Psalm 84 celebrates that in the presence of God, birds as wildly different as swallows and sparrows are welcomed and can find refuge, living alongside each other, equally valued. It's a picture of divine acceptance and grace.

With the busy season on Scilly now well underway there are examples throughout the community of hospitality and welcome. For our churches too, it's a joy and privilege to welcome holidaymakers and visitors to share with us in worship, friendship

and faith. Our prayer is that all who come to these beautiful islands will find enrichment and blessing here. Details of events and worship services are printed elsewhere in this edition of the magazine. If you're on the islands, please check the local chapel notice boards for up-to-date information. Wherever you are reading this copy of the InTouch, whatever your link with Scilly, we value greatly your interest and your prayers.

Grace and peace be with you.

Carole

News from St Martin's

My Mum says 'March winds, April showers, followed by May flowers.' I'm not sure this is true anymore with the seasons becoming less predictable as global warming accelerates. However, our weather has certainly warmed up with bud burst everywhere, and I particularly love to see the swallows return and begin nest building. As it has been so dry the RSPB suggest we provide damp mud that the birds can use.

We can certainly marvel at God's wonderful creations.

Now that days are longer we are able to use St Mary's boating again and we have moved to Sunday morning or evening services, giving us more flexibility.

We have also welcomed our first visitors, swelling our congregation, and it is always good to share worship with our friends from church.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of Geoff Snowball's passing on 6th April. When at his home at High Barn on St Martins he often joined us in Chapel, and was very much part of our community, always willing to lend a hand. He was a very good friend to Keith Low and loved to go fishing with him and more recently with Steve Walder.

We send his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Our Photo Exhibition in the Sunday school was in much need of refurbishment. and we are slowly upgrading what is a pictorial history of St Martin's .

We wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable summer season.

Val Thomas

Safeguarding Training

Completion of regular Safeguarding Training is a requirement for anyone who holds office in the Methodist Church.

Safeguarding training aims to guide us in best practice and help us to be more aware of what is and what isn't acceptable in terms of the language we use, the attitudes we convey and the way that we plan and carry out all Methodist Church activities.

The Methodist Church has directed that specific office holders (safeguarding officers, ministers, preachers and leaders of worship) must complete the current version of Safeguarding training before the end of August 2022.

Safeguarding training is also a requirement for those working or helping with children and vulnerable adults, as well as for stewards (Circuit and church) and those who make visits to others in the name of the Methodist Church. The training is recommended too for anyone who might find themselves working alone on Church premises, helping us understand how we can keep ourselves protected from the risk of allegation

We've arranged for all the necessary training to be presented locally on St Mary's on **Thursday 9th June**. Timings will probably be 10.30-2.30ish. Dave Cross, the District Safeguarding Officer will lead this session, together with his colleague Bridget Down. Having Dave and Bridget with us will allow us to ensure that the content of the training is tailored to our local contexts.

For those who wish or need to complete the training in a different way, there is an online e-learning option. This can be done at an individual pace and involves about 6 hours online plus a Zoom session. If you're interested in training this way, please let us know so we can let you know how to get started.

Please ask one of us if you've any queries about Safeguarding.

Barbara James (Circuit Safeguarding Officer) & Revd Carole Holmes

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Author unknown

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*Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with  
great love. Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

## **Exploring the Big Questions Scientists and theologians share their views**

It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that 'science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer...questions like, 'Why am I here?'

Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. 'I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work...It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him.'

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that 'studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made...and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore.'

I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. 'Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing when one thinks that you're studying the works of God.' Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about science and faith will also be richer and deeper.

*Dr Ruth M Bancewicz*

## **Spirit of God**

(Gen 1:2, 2 Tim 3:16, Mk 1:8, Acts 2)

Dancing with the Father  
And the Son  
In beginning the beginning,  
You were there  
Spirit of God,  
Breath of life,  
Creator.

Revealing words and wisdom  
To prophets and apostles,  
To scribes and editors,  
You were there  
In discernment,  
Spirit of God,  
Inspirer.

Filling with life and power,  
With truth and courage,  
Overwhelming with love and praise,  
You were there  
At Pentecost,  
Spirit of God,

Enabler.  
Longing to come,  
To dance, to reveal,  
To fill, to overwhelm,  
To create and inspire and enable,  
Spirit of God,  
You are here

In fullness.  
Baptise us.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## St Columba's Prayer

*I recently watched the latest series of 'The Pilgrimage' on TV in which a group of well-known people followed the route of St Columba as he travelled from Ireland to Scotland spreading the Gospel. The group consisted of several faiths and none and I was impressed by how respectful they were of each other's beliefs. The journey ended on Iona where St Columba founded a monastery. Anne*

*Christ with us  
My dearest Lord  
Be Thou a bright flame before me  
Be Thou a guiding star above me  
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me  
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me  
Today and evermore.*

This beautiful prayer is ascribed to St Columba who with a dozen companions settled on Iona in the year 563. There, he established a monastic settlement of the Celtic Church and his monks converted the Picts who lived in the north and east to Christianity.

In 597 Columba died on Iona and during the following centuries the religious buildings were destroyed. But the island remained a holy place to many, a place of pilgrimage and the burial place of Scottish, Norwegian and Irish kings.

In 1899 ruined Iona Abbey was presented to the Church of Scotland and it was gradually rebuilt. Then in 1938 inspired by the spirit and faith of the saint the Iona Community was founded.

Today Iona is both a place of pilgrimage and retreat, an island where St Columba's prayer is echoed by many from all over the world.

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Obvious

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

The spaces between

Most of us have been in situations where we are not in control, and we don't know how to feel or how to react to our situation. We need help.

The most valuable gift you can have at those times – is time itself. Time to be 'listened to'. Really listened to. But it is not easy to find someone who will 'actively listen' to you.

Think of the last time you were in the reverse position with a friend or a colleague, and they were talking to you. How easily do you recall what they actually said? Most of us are so busy getting our replies ready for when the person has finished speaking, that we don't clearly hear their punch line.

With God it is different. We can take everything to Him; all our worries and cares and failures and faults. And He listens.

He doesn't necessarily jump in with an instant, easy solution, but rather He promises to always guide us, if we ask Him, through life's challenges, and He promises to never leave us. He often speaks to us through his written word, the Bible.

These last two years, when many of us have been communicating with others by phone or Zoom, we get nervous if it all goes quiet. We feel the need to 'nudge' the other person, to make sure they are still there. Silence is not a natural state for many of us – and yet it is in the quiet we can hear ourselves and God most clearly.

So, when we talk with God, our conversation should not be rushed and one-sided. We need to give space to our silence before Him, to wait and listen for Him to speak to us.

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### **Cry baby**

A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. 'He was sent down from Heaven', the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. 'I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!'

## Wake up!

Remember the story of Jacob, and how God met him in a dream when he was sleeping on the desert floor with a rock for his pillow? The story in Genesis 28 says this: 'When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."' I wonder what place you find yourself in today, and if you are aware of God's presence with you there?

It may be a geographical place, the place where you live or work. That may be a beautiful place to be, or it may be a very hard place to be, and you would much prefer to be somewhere else. Either way, God is with you there, for He is everywhere, and there is no place where He is not.

It may be an emotional place, as when we say, 'I'm not in a good place right now'. How are you feeling today - up or down? Again, whatever mood you are in, God is with you for He knows us through and through. Having become human, He understands all our fluctuating emotions. He can comfort us right where we are.

It may be a phase of life that you are passing through, a stage on life's journey or a transition as you move from one situation to another. You may be passing through the valley of grief and loneliness, or anxiously waiting for news of a loved one who is ill. No matter where you are, you are not alone, for God is with you whether you can feel His presence or not.

What is needed is for us to become more aware of God's surrounding presence, to wake up to His closeness as did Jacob.

*Lord, wake me up to your abiding presence, even this day.*

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Holy people have a sense of inner peace. In their presence, it is the God of the still, small voice that one perceives. - *T Harrison*

Knowing God is your single greatest privilege as a Christian. - *Sinclair Ferguson*

The story behind '*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*'

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?*

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn'. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798-1874) anthem Deutschlandslied, which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle,

he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects His people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago He led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, He led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have His very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

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### **Church notices that didn't quite come out right....**

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest.

Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink.

There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

### **Be sticky**

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

## Understanding the Bible

The Bible is a popular book, with five billion copies sold worldwide every year, as well as a uniquely precious book. At her coronation the Queen was given a Bible, *'the most precious thing this world affords'*.

The Bible isn't simply one book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over a period of 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, the Bible claims one author – God Himself!

As the Word of God, it is the primary way by which God speaks to us. *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of men'*) and is a *manual for life*, equipping us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit, who helps us to apply its words to our lives: *'But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth'* John 16:13.

The Bible can also be described as a *love letter* from God, as it deepens our relationship with Him. Jesus said: *'You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life'* (John 5:39,40). Christians follow a person not a book, and the Scriptures are intended to help us to know Jesus better. Like a signpost, the Bible points us to the person of Jesus.

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I haven't been abroad in so long that I almost speak English without an accent. – *Robert Benchley*

I dislike feeling at home when I am abroad. – *George Bernard Shaw*

A Life of Service

As a nation, in April we celebrated the Queen's 96th birthday. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history (70 years compared with Victoria's 63 years). Up until recently she attended church every week and did a full week's work!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: *'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'* (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'* Here are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and inspiration for those of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and commonwealth to *'pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'* Clearly, God has answered those prayers!!

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### ***With Father's Day in mind:***

The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*

Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – *Mozart as a boy*

The family that prays together stays together. – *American proverb*

**Priest Pastor Vicar Minister  
( Points of View)**

If they visit their flock – they are noseys.  
If they don't – they are snobs.

If they preach longer than 10 minutes – it is too long.  
If they preach less than 10 minutes - they can't have prepared their sermon.

If they run a car – they are worldly.  
If they don't – they are always late for appointments.

If they tell a joke – they are flippant.  
If they don't – they are far too serious.

If they start the service on time – their watch must be fast.  
If they are a minute late – they are keeping the congregation waiting.

If they take a holiday – they are never in the parish.  
If they don't – they are stick-in-the-mud.

If they run a gala or bazaar – they are money mad.  
If they don't – there is no social life in the parish.

If they have the church painted and re-decorated – they are extravagant.  
If they don't – the church is shabby.

If they are young – they are inexperienced.  
If they are getting old – they ought to retire.

But .... when they die – there has never been anyone like them.

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

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When I believe, I am no longer a mere man, I am already a son of God. – *Carlo Carretto*

Liability

After a woman sued a fast-food chain because she wasn't warned the coffee was boiling hot, it seems companies are changing their instructions and product warning labels to cover themselves from liability. Here are some of the more ludicrous ones –

Frozen dinner: Suggestion – de-freeze before eating.

Electric iron – Caution – do not iron clothes on body.

Supermarket-brand peanuts – May contain nuts.

On an insect spray – This product is not tested on animals.

On the bottle top of a flavoured milk drink – After opening, keep upright.

On a bar of soap – Directions: use as regular soap.

Bread pudding from well-known supermarket – Product will be hot after heating.

On a blanket made in the far east – Not to be used as protection from a tornado.

On a luxury frozen dessert with defrosting instructions on the underside of the box – Keep upright.

On a string of Christmas lights – for indoor or outdoor use only.

*I can add one to these. Seen on the back of a child's board book – Not suitable for children under 36 months. May contain small parts.
Anne*

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

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## Behold, enfold, hold

The Father who created me  
With eye benign beholdeth me;  
The Son who dearly purchased me  
With eye divine enfoldeth me;  
The Spirit who so altered me  
With eye refining holdeth me;  
In friendliness and love the Three  
Behold me when I bend the knee.

*From an old Celtic prayer*

## ***A Brighter Tomorrow***

There is much we can do just to brighten  
This world of all take and no give  
There's a great deal that we can contribute  
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours  
Or through lending a hand in some way  
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers  
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours  
In the service of those most in need  
It's all about setting a standard  
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others  
And help and aid folks in distress  
It's the care and assistance we offer  
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple  
The rewards plain for all men to see  
'As you did all of this to my brother  
Then' said Christ, 'you did it to Me.'

*By Colin Hammacott*

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Nature is the art of God. *Thomas Browne*

I think that God's works are so beautiful that I am amazed that people
can admire them but deny that they have a Maker.

Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth

Take Time

Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift of all.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

With thanks to Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

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### ***With holidays approaching, some of the following may strike a chord***

Holiday: an all-expense tour

Holiday: something you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight before you appear in a swimsuit, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?

*Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?* (A question for anyone holidaying in the Lake District or Wales.)

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

## Hear our Prayer

O hear our prayer, dear Father  
To us incline Your ear!  
O righteous, loving Father  
Allow us to draw near;  
With heartfelt supplications  
We seek Your loving grace  
With earnest intercessions  
We come to seek Your face.

Your kindness ev'ry morning  
We trust we'll find in prayer  
We lift our hands before You  
We reach out for Your care;  
O teach us, Father, teach us  
Your gentle, loving way,  
For You alone are able  
To guide us every day.

*By Nigel Beeton*

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A young mother writes:

It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon James, my four-year-old kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?' I demanded. 'Why don't you go and play?'

He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the value of being a living example to our young ones.



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

Birthdays

We send our love and best wishes to all those who have a birthday in
June and July.

*Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
God bless you and keep you
Happy Birthday to you.*



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### ***With Pentecost in mind:***

He who does not know God the Holy Spirit cannot know God at all. – *Thomas Arnold*

To the one who remembers the Spirit there is always a way out, even in the wilderness with the devil. – *Herbert Brokering*

The Holy Spirit ... writes His own gospel and He writes it in the hearts of the faithful. – *Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ*

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## **Prayer Requests**

As always, please do feel able to ask Revd. Carole if you would appreciate pastoral contact or the prayers of the Church.



### **St Mary's Methodist Church Services**

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes            |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Jane Willcock            |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes/Beryl Read |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes (S)        |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes            |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes            |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <i>To be confirmed</i>        |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <i>To be confirmed</i>        |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes (S)        |

### **St Martin's Methodist Church Services**

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>11am</b> | Revd Jane Willcock                      |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>11am</b> | Christopher Savill                      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>11am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes (S)                  |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>10am</b> | At the Anglican Church                  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>  | <b>11am</b> | Songs of Praise                         |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>11am</b> | Christopher Savill                      |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>11am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes                      |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>10am</b> | Revd Carole Holmes – at Anglican Church |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b> | <b>10am</b> | At the Anglican Church                  |