



**Skinner Street
United Reformed Church
Poole October 2024**

Guided by the Holy Spirit we aim to show the love of God the Father for everyone by sharing the work of his Son, Jesus Christ, among our neighbours in Poole and the wider world.



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Dear Friends,

Throughout the Bible we are encouraged to work together as Christians for the furthering of God's Kingdom and for the blessing of our community and one another. We find the virtue and consequence of this extolled clearly in Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" And I feel this sums up so much of what has been happening with us at Skinner Street in the past year or so. God delights in unity and in collective fellowship and I think He blesses us greatly when we gather together in His name.

People are gathering together across denominations, age ranges, socio economic backgrounds to pray, to grow the garden and to serve the community around Skinner Street and this is a joy to see. As part of this working together, Poole Missional Communities – the Anglican Bishop's Order and charity that supports and enables Pioneering in this area that I am licensed to, now shares the office with the Church here. As well as sharing the office we have also been hosting training days for Pioneers (those starting church and expressions of God's Kingdom from scratch) as well as gatherings of local Pioneers to support and encourage their ministry using the church hall and Parlour. I have also started a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8.30 am to pray for the Church and the community we are in as well as a monthly worship night. All of these gatherings are such joyful, joined up, working together in unity as God's people, ventures.

Skinner Street URC has a history of Pioneering from its very founding to some members venturing and taking the Gospel to Newfoundland, the work of Phillip Henry Gosse as well as it establishing one of the earliest and most accessible Sunday School in the country to name but a few examples of pioneering in a variety of ways! I very much believe that we are just joining in with this Pioneering thread of history that has always been a huge part of the calling God placed on and continues to bestow upon Skinner Street as a church and place.

I am so grateful for the welcome and love and friendship that I and many others have been blessed with from you all and it is exciting as we are coming up to the 250-year anniversary of the building of the church to see how we can continue to join in together with our Lord's leading and step into the future He has for us all.

With every blessing

Rev Sally Taylor

News Of Friends

We continue to think of and pray for those of our fellowship who can no longer come to worship on a Sunday, particularly those confined to their homes or in a care home.

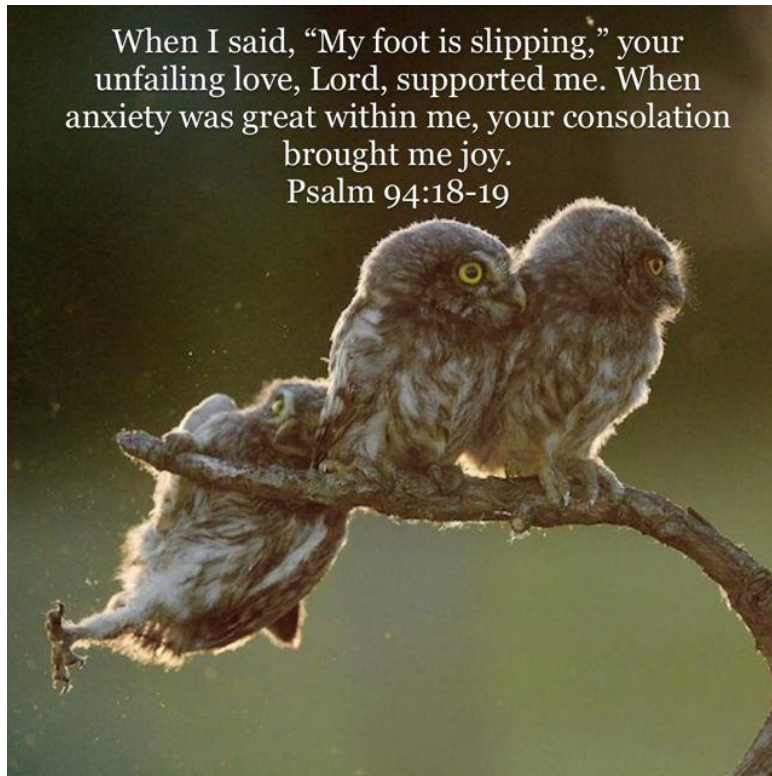
It was especially good to see Frank recently on one of the open days, Dorothy Dyke is still playing her piano at Upton Bay care home for their services on a Sunday. Dorothy Gardiner is being cared for at home. Frank Stewart has had a fall, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Many of these people have given years of service to this church and we are grateful for what they have done in the past.

We pray for any of those of our fellowship who are not well at this time or suffering in anyway. We also think of our new members and those who are still to come after us.

Shirley

When I said, "My foot is slipping," your
unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When
anxiety was great within me, your consolation
brought me joy.
Psalm 94:18-19



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER Sundays at 10.30am

- 6th Mrs Mandy Hibbert
13th Rev. Margaret Evans **Holy Communion**
Servers: Chris Proudley & Muriel Coombes
20th Mrs Tricia Knapp & Rev Sally Taylor **Harvest -**
as in previous years Christian Aid envelopes will be in the pews.
27th Mr Andrew Hirst
Coffee and fellowship after the services on October 6th & 20th .

DUTY ELDER and VESTRY PRAYER

- 6th Muriel Coombes
13th Chris Proudley
20th Shirley Marden
27th Janice Williams

DOOR STEWARDS

- 6th Vera Brown
13th Wai Ching
20th Alan Knapp
27th Jill Campbell-Dykes

THURSDAY PRAYERS 10.15am *(Followed by coffee and fellowship)*

- 3rd Simon Yu
10th Rev Dave Harkison
17th Shirley Marden
24th Patricia Arnold
31st Rev Sally Taylor & Tricia Knapp – the church will remain open
to allow for a time of private prayer.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

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| Weds. 9 th | 10.00am | Group 27 meeting |
| Thurs 10 th | 2.30pm | Games Afternoon (everyone is welcome) |
| Tues. 15 th | 6.00pm | Elders meeting followed |
| At | 7.00pm | by the Church meeting |
| Sat 19 th | 11.00am | Coffee Morning (see separate notice) |
| Mon 21 st | 11.00am | Craft & Chat |

Week Commencing 14th October we will decorate the windows for Harvest. The theme is The Tree of Life and the Life of Trees.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER OCTOBER 2024

I am writing this at the start of September as it has already been a busy time AND I will be away for a couple of weeks in the middle!

Dorset Architectural Week opened on Friday 6 September and we had our Grade 11* listed historic church open on three days to welcome visitors share in both the beauty and heritage. Every time we chatted about the many families who have passed through our doors since 1777, someone seems to come up with an interesting story or a thought we had not realised before! I think we should have informal chats over coffee or tea to learn more about our amazing heritage and where it is taking us today.

At the end of the week, it was Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Annual Fundraising Day. Chris and I, together with a friend of our church Tom, did our sponsored walk around Blandford. This Georgian Town has many similarities with Poole as well as 1777, the date of our church building. It's not too late to offer sponsorship, just email grn23g@gmail.com or make your contribution to the church account, details at the end of this report. Both these events have raised funds which will go to the cost of repairing our fabric.

We held a BBQ which has contributed around £300.00 to this fund. Thank you to all who worked very hard to make this a very uplifting evening, despite very heavy rain!

Our next fundraiser will be in October, details in this newsletter.

The church bank account is remaining pretty steady, thanks to all who are supporting us, especially those who are relatively recent worshippers. The car park and hall use are still major contributors to the account.

You may have noticed that the church garden is looking better. This is thanks to the great work of Sally and her group. The plan is to make further improvements, but anyone is more than welcome to do a bit of weeding!

So we're looking forward to an exciting and busy time up to Christmas

Gail Nuttall Treasurer

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Coffee Morning

October 19th 11am to 2pm

Craft stalls - A opportunity to shop early for
Christmas!

Refreshments - hot and cold drinks * filled rolls *
cakes

Raffle & Tombola



The church will be decorated ready for the Harvest Service
on October 20th

**SKINNER STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 2027
250th ANNIVERSARY OF SKINNER STREET IN THIS LOCATION**

We are planning to celebrate this milestone as well as looking to our future on the weekend of 9th and 10th October 2027 and in preparing for this can we ask for your assistance in answering the following questions.

Please return your answers to Chris Proudley, c/o Skinner Street URC, Skinner Street, Poole BH15 1RQ or leave on the back table in the church marked for his attention.

1. Have you been into the Church building or its community facilities before?

2. Do you attend church services?

3. Do you attend meetings in the community facilities?

4. If so, do you feel welcome?

5. What do you like about the church/ facilities?

6. Is there anything you would like to see changed?

7. Have your family used the church for christenings, weddings or funerals?

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8. Do you know the history of the church?

9. What would you like to see as part of the anniversary celebration?

10. What role do you see Skinner Street playing in the community in the future?

For church matters or to discuss arrangements for a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral: Shirley Marden 07980 923217

To arrange a Pastoral visit or Home Communion: Tricia Knapp 01202 632399

For Hall Lets and Carpark: Gail Nuttall 07774 283179

Deadline for November newsletter Thursday 24th October

A blast from the Past! Poole High Street 1973



Courts have long gone but Boones are still here in 2024 and it seems little has changed with their frontage.

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