



**Skinner Street
United Reformed Church
Poole September 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.



Dear Friends,

"On your marks ... Set ... Bang/Beep'. Words and sounds which we have heard all too often over the last few weeks if we have tuned into the Olympic Games. Words which each one of us ought to heed as we set off on another year of Church Activity.

St Paul in writing to the Church of God at Philippi, encourages us to run a straight race 'in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above.' (GNB: Phil 3:14).

It seems to me that Paul is suggesting that we should be like any athlete. No athlete gets to the starting block without preparing themselves. Months if not years of training lead to the starting point. And just prior to the race, time is spent on the warm-up track, on the physio's bench and stretching to make sure the muscles are properly warmed up and won't pull with the exertion put into them as soon as the starting gun goes.

We too need to prepare ourselves for the Christian life we are to lead if we want to get to heaven. Yes, we are saved by faith, but we need to work for God. Many non-Christians seem to think that the main idea about Christianity is that if we are good enough, one day God will let us into heaven. It is in fact quite the reverse. Having been granted a place in heaven, we need to respond by attempting (with the help of the Holy Spirit) to be worthy of that place.

I pray that you will not sit back and bask in the glory of your place in heaven. Rather work for God to show that you are worthy of His gift.

Your friend in Christ,
Dave Harkison

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER Sundays at 10.30am

1st Mrs Tricia Knapp

8th Mrs Linda Pain

15th Mrs Tricia Knapp ***Holy Communion***

Servers: Shirley Marden & Janice Williams

22nd Revd. Tim Meachin

29th Joint service at Wareham URC 10.30am

Coffee and fellowship after the services on September 1st and 15th.

DUTY ELDER and VESTRY PRAYER

1st Muriel Coombes

8th Chris Proudley

15th Shirley Marden

22nd Janice Williams

29th Joint service at Wareham URC

DOOR STEWARDS

1st Vera Brown

8th Wai Ching

15th Alan Knapp

22nd Volunteer please

29th Joint service at Wareham URC

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

5th Patricia Arnold

12th Chris Proudley

19th Shirley Marden

26th Gail Nuttall



Swans on Poole Park Lake

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

SEPTEMBER 2024

As we move into Autumn, (yes, here again, already!), Skinner Street has a busy month. We are excited to have 'new' faces worshipping and joining our fellowship. This is encouraging all to keep believing that our historic church has a very bright future. We hope that you will be able to join in some of the activities happening this month and come to find a friendly, supportive welcome.

The church financial position is as before, stable and needing careful monitoring of any spending. We have done a few jobs to improve the general look of the building so passers-by know we are still a very active church. We are hoping the Synod will support us on the larger work.

This is why we need to do some active Fundraising. This has been neglected for the last couple of years. If you can support any of the events, it would help a lot.

So what is planned!

September has Dorset Architectural Heritage Week (Friday 5 to Sunday 15 September) as well as the fundraising Dorset Historic Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride (Saturday 14 September).

This enables the church to be open to visitors AND we are holding a fundraising BBQ (Saturday 7 September). Further details of these events and how you can help are given in this newsletter or email me, Gail, grn23g@gmail.com. I am hoping that many of you will sponsor me for the Ride and Stride. I am 'walking/striding' a tour of historic Blandford. Yes, random but it is about 2 miles and does have date links (1777) to Skinner Street.

We do intend to look at applying for grants that could help us get more essential work completed on both the Church and Hall. IF anyone has knowledge and ability to help with grant applications, PLEASE get in touch as we really need assistance in this area.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gail Nuttall
Treasurer

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Fundraising BBQ
(for our share of urgent Sanctuary repairs)
at Gail's house at 6pm
on Saturday 7th September
Tickets £18 each
(this is to raise funds and not to cover
cost of goods and drinks!)

Pastoral Notes

It is very encouraging to see so many friends coming to our weekly Prayer meeting on Thursday's at 10.15am.

Those who cannot come along are always remembered and held in our prayers. It is sometimes difficult to come to terms with changes that age, illness and bereavement can push onto us but this does not change our attitude to keeping you all as friends. We are happy to chat on the phone, send a note or email and talk to those who are supporting you. We all know we are still only youngsters at heart! Skinner Street fellowship is here for you and we will do what we can.



Diary for September

We look forward to seeing you on a Sunday or Thursday or come along to one of the church open days on September 7th, 12th and 14th.

Mon 16th 7pm Revd Sally Taylor will be leading a short time of prayer, praise and reflection. All are welcome.

Poole Bay Methodist Circuit invite us to join them to share in the welcome to their new minister Rev Sarah Knebel on Wednesday 11 September at The Spire at 7.30pm.

Please note: There will be no Craft and Chat on Monday 23rd September.

Advance Notice: Saturday 19th October Coffee Morning with Crafts, Raffle, Refreshments.

Sunday 20th October Harvest Festival. We hope to decorate the church and windows in the preceding week.

More details will be in the October Newsletter

‘**Gospel Voices**’ are delighted to be back at St Martin’s URC, West Moors, with an Early Autumn Concert on Saturday 21st September at 2.30pm entitled ‘Jesus is coming again’ The programme includes Andrew Lloyd Webber’s ‘Pie Jesu’, ‘Lean on me’, ‘Oh Happy Day’, ‘Panis Angelicus’ ‘Do you know the way to heaven’, ‘Deep River’, ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ (Albert Hay Malotte version) and there will again be pieces by our popular guest artist Peter Aston and soloists including the ever-popular Dianne Tompkins. An enjoyable afternoon of music is promised, so do please come and join us. Tickets are £8 each and can be reserved for collection and payment at the door simply by replying via email to c.legrand@btinternet.com or they can be purchased from the church or Brewer and Brewer, opposite the church. Alternatively, you can reserve them through the website www.urch-eastdorset.org.uk.

The concert is in support of St Martin’s Church.



4 of the top jokes from the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe

1. I was going to sail around the globe in the world’s smallest ship but I bottled it. - Mark Simmons
2. I've been taking salsa lessons for months, but I just don't feel like I'm progressing. It's just one step forward... two steps back. - Alec Snook
3. My dad used to say to me “Pints, gallons, litres” – which, I think, speaks volumes - Olaf Falafel
4. My partner told me that she’d never seen the film Gaslight. I told her that she definitely had - Zoë Coombs Marr



Calling all Knitters!

Dorset and Wiltshire fire service is looking for local knitters to create trauma teddies to give to children affected by an emergency situation.

Riding on fire engines alongside crews, the woolly bears are handed to young children following incidents including fires, crashes, floods and rescues.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service said the bears helped to comfort and reassure young children.

The little bears come in a bag with support information for parents and carers to help the child if needed.

Tricia has the pattern to make the trauma teddy, you just need a pair of N°10 (3¼ mm) needles, leftover wool and a small amount of child safe stuffing.

The bears can be delivered or arranged to be collected by the fire service.



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
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For Hall Lets and Carpark: Gail Nuttall 07774 283179

Deadline for October newsletter Thursday 26th September