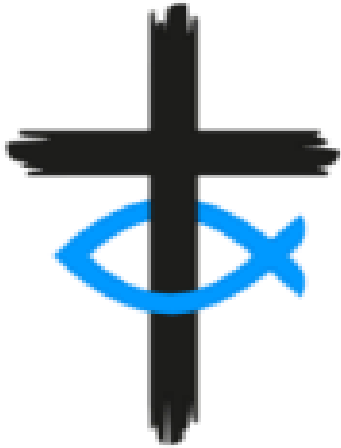
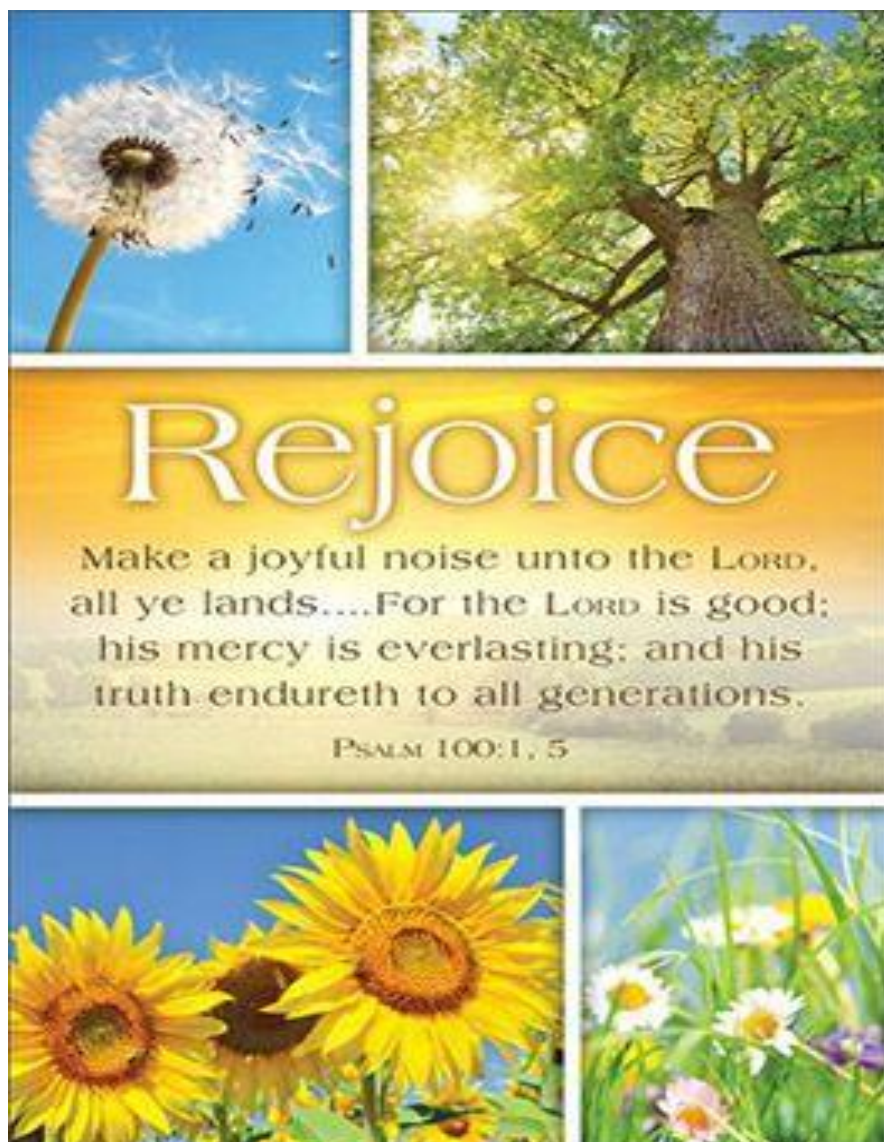




Skinner Street United Reformed Church Poole August 2025

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.



August

Have you ever wondered what significance the month of August holds in the Bible? Many people overlook the deeper meanings tied to each month, but August can offer unique insights into faith and reflection.

As summer winds down and the days grow shorter, it's a perfect time to pause and consider what this month represents in your spiritual journey. From themes of harvest to preparation for the upcoming seasons, August invites you to explore its biblical connections.

Overview of the Month of August

August serves as a time of transition, heralding the end of summer and the approach of autumn. In the biblical context, August aligns with significant themes of harvest and gratitude.

August invites introspection. Throughout the Bible, the act of harvesting symbolizes reaping rewards for one's hard work and dedication. In Galatians 6:9, you find encouragement to persist in doing good, assuring that you will harvest a reward. This aligns with the essence of August, motivating you to assess your efforts and spiritual growth.

- August is a time to reflect on your spiritual journey: Set aside time each week to contemplate personal growth and your relationship with God.
- August is a time to express gratitude: Keep a gratitude journal. Write down blessings you have received throughout the year.
- August is a time to plan for the future: Establish goals for spiritual or personal development as you journey with God.
- August is a time to reflect on God's faithfulness as shown throughout the bible.

Conclusion

August invites you to embrace a time of reflection and spiritual growth. As you engage in practices like prayer and meditation you can deepen your connection to God and your faith.

This month serves as a reminder of the importance of gratitude and introspection in your life. By focusing on these themes you can prepare your heart for the new beginnings that come as you journey forward.

Adapted from an article written by Christine Blanchard in 2019

Info about Christine - *From a young age, she says she has been captivated by the rich stories and symbols in the Bible. She pursued studies in theology and history, merging her academic interests with her passion for uncovering the deeper meanings in scriptures. When not diving into biblical chronologies she enjoys a good book or taking a nature walk.*



Diary for August

Once again I do not seem to have anything in my diary for this month.

Looking forward to September the church will be open and the windows decorated on 11th and again on 13th for the Ride and Stride (details in Gail's letter). On the 14th we are having a pet/animal service in the garden if the weather permits. More details for both of these events will be in next newsletter.

AUGUST (almost Autumn!!) NEWS FROM THE TREASURER 2025

It seems that we are actually enjoying a summer of traditional English summer sun though it has included some wind but certainly not much rain! Due to the great efforts of Ross and others, the Church Garden is absolutely thriving and a joy to all who take a look and maybe a little time to sit in it! Don't forget you can 'pick your own veg' too!

Our financial position is still lower than ideal but your Elders are keeping a close eye and we feel positive.

The next Fundraising Event will be the Open Days in September, Thursday 11 and Saturday 13. The Saturday is the Annual Dorset Historic Church Trust Ride and Stride. As the trust has supported us recently and are very helpful to Skinner Street, I will be taking part. As yet I am not sure the exact form my challenge will take but I will let you know next month. BUT I HOPE YOU WILL SPONSOR ME, WHATEVER I DO! I will be coming round with my form but you can also donate to the Church account (details below, just mark R&S). I hope another member may be looking for sponsorship too! You and any friend or neighbour will be very welcome to the Open Days, when the Archives will be displayed.

I attended an event at Milton Abbey for the 65th Anniversary of the DHCT where I was made to feel most welcome by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset and Trust members, in very beautiful surroundings. Most attendees are from Anglican Churches but it was made clear that historic church buildings of all denominations are eligible for grants from this national body. The grants are made from results of the Ride and Stride fundraising.

August is a holiday month. Though I am not planning to be away, (our area is so beautiful!), I hope we all have some time to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family.

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Pastoral Notes

Many of our good friends are going through difficult times at the moment. Illness is hard for those suffering but also for those caring for them as well as family and friends.

At our Thursday Morning Prayers, you are all prayed for and remembered. We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as you are able.

The hot weather is no fun for those with many decades 'under our belt' so getting out and about is not easy.

Please let us know if we can help you in any way, even with shopping or just a chat, the Elders and others will get to see you.



WORSHIP IN AUGUST Sundays at 10.30am

- 3rd Music and Praise led by the Elders
10th Revd. Margaret Evans ***Holy Communion***
Servers: Muriel Coombes & Tricia Knapp
17th Mrs Tricia Knapp
24th Service in the Garden led by the Elders
31st Mrs Maggie Larkin – a joint service with Swanage & Wareham
There will Coffee and Fellowship after the services

DUTY ELDER and VESTRY PRAYER

- 3rd Shirley Marden
10th Muriel Coombes
17th Vera Brown
24th Chris Proudley
31st Janice Williams

DOOR STEWARDS

- 3rd Vera
10th Ross
17th Ross
24th Ross
31st TBC

THURSDAY PRAYERS

- 7th Lorraine Thornton
14th Patricia Arnold
21st Chris Proudley
28th Rev Sally Taylor



What do you remember?

1. By what name was the chocolate bar Snickers known by before its name change?
2. Who had the catch-phrases "walkies" and "sit!"?
3. Which soap was first broadcast on 1 January 1951?
4. Lesley Hornby was better known by what nickname?
5. Who was the original presenter of the British television quiz show Blockbusters?
6. Which England striker made 391 appearances for Southampton between 1965 and 1977?
7. Which ship, in service with the Royal Navy from 1959 until 1984, was the flagship of the British forces during the Falklands War?
8. Percy Edwards was an entertainer famous for doing what?
9. At the end of which decade did Britain's first motorway open with the M6 Preston bypass?
10. Which stamps were a British sales promotion scheme that rewarded shoppers with stamps which were stuck into books which could be used to purchase gifts from a catalogue?
11. Who was the fastest milkman in the West?
12. What sort of programmes did Percy Thrower present?
13. "Fancy" Smith was a character in which TV series?
14. What was once marketed as "margarine for men"?

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Answers to quiz on page 7

1. Marathon
2. Barbara Woodhouse
3. The Archers
4. Twiggy
5. Bob Holness
6. Mick Channon
7. HMS Hermes
8. Animal impersonations (including bird impersonations)
9. 1950s (1958)
10. Green Shield Stamps
11. Ernie (from a Benny Hill song)
12. Gardening programmes
13. Z-Cars
14. Flora (what did it have in that was deemed not suitable for the weaker sex!?)



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