BOX METHODIST CHURCH

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10th October 2021

We extend a warm welcome back to Rev Rachel Borgars, and to all our members, friends and visitors

For meditation: *Lord of the Universe, Look in love upon your people.*
Pour the healing oil of your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying.
Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted,
to bind up the broken, and to free the trapped under the rubble of their fallen dreams.
Sheila Cassidy

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is the 187th Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Box. The original Ebenezer Chapel opened in 1834 but by the end of the 19th Century it was thought to be too small, so land was purchased adjoining the original building – the new church was opened in 1897. Cottages, which were in front of the old building, were demolished in 1905 together with the original church building and a new 2 storey building was erected for the expanding Sunday School. The organ appeared in the 1920's (it was dating from the 1850's). In 2001 the Sunday School building was sold and the church was refurbished to make it user friendly and suitable to be used by various community organisations and for worship. Originally there were 4 Methodist societies in the area- one closed in the 1950's, the Box Hill and Kingsdown Chapels closed in November 1967 and one society was formed in Box. Despite being in Wiltshire the church has always been linked to Bath and since September 2008 to the wider NE Somerset and Bath Circuit.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

As we celebrate another Church Anniversary we give thanks for those who have worked and worshipped in this place - showing God's love to the village and the wider community in a variety of ways. We pray that we might continue to be faithful and prayerful as we go forwards in these challenging times. In the circuit we are praying for the congregations at Keynsham and the staff, students and chaplain at Kingswood School and the students at Chapel House.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 17 October

Job 38: 1-7
Psalm 104: 1-9, 25, 37b
Mark 10: 5-45
Hebrews 5: 1-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God – Jesus, the Son of God.
Hebrews 4: 14

DIARY

Wednesday 13th October 3.30- 5.15pm
Grace- a time for children (and an adult) to share activities, stories and song. If you are able to help on the day do please speak to Vicar Janet.

Thursday 14th October
The Café is back – 9.30 to Noon

Tuesday 19th October 10.30am
Compass Point – come and enjoy some time exploring faith and life questions. Rev Simon will lead us this time.

Sunday 24th October 11.00am
Lay led service continuing the series on the Armour of God.

Disturb us Lord, when we are too well
pleased with ourselves
When our dreams have come true because
we dreamed too little,
When we arrive safely, because we sailed
too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance
of things we possess,
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life;
ceased to dream of eternity,
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new
Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas, where storms will
show your mastery;
When losing sight of land, we shall find
the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of
our hopes,
And to push us in the future in strength,
courage, hope and love.
This we ask in the name of our Captain, who
is Jesus Christ. St James Church, NY City