



3rd September 2023



For meditation: Help us, O Christ, to seek your truth and bear it; to learn your truth and love it, to tell your truth and live it, and to defend your truth and die in it.

Based on words of Jan Huss (c1369 – 1415)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is Nutting Day – the day on which traditionally children would go into the woods to gather hazelnuts. The nuts were supposed to be perfectly ripe at this time – in fact this is often later as before the calendar change the day would have occurred later in the month. It was also the day on which lacemakers were allowed to light candles to aid their work. They could use candles during winter from this day until Shrove Tuesday in spring.

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 17th September

There will be a Bring & Share lunch after the Harvest service. Please let Bronwyn know if you are able to come and what contribution to the lunch you would like to share. Donations for the Harvest display will also be welcome – these to be given to the Southdown project after the service. Thanks.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Another month begins – the meteorological start of autumn and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. We pray for new beginnings for many people and for the opportunities and challenges of a new year in Methodism. In particular we pray for the Bristol District Synod which will be held this coming weekend at Kingswood School In the circuit we are praying for the congregations at the churches in Bath – at Walcot Chapel and Southdown.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 10 September

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 149

Matthew 18: 15-20

Romans 13: 8- 14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christian brothers and sisters, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your home to strangers. Romans 12: 9- 13

DIARY

Thursday 7th September

Café + Soup 9.30am – 1.30pm
The soup will be served at around 12 noon.

Sunday 10th September

Morning worship 11.00am
including Holy Communion led by
Rev Simon Topping

Weaver of the World

Creator God,
weaver of the world in all its variety,
you know or warp and weft: where we cross,
the diverse colours of our opinion, the textures
of our faith,
you feel our quality,
you touch our frayed edges,
you accept us:
you love us, different as we are –
Thank you.

Christ of the seamless robe,
again and again we strip you
and cast lots, arguing over material things,
missing the meaning of ministry,
averting our eyes from the cross,
failing to be your Body in the world –
Forgive us.

Holy Spirit, networking in the church,
forming our loose ends into a fishing net,
where the strands hold hands around the holes,
making our daily work a sign of God's work
in the world,
sign of our connectedness,
sign of our calling:
help us to hold together
and to draw others into your kingdom –
Use us.

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