Box Methodist Church
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9th June 2024

We extend a warm welcome to Rev Simon Topping and to all our members, friends and visitors

For meditation: *Let our chief conversation be with you, O God; let the joy of our salvation be your grace and the heart of our faith be your presence.*
Madame Jeanne Guyon (1648 – 1717)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is Methodist Homes Sunday - Methodist Homes is a charity which works to enable people to live later life well. The organisation was envisioned by Methodist Minister Rev. Walter Hall in 1943, and established by Methodist Conference. The organisation provides Care Homes, Retirement Living, Communities Schemes (supporting people who live in their own homes) and Telephone Befriending throughout England and Wales (and across the whole United Kingdom in the case of Telephone Befriending).

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Lord God, whatever age we are, you show us your love and compassion. Whether we are new in the faith or have known you more years than we care to remember, you are there for us. Even when the consequences of our choices aren't good, you show us your mercy. We bow to our powerful God for whom nothing is impossible. Amen.
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In the circuit we pray today for the congregation at Bathampton and the students at Chapel House, Walcot.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 16th June

1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13 Psalm 20
Mark 4: 26-34
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Then all the leaders of Israel met together, went to Samuel in Ramah, and said to him, "Look, you are getting old and your sons don't follow your example. So then, appoint a king to rule over us, so that we will have a king, as other countries have." Samuel was displeased with their request for a king; so he prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said, "Listen to everything the people say to you. You are not the one they have rejected; I am the one they have rejected as their king."
1 Samuel 8: 4-7

Let not the eyes grow dim, look not backward but forward; the soul must uphold itself like the sun. let us labour to make the heart grow larger as we become older, as the spreading oak, gives more shelter *Richard Jeffries*

DIARY

Tuesday 11th June

Compass Point 11.00am
Rev Simon will explore with us the question "The problem of suffering in the Book of Job" All welcome

The Filling Station 7.00 for 7.30pm
Informal café style service with live Music. Speaker – Rev Dr David Hull

Wednesday 12th June

Grace 3.30- 4.30pm
An hour of fun for school age children with an adult. Helpers also welcome.

Circuit Meeting 7.40pm
at Midsomer Norton Methodist church

Thursday 13th June

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

Sunday 16th June

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Kathy Dymond

As I grow old it seems that I
Grow old as grows the western sky
When day is coming to its close:
For life takes on a tint of rose
I had not known in life's hot noon.
Now in the night that comes so soon
I see new stars I had not seen,
A surer faith, a peace serence,
As I grow old.

As I grow old the winds of life
Die down, the hate, the hurt, the strife.
The waters calm, the waves are still,
I want no triumph, wish no ill
To any man. Now from my heart
The ancient angers all depart.
New friends I know, new songs are sung,
New joys are mine –yes, I grow young
As I grow old.

Douglas Malloch