



7<sup>th</sup> September 2025



**For meditation:** *Let us love your holy word, o God, anxious to obey its commandments, eager to comprehend its meaning, longing to be guided by its precepts, yearning to hear the voice that speaks through its pages.*

*Walter James, Wesleyan minister (1879- 1908)*

## **NEWS AND VIEWS**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October we are in the Season of Creationtide – a time dedicated to God as Creator and sustainer of life.

Next Sunday we will have our Harvest Festival service and Bring and Share lunch. Please let Bronwyn know if you are hoping to attend the lunch. Offers of help with food will be gratefully accepted – guidance on what is needed can be provided! Produce (NOT fresh) will also be welcome for the Harvest Table- this will be taken after the service to the Roundhill Pantry which is part of the work of the Southdown and Whiteway Church and Community Partnership.

## **FOR PRAYER**

God our Father in heaven, we come before you today with hearts and minds open to receive your wisdom. We hope to find comfort in familiar ritual, yes, but also to be challenged. Today, we may hear familiar words and stories that soothe our souls, but you, O Lord, will stir in us new understandings to refresh and renew our faith. Humbly, we bow before you, O God, who frees us from the shackles that we may not realise are ensnaring us, to be the people you mean us to be. Amen.  
With the Circuit we pray for Timsbury Methodist Church worshipping together for the last time today.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS** – 14 September

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28  
1 Timothy 1: 12 -17  
Psalm 14  
Luke 15: 1-10

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him, even though in the past I spoke evil of him and persecuted and insulted him. But God was merciful to me because I did not yet have faith and so did not know what I was doing. .... This is a true saying, to be completely accepted and believed. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1: 12, 13, 15a

## **DIARY**

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Pencil Box** 10.30 – 12noon  
The group restarts for a new term

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Compass Point** 11.00am  
Rev Simon leads us as we explore the Question “Is Jesus the only way to God?”

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Grace** 3.30 – 4.30pm  
After school activities, fun and food for children accompanied by an adult.

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**Café** 9.30 – 12 noon

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest worship** 11.00am  
led by Rupert Kaye and followed by the Harvest Lunch (see News and Views)

How foolish it is to deny the existence  
of God or to say that ‘God is dead’!  
And yet there are many who do so.  
They say it in the way they live  
if not in the words they speak.

Our great God is for ever searching for  
those who will open their lives to Him.  
He is not looking for such in verbal  
professions alone, but in the way men  
live and act.

He sees denial and rebellion in the lives of all  
men.

What good they do is tainted by sin and self-  
centredness.

They are more apt to be destructive than  
creative. How foolish they are if they neglect to  
surrender  
their lives to God.!

It is obvious that God works  
through those who trust Him,  
through those who dedicate their lives to  
His service.

It is they who are set free from self-glory  
To enjoy and to serve the living God.  
They can truly celebrate the eternal presence  
of God.

*Psalm 14 – paraphrased by L. Brandt*

