



12th October 2025

We extend a warm welcome to
Rev Ward Jones, our visitors
from St Thomas's and St
Christopher's, and our members
and friends.



For meditation: *We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work, our lips to sing your praises,
our life to proclaim your glory and our hearts to serve you in our neighbour;
for Jesu's sake.* *Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is the 191st 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 BANES Circuit.

FOR PRAYER

Let's pray for the life of this Church and its witness amongst the people of Box- that God would bless us and encourage us to be courageous and creative with the limited resources that we have. We remember those of our number who are unwell or unable to be with us today for one reason or another.

We remember in prayer the congregation at Farrington Gurney today – and our Ecumenical friends who join with us to celebrate our Anniversary.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 19 October

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5

Psalms 119: 97 -104

Luke 18: 1- 8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Remind your people of this, and give them a solemn warning in God's presence not to fight over words. It does no good but only ruins the people who listen. Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth.

2 Timothy 2: 14,15

DIARY

Monday 13th October

Ecumenical meeting 3.30pm
in the church

Tuesday 14th October

Compass Point 11.00am

led by Rev Simon

Wednesday 15th October

Church Council meeting 2.00pm

Thursday 16th October

Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm

The meal will be served at around noon.

Sunday 19th October

Morning worship 11.00am

led by Rev David Musgrave

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

