Box Methodist Church

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1st March 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to all our members, friends and visitors

For meditation: *Thanks be to God! Creation sings to us, reminds us of your love.*
The cock crows, the dove coos, the sparrow sings and we have hope through Christ.
May we too sing a new song, a chorus in eternity. Thanks be to God. Alleluja.
Alison Judd – local preacher, Southamton Circuit

NEWS AND VIEW

Today is the second Sunday in Lent and the start of something new! We welcome all those who are attending our first Family Friendly Service and pray that this time will be a blessing to us all.

The Methodist Church has prepared study/worship material for the whole period of Lent; this week we are invited to **loosen our grip** on what feels fixed and **open ourselves** to mystery and transformation. What would it look like to let go of the need for certainty and allow God to surprise you this week? Where might the Spirit be nudging you towards something new?

REMINDER: The next Church Council meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday 10th March at 1.45pm. All members and friends are invited to attend this important meeting as we consider the work of the church now and in the weeks and months ahead,

FOR PRAYER

We place this box at the foot of the cross. Strong. Rigid. Inflexible. We are aware of the ways we try to contain you, God, in rules, in routines, in what feels safe. But your Spirit moves where it will. Unseen. Unexpected. Free. O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey, break open our boxes, and breathe your Spirit through us.

We remember the congregations at the churches in Bath – at Southdown and Walcot, Rev's Simon and Philip, the students at Chapel House and the University Chaplain, Jodie, in our prayers this week

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LECTIONARY READINGS – 8 March

Exodus 17: 1 -7	Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1 -11	John 4: 5 - 42

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you , and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the people on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he set out from Haran.
Genesis 12: 1 – 4

DIARY

Thursday 5th March
Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm
The meal will be served around 12 noon
All welcome

Sunday 8th March
International Women's Day
Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Simon, including Holy Communion

Psalm 121 – paraphrased by Leslie Brandt

Where should I look for help in my need?
To majestic mountain peaks that probe our skies
or to giants of industry that hem in our cities?
To satellites that circle our world
or to computers that store up our knowledge?

The answer to my problems
and the fulfilment of my needs
must come from God Himself
from Him who created skies and mountains
and man to dwell in their midst.
He is a great God who knows our every desire,
whose watchful eye is upon us night and day.
We can make no move without His knowledge.
His concern for His children is constant;
His love for them is eternal.

And thus the Lord will keep you,
shielding you from the forces of evil
as a shade tree shields you
from the rays of the blazing sun.

He does care for you,
and He will fight with you
against the enemies of your soul.
Whether you be coming or going,
He knows the course you take,
and He will go before you.