Box Methodist Church

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8th March 2026.

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

For meditation: *Trust in God. Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you;*
All things pass; God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for.
He who has God finds he lacks nothing, God alone suffices.
St Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582)

NEWS AND VIEW

Today is the third Sunday in Lent and also International Women's Day. This day was officially recognised by the UN in 1975 – the theme this year being "Give to Gain". It recognises that giving women around the world access to quality education, healthcare, equal employment opportunities and leadership roles results in long term social and economic gains for all.

Lent 3 – study material

The Methodist Church has prepared study/worship material for the whole period of Lent; this week we are invited to **let go of scarcity and embrace abundance.**

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 a jug at the foot of the cross. It's a small vessel for measuring, limiting, holding back. We've been shaped by scarcity; by the myth there's not enough to go around. But God's love overflows. More than we can measure. More than we can hold. O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey, fill us with your living water, and teach us to overflow with love.

We remember our friends at Bathampton church in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 15 March

1 Samuel 16: 1 -13 Psalm 23
Ephesians 5: 8 -14
John 9: 1 -41

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said. "Give us water to drink." …. Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will come out of it for the people to drink." Exodus 17: 1 - 7

DIARY

Tuesday 10th March

Compass Point 11.00am
We continue our exploration of aspects of creation and faith.

Church Council meeting 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th March

Grace 3.30 – 4.40pm
After school fun for children with guardian. Helpers welcome from 2.30pm

Thursday 12th March

Café 9.30 – 12 noon
All welcome

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday
Morning worship 11.00am
led by Irene Hayes

Every person was created
by God's glorious grace.
Formed with many variations,
all can find a place;
all have got a special value,
purpose, in a human race.

Young and old from every nation,
one great family
can create, in combination,
hope and harmony;
with our different skills and talents,
make one marvellous unity.

With new peace and understanding
all can thrive and grow;
children, adults, learn together
where God's world might go,
if we lean upon each other
what true richness we can know.

We must free our full potential
to respect and care,
God lights up our lives through others,
breaks through everywhere;
lifts his people up triumphant
when we recognise him there

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