



26th April 2026.

We extend a warm welcome to
Rev Julian Albrow, and to all
our members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *Grant us the grace, O God, to surrender the grievance that separates and the forgiveness that is withheld. Assure us that no sin is so great that it cannot be confessed, no wound so deep it cannot be healed, and no sinner so lost that grace cannot bring them home.* William Booth (1829 – 1912)

NEWS AND VIEW

Friday this week is May Day – it is the time set aside for celebrating the spring and rejoicing in the signs of renewal all around. For ancient Celts, it marked the beginning of summer, when they took their livestock up to the hills to graze after being kept in the valleys over the winter. Long before the time of Red Square parades and the singing of the ‘Nationale’, the people of England gathered on their village greens for May Day revels and to dance around the Maypole. The Maypole was traditionally 60 -80 feet high, and painted with brightly coloured rings or spirals. The shorter pole we see today decorated with bright ribbons is a 19th Century import from southern Europe.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TONY!

We send greetings to our dear friend over in France and pray that God will bless him and keep him always.

FOR PRAYER

We pray that the church throughout the world may stand in unity with all people of goodwill against the forces of darkness and division, that appeals to nationalism may be put aside in favour of the universal message of God’s love. We pray for all those suffering at this time: victims of war, who have lost loved ones, homes and all they have; victims of natural disaster and climate change, victims of economic misery in our own communities. And for those working to make the world a better place for all.

We are praying this week for the congregation at Trinity Radstock.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 3rd May

Acts 7: 55 -60 Psalm 31: 1 -5, 15 -16
1 Peter 2: 2 -19 John 14: 1 -14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.....And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 42 -45, 47b

DIARY

Sunday 26th April

Family Friendly Worship 4.00pm

A short time of song, stories and creative activities for all ages

Thursday 30th April

Café 9.30 –12 noon

All welcome.

Sunday 3rd May

NO service at Box Methodist

Rainbow Valley - Cecily Taylor

I know a far valley of green peacefulness –
And carry its slow wisdom.

Unhurried the seasons tiptoe behind each other;
there folk have sown and garnered the centuries
through-
ways change but the valley stays itself.

Come back in another hundred years –
it seems to say –
the same land will wander through leafed shadows,
all things return like swallows
finding the same barn.

I remember the rainbow that blessed the hills
to continue the promise of day and night,
spring and harvest;
and how the largest moon
looked at us over the mountain.

Tread softly with the new day
butterflies own the bright flowers
the humble bees work on.
Disturb nothing, only listen to curlews
and the persistent cuckoo;
there is gold in the pasture
and hill-corn springing fresh once more.

Hoarding indelible imprints of rock and meadow
I have never completely left –
still one with the cottage
sheltered from the north wind.

Ripple on little stream
I will return like the swallows
to drink again from the valley’s chalice
all the peace it holds.