



28th June 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to
Margaret West and to all
our members, friends and visitors.



For meditation: *But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*
Isaiah 40: 31

NEWS AND VIEWS

Tomorrow, 29th June, is St Peter’s Day. It was Peter who stood up and addressed the Pentecost crowd, and who became the leader of the apostles. He embarked on a number of missions; was imprisoned for his activities, but was released by an angel the night before his trial. It is believed that Peter was martyred in Rome in the reign of Nero (AD54 -68), probably in the gardens of the imperial palace. Tradition has it that he was crucified upside down at his request. Excavations have established that his tomb almost certainly lies beneath the basilica of St Peter. Foods traditionally eaten at this time include saffron cake and feast buns – and to celebrate his connection with the sea what about a fish pie!

Happy Birthday!

Mary reaches a milestone birthday tomorrow – congratulations and best wishes for the next decade!

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

For eternal hope that comes from you, almighty God, we give you thanks and praise. For your gentleness and compassion, for your peace within, for your light in the darkness, for hope when all seems hopeless, for love beyond measure. Amen.

We are remembering the congregation at Chew Stoke in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 5th July

Genesis 24: 34 -38, 42 -49, 58 -67
Psalm 45: 11 -18
Romans 7: 15 -25a
Matthew 11: 16 -19, 25 -30

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4: 4- 7

DIARY

Thursday 2nd July

Café + Soup 9.30 –1.30pm
The meal will be served at around 12 noon. All welcome

Sunday 5th July

Family Friendly worship 4.00pm
led by Margaret H. The theme this month focuses on Moses and the burning bush.

It may not be on the mountain’s height,
Or over the stormy sea;
It may not be at the battle front
My Lord will have need of me;
But if by a still, small voice he calls
To paths I do not know;
I’ll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in thine,
I’ll go where you want me to go.

*I’ll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
O’er mountain, plain, or sea;
I’ll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I’ll be what you want me to be.*

Perhaps today there are loving words
Which Jesus would have me speak;
There may be now, in the paths of sin,
Some wanderer whom I should seek.
O Saviour, if thou wilt be my Guide,
Though dark and rugged the way,
My voice shall echo the message sweet,
I’ll say what you want me to say.

There’s surely somewhere a lowly place
In earth’s harvest fields so wide,
Where I may labour through life’s short day
For Jesus the crucified.
So, trusting my all unto they care,
I know thou lovest me!
I’ll do thy will with a heart sincere,
I’ll be what you want me to be.

Mary Brown

