Box Methodist Church
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8th June 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to Irene Hayes and to all our members, friends and visitors.

For meditation: *God of compassion, comfort our loneliness.*
God of tenderness, confirm our faith.
God of the Cross, strengthen our endurance. *Prayer of a Ugandan Christian*

NEWS AND VIEWS

This week brings St Barnabas Day on Thursday – before the calendar changed in 1752 this would have been the longest day. June is not a popular month for saint's days – life in former times was too full of hay making and sheep shearing to spare on festivals! Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who was previously called Joseph. He was called Barnabas by the apostles probably to reflect his nature as being a Son of Encouragement. He was the one who brought the newly converted Saul/Paul to the apostles and provided a witness to his changed personality.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We praise you, Lord, for all that you are, for the creation that is yours, for its beauty and wonder, its diversity and richness. We praise you for your presence and comfort that swaddle us in your purity and enrich us with your abundance. We praise you for your steadfastness that perseveres with us, faltering disciples and failing followers. We praise you that, day by day, you amaze and enrich us and reveal yourself in new and unexpected ways. We praise you that you are the same yesterday, today and for ever – and yet forever new. O Lord our God, you are indeed, from the depth of our being, highly to be praised. Amen

We are praying this week for the churches in Bath at Walcot and Southdown and for their ministers – Simon, Philip and Deacon Elizabeth..

LECTIONARY READINGS – 14th June

Genesis 18: 1 -15
Psalm 116:1, 10 -17
Romans 5: 1 -8
Matthew 9: 35 - 10:

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice'. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9: 11 -13

DIARY

Tuesday 9th June
Compass Point 11.00am
We continue our study of Philippians - led by Rev Simon. All welcome

Wednesday 10th June
Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm
After school activities for children with an accompanying adult. Set up from 2.30pm- helpers welcome

Thursday 11th June
Café 9.30 –12 noon
All welcome

Sunday 14th June
Morning worship 11.00am
including Holy Communion, led by Rev Simon

Compassion is the Fulcrum

Compassion is the fulcrum
For the lever of God's love;
Compassion offers insight
When human minds reprove.

Compassion spurred the Godhead
To life in Galilee,
Incarnate in our suffering
To set all people free.

Compassion moved a stranger
When blind hatred could not see;
Compassion still can move us
To love humanity.

Compassion held Christ captive,
For Jerusalem he cried;
For liberty he fought there,
Outside her walls he died.

Compassion was God's answer,
Sets the broken, fallen free
Spurring love to understand
And open minds to see.

Andrew E Pratt