



5th July 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to
to all our members, friends and
visitors.



For meditation: *Gracious God, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.*
Benedict of Nursia (c480- 550)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Yesterday the people of the United States celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Declaration, primarily drafted by Thomas Jefferson, with input from the Committee of Five, articulated the 13 colonies’ reasons for seeking independence from Britain and outlined the principles of liberty and human rights. It marked the birth of the United States of America. The day evolved into a national holiday in 1941.

Early warning:

There will be NO service at the church on **Sunday 19th July**. We will join with our Anglican friends to celebrate St Christopher’s Patronal festival at Ditteridge at 10.30am. The service will be followed by a picnic in the field next to the church – we are invited to share in this (donations accepted). Bring drinks, cutlery and something to sit on- and enjoy the fellowship.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Lord, battles between good and evil are being fought all the time and in all places, some with more grave consequences than others. We pray that you will be with all who suffer the consequences, bringing your love and compassion, to bind up broken hearts and wash away tears of hurt and disappointment. We pray that you will also melt the hearts of those who carry out wicked acts of hurt; that you will turn around those who have strayed from your love, and bring us all into your loving arms with forgiveness through your grace.
We are remembering the congregations at Keynsham Victoria and Queens Road today in prayer- and their minister John Hayes (and Irene too).

LECTIONARY READINGS – 12th July

Genesis 25: 19 -34 Psalm 119: 105 - 112
Romans 8: 1 -11
Matthew 13: 1 -9, 18 -23

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11: 28 -30

DIARY

Wednesday 8th July

Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm
After school activities and fun for children accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 9th July

Café 9.30 –12 noon

Sunday 12th July

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Simon. The service will include Holy Communion

God of the unexpected.
You take us by surprise.
For though we’re full of knowledge
And feel so worldly-wise,
We sometimes miss your pattern –
We’re so set in our ways –
We need your clear directions
To guide us through our maze.

*Direct us, Lord, and help us
To see our way ahead,
That other generations
May trace your pattern’s thread.*

Sometimes when you are calling
We cannot hear your voice,
For some work that you give us
We would not do by choice.
Yet when we take your challenge
And cautiously move out,
We find you there before us
To help us through the doubt.

Lord, lead us to the future,
Whatever it may be.
We will trust you completely,
For only you can see.
Lord, you have led so many
Who put their trust in you,
Teach us by their example
To welcome what is new.

God of the unexpected
You break into our time
To help us take our places
In faith’s unending line.
We’re part of your great pattern
Of witness, love and praise.
Renew us, Lord, and fit us
To serve these coming days. Marjorie Dobson

