



11th October 2026.

We extend a warm welcome to the
Rev Craig Manley and Elizabeth, to
our Anglican friends, to our
members, friends and visitors.



For meditation: *Try us, O Lord, as silver is tried, knowing that you cannot err, believing that you do all things well and that your mercies are without number.*
Mary Entwistle (Methodist leader – daughter, wife and mother of Methodist preachers)
(c1770 – 1804)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is the 187th Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Box. The original Ebenezer Chapel opened in 1834 but by the end of the 19th Century it was thought to be too small, so land was purchased adjoining the original building – the new church was opened in 1897. Cottages, which were in front of the old building, were demolished in 1905 together with the original church building and a new 2 storey building was erected for the expanding Sunday School. The organ appeared in the 1920's (it was dating from the 1850's). In 2001 the Sunday School building was sold and the church was refurbished to make it user friendly and suitable to be used by various community organisations and for worship. Originally there were 4 Methodist societies in the area- one closed in the 1950's, the Box Hill and Kingsdown Chapels closed in November 1967 and one society was formed in Box.

Happy Birthday – it's not only the birthday of the church but it's also Michael's too! Not 192 yet!!

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Glorious Trinity, we come to you today in awe and thanks to worship you; you who are alive and active not inanimate and cold. Creator God, accept our praise; Lord Jesus, inspire our discipleship; Holy Spirit, empower our lives, that we might reflect your wisdom and your creativity, standing firm when we are certain of your call, changing our stance when we must reconsider our choices.

We are remembering the congregation at Midsomer Norton in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 18th October

Exodus 33: 12 -23 Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1: 1 -10 Matthew 22: 15 - 22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Psalm 106: 1 -3

DIARY

Tuesday 13th October

Compass Point 11.00 -12.00noon
Explore our faith and our scripture with
Rev Andrew. All welcome.

Ecumenical meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 14th October

Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm
After school activities for children plus
a guardian. Helpers welcome!

Thursday 15th October

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

Sunday 18th October

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev John Hayes

Early Warning

The next Church Council meeting will
be held in the church on Tuesday 27th
October at 1.45pm. All are invited to
attend this twice yearly meeting

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

No more doubting, no more senseless dread;
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
All the wonder of heaven has kept in store;
now is ours to keep for ever more.

Celebrate with saints who dine on high,
witnesses that love can never die.
'Hallelujah' – thus their voices ring;
nothing less in gratitude to bring.

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
Praise the Spirit – three yet ever one;
Praise the God whose food and friends avow
Heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons
now!

John L Bell

