Box Methodist Church
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15th November 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to Rev Andrew Goodhead, and to our members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *God with us, we rejoice in your presence. God for us, we trust in your salvation.*
God over us, we rest in your guidance. God, Trinity and Unity, we exult in your being.
Prayer from Lebanon

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is National Philanthropy Day – a day to praise and encourage kindness wherever it occurs. The concept was originally thought up by Douglas Freeman in the 1980's in the USA and the first awards luncheon was held in 1986. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed 15 November as the National Day to celebrate 'the love of humankind'. Every year since then communities across the globe host events to recognise the activities of volunteers, foundations, leaders, corporations and others engaged in philanthropy. It is a concept that is embedded in a Methodist Way of Life – as we are called to care for others by practising hospitality and generosity and to service by helping people in our communities and beyond.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We pray to God, who is always ready – for those overtaken with demands; who need so much... For those overburdened with anxieties and concerns… For those overcome with debt or addiction or any kind of poverty… For those oppressed by powers that despise them... For those in situations they cannot see a way out of… For those in need of hope… O Lord, give hope, give freedom, give peace, give rest and give assurance of your love. Amen

We are remembering the residents at MHA Church Court, Midsomer Norton in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 22nd November

Ezekiel 34: 11- 16, 20 -24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15 -23
Matthew 25: 31 -46

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5: 8 -11

DIARY

Thursday 19th November
Café + Soup 9.30 –1.30pm
The meal will be served around 12 noon. All welcome

Sunday 15th November
Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Christine Coram

How good it is to enter the sanctuary of the Lord!
I know that God is not confined
within man's four walled creations,
nor is He attached to altars and brass symbols.
And yet, in the beauty and quietness of God's
house I find His presence very real and
fulfilling.

God is with me and about me
even as I make my way
through the concrete and steel jungles
of the cold and unfriendly city.

He is present even behind the anonymous faces
of the rushing crowds elbowing their way
to their respective destinations.
I find Him in the hearts and lives of His children
who infiltrate the urban masses
and who are running his errands
and fulfilling His purposes
in the course of their daily duties.
I cannot outrun or evade my God.
He goes before me and follows closely behind me
He will keep me and sustain me wherever I am.

And yet I rejoice to enter His sanctuary
and mingle with those who honour His name
and seek His grace.
There, shielded from the screaming tensions
and the ear-splitting sounds of the city
in the company of those who love one another
I happily open my heart
to the loving mercy of God

Psalms 122 and 123 paraphrased by Leslie Brandt

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.
A.J. Muste