Box Methodist Church
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22nd November 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to Rev Christine Coram, and to our members, friends and visitors



For meditation: *Discipline our energies, O God, to your purposes, school our tongues to your praise and soften our hearts to your wisdom. Prayer from Hawaii*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is the last Sunday before Advent - it is Christ the King Sunday, the end of the liturgical year and on a more frivolous note, it is Stir Up Sunday. The latter derived from the Collect for today;
"Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people" – words that reminded folk that the time had arrived to make their Christmas puddings so that they would have time to mature well. The week ahead brings a number of Saint's days – on the 23rd it's St Clements Day and on the 25th it's St Catherine of Alexandria's Day. Finally it's a big week in the USA with Thanksgiving being celebrated on Thursday 26th. This is a day/weekend for family gatherings and food sharing – often rivalling or equalling Christmas in significance.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Forgiving and ever loving God, for the times when we are sick: may we have healing. For the times when we are isolated: may we have company. For the times when we are oppressed: may we have justice. For the times when we are exposed: may we have dignity. For the times when we are mistreated: may we have humanity. For the times when we are ignored: may we be heard. For the times when we ignore, or isolate, or oppress, or expose or mistreat others: may we change. Amen.
We are remembering the residents and staff at MHA Stratton House, Bath in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 29th November
Isaiah 64: 1 -9
Psalm 80: 1 -7, 16 -18
1 Corinthians 1: 3 -9
Mark 13: 24 -37

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will being them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. Ezekiel 34: 11 -13a

DIARY

Thursday 26th November
Café 9.30 –12 noon
All welcome

Sunday 29th November
Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Julian Albrow

Saturday 5th December
Christmas celebration 2.30pm
Carols, readings and festive fun including refreshments
Donations in aid of Missing People

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Michael Saward (born 1932)

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to his love, nd the future to his providence. Augustine.