



Minehead United Reformed Church Bancks Street, Minehead

Welcome to our Church Viv
We look forward to your
Ministry in our fellowship



Church Magazine - July 2018

From the Minister



Dear friends

Thank you for your warm welcome. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

I hope to discern with you where to wholeheartedly focus my 25% contribution as your minister helping Minehead URC engage with community. So I am also interested in getting to know Minehead too.

I recognise that you have worked and prayed for new leadership - now that the process has borne fruit we need to discern together where the Spirit is leading us to make a difference for Christ's sake.

This involves continuing to listen to God and each other but also listening to our community - already we've been invited to provide worship at one of the local care homes, plus it was lovely that your new mayor Norman Hercock was able to come to my induction. But who knows what other opportunities will emerge in the coming months.

So I will be interested to hear your thoughts about this in the course of our early conversations.

Citizens UK suggest 3 questions to help us listen to our community.

They are:

1. What is the biggest issue putting pressure on you and your family?
2. What would you most like to change about your local neighbourhood?
3. What one change would make Minehead a more just place to live?

They may be helpful for us to reflect on with our friends and neighbours, but may also help us hear what God may be calling us to as a fellowship.

Let us continue to pray and share as we walk the way of Jesus together

Blessings. Viv

Pastoral Matters

As we develop (hopefully with your help) the ministry of Revd Viv Henderson in our Church at Bancks Street, we would welcome your ideas on the worship and church activities.

How can we help in community as a fellowship? Loneliness is a problem that we face in our community and possibly by some who are in the fellowship and if this is a fact what can we do about it? Is getting to our Sunday worship difficult for you? If it is can we help? Have we got your correct personal details such as address and telephone number or even an email address so that 'Viv' can contact you on pastoral matters and concerns.

If you are able to look on the Internet at our website on www.mineheadurc.net you will find the latest information on the life of the church.

In today's world 'communication' is everything and we are trying very hard to catch up with our system at Bancks St. We shall produce a Church magazine at regular intervals but you can get a lot of information from our weekly sheet that is distributed at Sunday morning worship.

Please pass a copy to your friends so that they are aware of what is happening in our church and amongst our people.

There will be new activities and outreach as this 'ministry' develops within Minehead and links are forged with the other Churches. You are invited to become part of this and we will answer your questions about the future to the best of our ability. Just ask or come along to our activities and enjoy the love of Christ.

Viv and the Elders

*Meets Every Tuesday from
10am to 2pm in the Hall.*

*Come and join us - no
skill needed - Enjoy the
chat, friendship and fun*



Craft - n - Chat

The Changing Image of the Church

Is the Church that you see on the corner of Bancks Street the same now as it was twenty or thirty years ago?

Is the community that the Church seeks to serve the same as it was twenty years ago?

Of course the answer in both cases is a resounding **NO**.

We are already looking at the technology that we use in the Church buildings and realize that perhaps we have been left behind in this aspect of our work.

If you attended the Induction Service for Revd Viv Henderson you will have noticed that a number of those taking part were wearing radio microphones. This allowed them to walk about whilst speaking and be heard clearly.

By using these aids such as these the format of the worship will become more flexible and intimate in pattern. The Elders and Minister are also looking into the ability to make modern presentations in the Church area and improve flexibility of use of our premises.

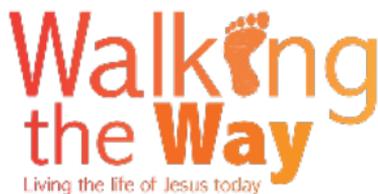
The acoustics within our building are good and this will be demonstrated during the Young Musicians Concert in our Church on Sunday 15th July at 3pm.

The community of today are in constant contact through social media. When you visit and look at the other churches in the town you can see the progress made in this respect.

Clearly the Church of today has to have a realistic approach to both worship and activities if we are to reach out into community in Minehead. You must have seen the notices on the Board near the Hall entrance and perhaps you have noticed our banners on the fence announcing activities such as Cafe Style worship and Craft-n-Chat.

We will publicise the fact that we are an active Church with new ideas and we already have links with the new ministry that is coming shortly to the other Churches in Minehead. Please invite your friends to join us they are assured of a warm welcome.

Viv and the Elders



Living the life of Jesus today is the umbrella term for the United Reformed Church's focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission. It explores what it means to actively follow and learn from - and to be eventually transformed by - Christ.

It's for all ages and stages of the Christian journey - whoever you are, whatever your existing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church is or whatever your personal circumstances.

It is for you whether you have been following Jesus for five days or five decades.

Walking the way prayer

Lord of all, as you walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy, we pray that we may place our footsteps in yours and walk where you lead as we live out our life in our daily living for Jesus' sake. Amen

Prayer for General Assembly 6th-8th July 2018

God, beyond the limits of our language or imagination, yet made known to us in the carpenter of Nazareth, we give thanks for General Assembly as an opportunity to be built up in faith and in following; by the work of the Holy Spirit, May it be a Council of the Church which enables us to walk the Way that leads to you, to discern the Truth that reveals you, and to live the Life that proclaims you for the blessing of the world to which you came and to which you call us to go; through Jesus Christ, Amen



Introducing Stepwise

Stepwise is the new intergenerational URC discipleship development programme. It is for people of all ages and backgrounds. *Stepwise* is an integral part of *Walking the Way*. *Stepwise* launches in September 2018.

Stepwise aims to deepen discipleship and encourage Christian confidence in today's world, taking seriously the many and varied settings in which believers find themselves at work, at play and involved in community life. It is being designed to be flexible and enable various learning styles e.g. a local group, project based activities and on line materials.

By helping people to develop as disciples, *Stepwise* aims to contribute to wider community and Church transformation.

If you are interested in a group or as an individual please let me or one of the Elders know.

Viv Henderson

Don't forget to put the 15th July in your diary

A SUMMER SHOWCASE CONCERT

will be held in our Church from 3pm - 5pm. The Concert presented by Jeannette Owen will feature Minehead's Young Musicians on Piano, Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone together with the West Somerset Wind Band playing music by Handel & Tchaikovsky. Minehead Wind Band will play traditional melodies.

There will be an interval and light refreshments

Entry - £5 (Five Pounds) Children/Students £2.50



*Sunday Worship
at 10.30am will be
led by the Preachers
set out below during
July*

Why not join us every Sunday you are welcome?

PREACHING PLAN - July 2018

All worship will commence at 10.30am

1st July - Revd Malcolm Hope *This service includes Communion*

8th July - Mrs Jane Sefton

15th July - *Cafe Style Worship* led by
Jacquie & Roger Newton (Lynton URC)

**3pm to 5pm - Summer Showcase Concert by
*Minehead's Young Musicians***

22nd July - Pamela Howarth

29th July **Revd Viv Henderson**
this worship will be followed by the AGM of the Church

*Prayer
Works*



Keeping In Touch

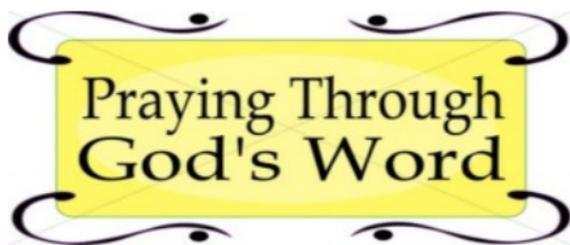
As a Church we are anxious that we are able to keep in touch with everyone who is in membership or is part of the fellowship through worship or activities and we would ask you to help us keep our church records and Information as up to date as possible.

Under the recent legislation we will never publish your details without your specific permission.

Please let me know if your details change.

If you have an email address we would like the details so that we can keep you informed and up to date with Church activities.

Thank you. Peter Cooper Church Secretary



Synod News

On Sunday 8th July the URC Churches of Somerset will gather together at Westfield URC in Bridgewater at 3pm for a presentation, fellowship together and a shared tea followed by a short evening worship led by Viv our Minister. We hope to arrange for a group from the Church to go to this gathering so if you would like to join us please tell Frank Dale and we will see what can be arranged.

For YOUR Diary

REMEMBER the Church AGM is on 29th July 2018