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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of Pivot under the new editorial team. This issue is a little later than planned so thank you for your patience and please accept our apologies for the delay in publishing. The articles have been written over the summer months, which has naturally shaped the theme of this issue.

In our last edition we announced the death of David Spracklen, who sadly did not see his final edition published; this issue includes a tribute to him. We also remember Audrey Hugill, who recently passed away.

As a new team we have inevitably made a few changes and it is likely more will be made as time passes. Some are so small that you might not notice but we hope you find the new version as enjoyable to read as previous editions. We would appreciate your feedback as this will help us develop future editions.

As you read, we hope the warmth and light of summer bring comfort and encouragement.

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Dear Friends

I have been on a sabbatical for the last three months. This is time that is gifted by the Methodist Connexion to its ministers every seven years of their ministry. I am incredibly grateful for my colleagues, the circuit and all the congregations for enabling me to have had this time.

Generally its purpose is to be restorative and reenergising; whether that is through pursuing a particular focus of study or reflection across a range of topics. It is also a time to take stock of the previous years and realign oneself ready for the next.

It seems like a long time, but it is remarkable how quickly the time passes and yet I experienced and appreciated the unhurried rhythm present throughout.

One of the highlights was a trip to Venice - a city unlike any I have experienced, it is an amazing place even when landing in thunderstorms and the first day exploring in constant rain. (I realise that we have not had much of that recently but it's the wet stuff that falls from the sky!)

There were two choices of transportation available - walking or by boat along the canals. I discovered that I am not very good at meandering. I appear to be programmed to get from A to B in the least amount of time, therefore leaving very little opportunity to notice what is around me as I go. I realised how much I rely on being able to see the next landmark ahead to navigate my way around unfamiliar territory.

Though there are some main thoroughfares most of the streets are very narrow, with very tall buildings either side and when it is busy you have to match your pace of travel with the majority. Every so often these alleys open out into a square, usually with a church or a café or both. And then you discern which narrow opening is likely heading in the direction you wish to go and disappear once more into the winding passageways.

It took me a little while to find the flow of the city, which meant that I had to lay aside my usual approaches and embrace this different way of being. Whilst there is a vulnerability in this, it was also liberating. I could appreciate the moments more fully - observe the incredible range of colours and designs from shop windows to buildings, the many variations of steps and bridges that there were and also the glimpses of everyday life, so different and yet so similar, my friend and I were fascinated by the water ambulance built low so that it could travel under most of the bridges.

I even became adjusted to navigating the city. There were signposts, they were discretely placed and easily missed until you knew where to find them and you had to look at the placement and design of the arrows very carefully. We had to trust them (we attempted to use google maps or our phone equivalent - it would give up after a while).

And so the city opened up for us as we began to explore on its terms and stopped trying to impose ours.

I went to Venice, expecting to see beauty and history and art and culture, and there was certainly plenty of that. I did not expect that I would discover a little more about myself and to be challenged to apply it in my everyday here.

Venice, amongst other events, was the point in the Sabbatical where I let go and rediscovered 'letting God'. It's an ongoing journey especially as once again I am having to adjust my daily rhythms. But in everything, I trust in God, even when the way is not clear and I cannot always understand the signs.

Every blessing

Rev Karen

BROADSTONE ECO-CHURCHES T0GETHER: THIS YEAR'S ECO-FAIR

Mike Brooke

Over the last four years what was a simple plant sale organised by Broadstone in Bloom has evolved into a mini eco-fair. Held in the front garden of Broadstone Methodist church, facing the Broadway, it took place on Saturday 23rd May in glorious sunshine. Each year the churches of St. John's, St Anthony's the United Reformed church and Broadstone Methodist take part reflecting the importance of the environment and the need to protect it for future generations. We have been joined by Dorset Wildlife Trust in the past but unfortunately they were unable to attend this year.



To encourage the public to take a greater interest in the environment we usually provide various items free of charge. In addition to wild flower seeds we have offered bird food, bird feeders and other related items, but as with all freebies there is a catch – in this case complete a short survey, make an eco-pledge, try a quiz or demonstrate good recycling knowledge. The main challenge this year was to make an eco-pledge and hang it on one of the small trees in the church garden. Hopefully those pledges will be put into practice during the year and so in some very small way contribute to the improvement in our local environment. For those who really like a challenge the opportunity to demonstrate a knowledge of British butterflies was available. Presented with a poster of 54 butterflies (there were some duplicate species) the challenge was to name as many as possible. Sadly, very few people attempted the challenge and most of those that did knew very few of the species names. Cabbage white (actually there is no butterfly with that name), peacock and red admiral were about as far as most could get. While it was apparent people enjoyed their beauty there was little interest in or understanding of their importance, both within the environment and as indicators of the health of our planet. Butterflies like the small tortoiseshell have shown a decline in their numbers of more than 75% over the past decade or so.



For instance, one outcome of global warming is the northward shift of some British species that have previously only been found in Southern England and now are regularly appearing in Cumbria and Southern Scotland. It would seem that both the painted lady and the clouded yellow are now overwintering in the south of the country and creating new colonies.



Some of the pledges made by members of the public:



WHAT IS BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

Joan Jackson

Are you a good neighbour? Not just for those living nearby but for anyone in need. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan when he was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' The people who might be expected to help in a crisis walked on by and it was an unknown foreigner who stopped to help.

I've recently been reminded of this story here in Broadstone and further afield when I needed help. My husband uses a wheelchair and managed to get himself half in and out of the car when attempting a transfer. A couple of gentlemen passing by stopped to offer help and with their assistance the transfer was completed.

Another time I was carrying a large duvet back to the church car park and a lady stopped to ask if I needed some help. Although I didn't need her help I thanked her for her kind offer. I understand that many people gave assistance when there was an accident in Broadstone recently. These are just a few examples of the help which has been offered by people acting as 'good Samaritans'.

This summer we have heard reports of people risking their lives to help others in difficulty in the sea or other water – a reminder that we need to take great care near the sea or in rivers, lakes etc – so we give thanks for all those who have responded in a crisis.

So may we all try to be 'Good Samaritans or good neighbours' – offering help where and when we see a need – and also remembering to say a big thank you for the help we have received or been offered. Let's help to make Broadstone and this area a caring community!

DAVID SPRACKLEN



I'm sure God had a plan in mind when David and Jill joined our church at Broadstone as it wasn't long before they were both involved in the project to rebuild the church!

There is talk of a special service in the future to look at our giving to the church, not just of money but of time and talents too. David would be a wonderful role model to follow.

David was very involved in the planning and development of our new church, working on the Business plan and especially with all the grant applications, Gift days and Fund raising events as well. He was a super host for Open Gardens and wonderful Six for Supper events.

David also became a church steward, eventually becoming senior steward where his quiet and encouraging leadership skills gave guidance and support for the team and for his successor especially during the time of Covid with all the new rules and regulations.

He continued to be the church liaison with those leading worship – providing information and the passing on orders of service, hymns etc to stewards, AV team and organists/pianists etc.

He shared his musical talents playing the organ for worship and accompanying the choral group for rehearsals and in services. Outside of church his support and participation in the Broadstone choir continued until just before his death.

Nothing ever seemed to be too much trouble – he just quietly carried on. I'm sure the phrase "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," definitely applies.



WHAT BEING A CHRISTIAN MEANS TO ME

Florence (aged 11)

The main reason I go to church is to worship God. I get to wear a special cross necklace. I wear this because it shows that I am a Christian and it reminds me that Jesus died on the cross for us.

My favourite part of church is after the service, when we have biscuits and drinks and I play with my friends in the big upstairs hall. I also like Junior Church, which is where all the children go out in the small hall to learn about Jesus, while doing fun challenges and cool crafts. Overall, I enjoy going to church and being with my friends, so I like to attend as often as I can.

SOME THOUGHTS

Bertie (aged 7)

I like going to church and playing in the big hall with my friends. I enjoy running around and learning about new stories from the bible every week.



WHAT JUNIOR CHURCH MEANS TO ME

Eddy (aged 40)

I would first like to thank all the Junior Church volunteers who give their time each week to entertain and teach the children. The kids usually begin in the sanctuary with the rest of the congregation and, after worshipping together, leave after the second hymn for their own activities elsewhere in the building. As a busy working mum, I am grateful for the moment of calm when they leave the main service. This allows me to devote my mind to God and recharges my soul for the rest of the week ahead.

When it is my turn to lead Junior Church, I try to embrace the chaos! No amount of preparation can fully predict the energy each child brings, and our discussions are often both entertaining and surprisingly thoughtful.

Each session is based on age-appropriate Scripture Union resources. We use crafts, Lego, and games to help Bible stories come alive in ways the children can understand and enjoy.

It is a pleasure to see the children express themselves and explore their faith in a supportive environment. Their questions often help me see the Bible with fresh eyes, and I sometimes leave having learned as much as they have.

IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

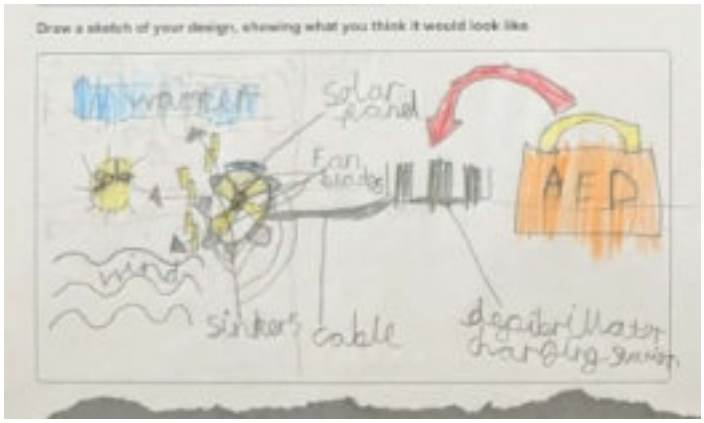
Ioan

Engineer in the making; Winner Year 6 - South 2026

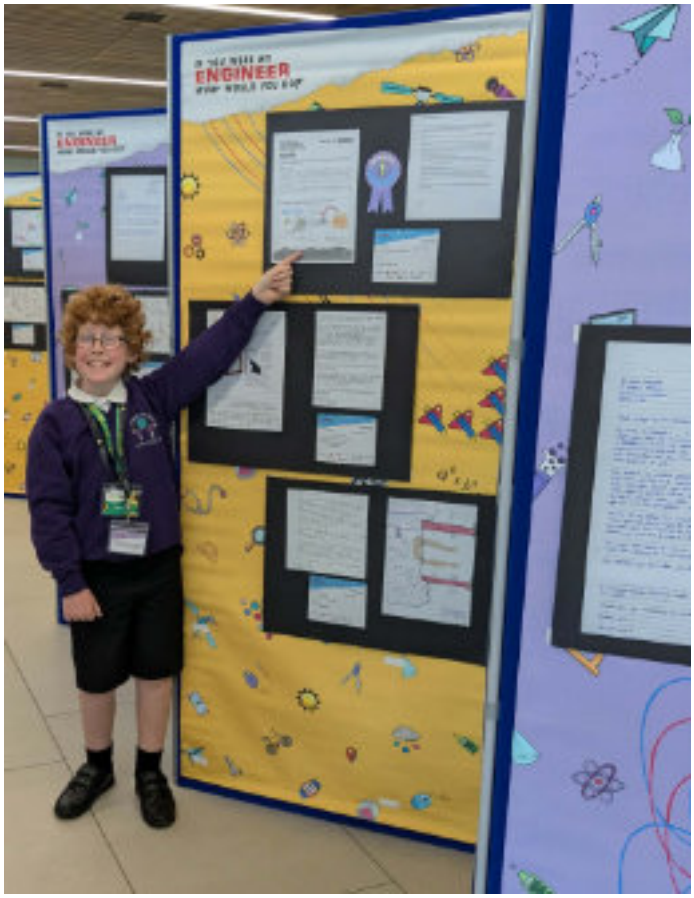


My invention is an ECO Defibrillator Charger (EDC). This helps to charge a defibrillator battery rather than having to replace it when it is worn out This keeps the battery fully charged for use and means the battery will last longer.
The EDC can help everyone as it will help there be more working defibrillators available for use.

I came up with the idea of the EDC when I was with my Scout group, and we were given a talk on defibrillators and how the batteries need to be replaced every few years to make sure they are still powerful enough. If they were not, then they had to be thrown away. This seemed very wasteful to me so I wanted to come up with something that meant the batteries could be used for longer.



The EDC should be made to stop so many batteries being thrown away as this is harmful to the planet. It also means that more defibrillators can exist in areas where it is harder to reach to charge the battery by wind, solar or water power.
My Scout masters talking about the defibrillators, and how they save lives, was what inspired me. I also saw the 'waterlily combined water and wind generator' which inspired me to come up with a dual purpose charger which can be used anywhere.
An electrical and mechanical engineer would make my invention as it needs both their expertise.
When I leave school, I would like to be a military engineer to help design things to keep our country safe.



BROADSTONE FAMILY FUN DAY, RECREATION AND MORE

Joan Jackson

Did you visit the Broadstone Fun day at the Recreation ground held at the beginning of July? This was an opportunity to gather as a community in that wonderful facility sharing entertainment for and by all ages, sampling the many things for sale and finding out about all the different charities and organisations which support our area.

Thinking of this I was reminded that the word recreation comes from re-create – and that we all need time to re-create ourselves by stepping aside from the business of everyday life to take stock, rest awhile and recharge our batteries!

As I write this we are at the beginning of the holiday season when we can welcome others to visit this beautiful area in which we live where, perhaps, we take for granted the wonders of nature on our doorstep. We have such beautiful beaches, spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife if we only make the time to explore and enjoy.

Holidays were originally ‘Holy’ days, the only time when people could refrain from work, although they were expected to attend a service at church as the days were closely linked to Christian festivals and saints’ days. Other religions also had their holy days too. Each individual Holy day has a history, meaning and tradition. It wasn’t until the late 19th century that some skilled workers began to have paid holidays. Then holidays began to lose their religious meaning as Holy days turned into days off work rather than time to observe a religious day.

Now holidays, days off work or school, have become a time for recreation and relaxation although perhaps for working parents finding extra childcare can present a challenge! Hopefully they provide for more time together as a family, or an opportunity to visit relatives and friends who may live away from the area.

I hope that this holiday season you were able to find time to relax; to enjoy the beauty of the world around us; the sea, rivers, hills and countryside of God’s wonderful world to be recreated by the power of love. Also, that during the coming weeks, a little time can be found amid all the busyness to keep up the renewal and recreation.



AUDREY HUGILL



Remembering Audrey and all she was involved in here at Broadstone invokes some wonderful memories of shared experiences. When our youngsters were teenagers we travelled to Greenbelt – a Christian Arts and Music Festival - usually held around the August Bank holiday weekend, on a very large campsite. As parents we were there to support our youngsters but also to enjoy the many seminars and music events as well. We had fun too, sharing good conversations late into the night and even managed to be asked to be quiet by our children as they wanted to go to sleep!!

Audrey readily offered support for all the work with children and young people especially helping to run the Junior Club for the pre teens - lots of fun but quite hard work – and helping with Junior Church on a Sunday.

With Derek she helped with the craft activities etc at Thirsty Thursday and with Messy Church, often guiding the youngsters with the decorating of cakes, biscuits or some other food activity.

Hospitality was offered with a lovely welcome, providing a home for a Bible Study group, Six for Supper happenings and Open Garden events. We were often able to see evidence of Audrey's wonderful craft skills - patchwork or beautiful homemade cards.

She was a Pastoral visitor – supporting and caring for all those in her group

Audrey was someone who quietly shared her faith, skills and talents and will be very much missed especially as a loving and caring friend.

TIME FOR POETRY

Anonymous

Summer, Unfolding

Summer drifts in on a soft, honeyed breeze, laying its warmth across the day like a hand resting gently on the shoulder.

The mornings arrive bright and unhurried, spilling gold over rooftops, coaxing the world awake with kindness.

Afternoons stretch long and languid, where time loosens its grip and even the air seems to linger.

Laughter travels farther in summer— carried by open windows, woven through gardens, caught in the leaves like a secret.

And the evenings— oh, the evenings— they glow with a kind of quiet magic, a soft blue hush that gathers everything the sun has left behind.

Summer is a season that doesn't rush. It leans in, invites you to breathe, and whispers that joy can be simple and rest can be holy.

And when it finally begins to slip away, it leaves your hands warm, your heart a little fuller, and your memories lit with its gentle light.

The Season That Lingers

Summer stretches wide across the day, a bright, unhurried blessing that invites the world to slow its pace and breathe a little deeper.

Long hours of sunlight spill over everything, warming rooftops, softening worries, turning ordinary moments into small, golden gifts.

Birdsong drifts through open windows, laughter rises from gardens and fields, and the air carries the familiar comfort of barbecues and freshly cut grass.

Families gather, friends wander in and out, conversations meander like lazy rivers, and time — for once — forgets to rush.

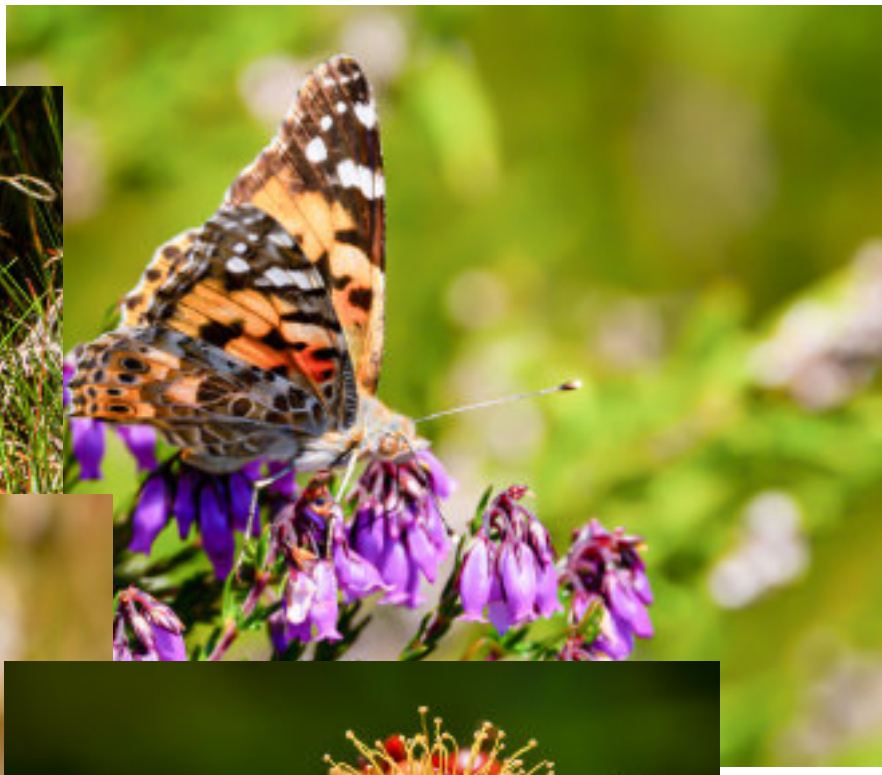
Warm evenings settle gently, holding the day in a soft embrace as creation unfurls its beauty: trees whispering in the breeze, flowers leaning toward the last light, and skies painted in colours that feel almost too tender to name.





IMAGES OF SUMMER AND THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION







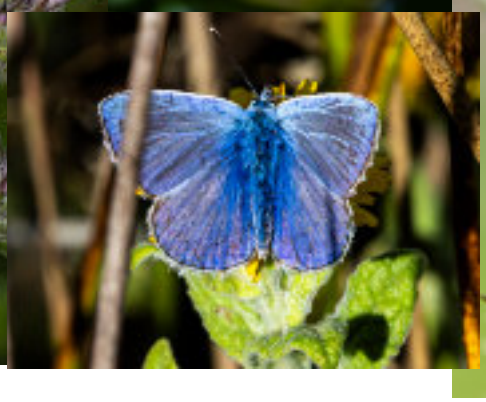




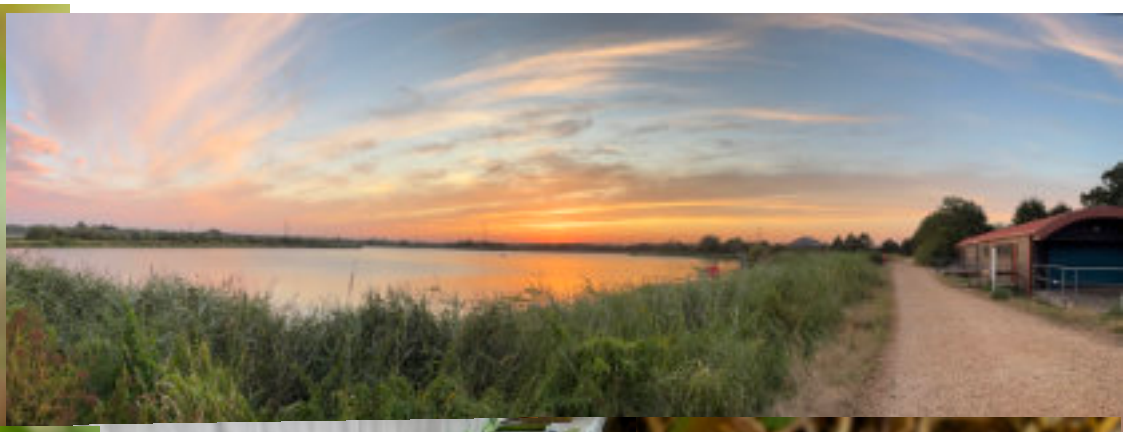




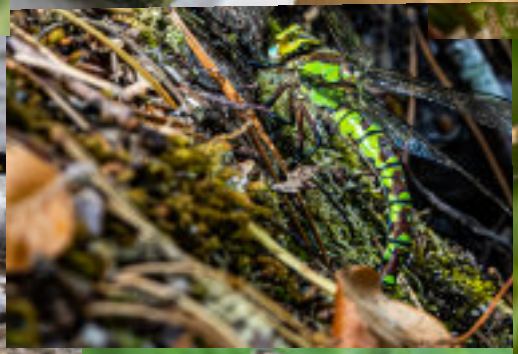


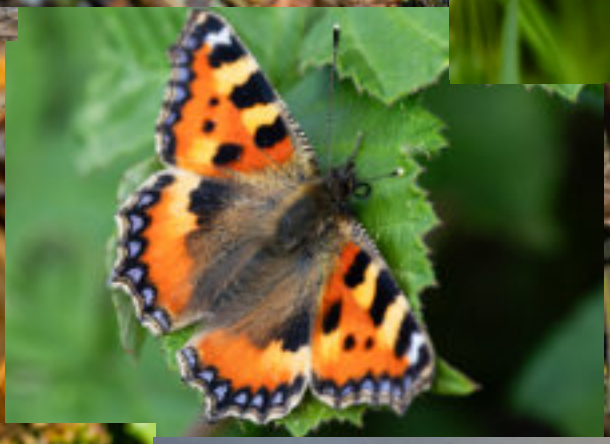
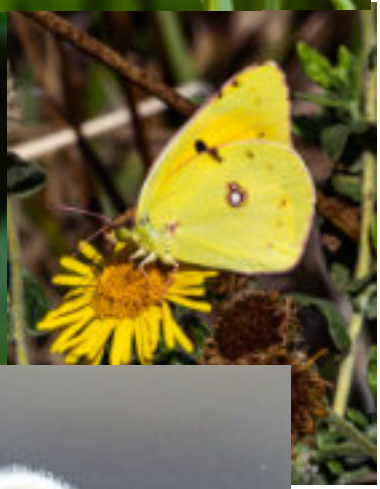








A SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Robert Maguire

The Lions International organisation, having been inaugurated in 1917, invited Helen Keller to address their 1925 annual conference. Deaf and blind from an early age, Helen Keller called upon Lions to serve as 'Knights of the Blind in the crusade against preventable blindness'. Ever since then, vision has been an important theme for Lions Clubs worldwide.

Here in Poole one aspect of our response to Helen Keller's call is to collect used spectacles for recycling. An estimated 120 million people worldwide are visually impaired because of uncorrected refractive errors (far and near sightedness). Many of these cases can be corrected and normal vision can be restored with spectacles, and yet there are still people in middle and lower income countries who can't afford them.

The spectacles that we collect go to a recycling centre where trained Lion volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses. They are then packed and sent to centres in lower and middle income countries where eye care professionals and trained Lion volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

One person, Ricky Paddock, has been leading the used spectacle collections for Poole Lions for over 20 years. Towards the end of 2025 he reached a milestone. He had collected 200,000 pairs! His achievement was recognised by a presentation in front of his work colleagues at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, which was made, much to his surprise, by the Mayor of Poole.

His next target is 250,000 and if you would like to help him get there, and have any have used spectacles, there is a collecting box at Harold's Opticians on the Broadway, or just hand them to Robert Maguire at church.



A VERY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary

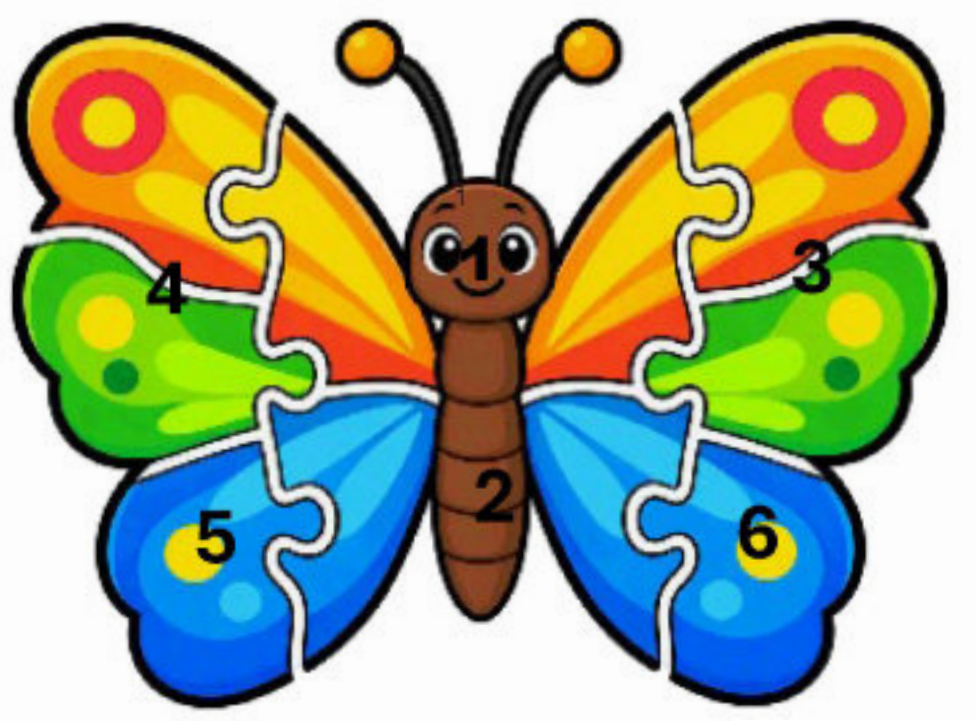
Our congratulations go to Ray and Heather Cornick who recently celebrated their Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary .- 65 years together - .with their family.

Birthday Celebrations

Our good wishes to Heather Cornick, whose 90th Birthday is on October 9th.

BUTTERFLY TEMPLATE

Cut out individual pieces to make either a simple 8 piece jigsaw or 6 pieces for a butterfly version of "Beetle Drive". You will, of course, need to photocopy the template and to make the pieces last longer stick them to card before cutting out.



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MIKE BROOKE'S WORDSEARCH CHALLENGE No.2
Summer at the seaside

The Challenge:

to find as many words as you can that could be associated with a summer holiday at the seaside



A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Lord,

As summer begins to loosen its golden hold and autumn quietly approaches, I pause to give thanks for all the gifts this season has placed in my hands.



Thank You for the bright, generous days that stretched long into evening, for the warmth that wrapped itself around me like a gentle reassurance.

Thank You for the chance to slow down, to breathe more deeply, to rest without hurry, and to savour moments that might otherwise slip past.

I am grateful for time spent with family and friends — for shared meals, easy laughter, unplanned conversations, and the simple joy of being together.

Thank You for the sounds of summer: birdsong drifting through open windows.

Thank You for the beauty of creation — for skies painted in impossible blues, for fields and forests alive with colour, and for sunsets that lingered like blessings at the close of each day.

Now, as the air cools and the first hints of autumn appear, steady my heart for the turning of the season. Help me carry summer's gratitude forward, its rest, its joy, its warmth.

Let the changing leaves remind me that Your rhythms are good, that every season has its purpose, and that beauty is never lost — only transformed.

Walk with me into autumn, Lord. Let Your presence be the light that guides, the peace that settles, and the warmth that remains.
Amen.



LOOKING FORWARD

Harvest Festival Sunday 4 October 10.30am

Church Anniversary Sunday 22 November 10.30am followed by lunch

CHRISTMAS

"Midnight Mass" Thursday 24 December 9.00pm - Midnight in Bethlehem

Christmas Day Friday 25 December URC 10.30am.

SCRAMBLED BUTTERFLIES

A Mike Brooke challenge

unscramble the following sets of letters to create the names of summer butterflies

bonrw ahir aekrst

cddelou ello

der aadilmr

accekop

allms ehitw

bonrw agrsu

cdeeklps doow

cmmnoo belu

eehilloorsstt

beimnorst

adinos belu

acmmo

eilrsv dddestu belu





THE COFFEE LOUNGE

Marilyn Greenaway

At a Church along the Broadway,
An oasis waits for you,
From ten till noon, the Coffee Lounge
Serves a drink, and biscuit too.

From a poem to be found in the Coffee Lounge by Patricia Thomas, known to many of us as Pat Skelton.

The strapline printed each week on our notice sheet reads" Broadstone Methodist Church – the church in the community" and one of the places where this is most at work is in our Coffee Lounge. For many, many years, predating by far the opening of our new premises in 2003, coffee has been served on weekday mornings. I have heard how vacuum flasks of milk and water were prepared to serve the visiting customers. We now have a purpose built area with good facilities, facing the Broadway and we serve hundreds of cups of coffee each month.

A good number of those who attend various groups and classes on our premises join us for a drink as do members of our congregation as well as many friends from the wider community. It is these folk who often benefit most from what we offer. Those of us privileged to serve "behind the counter" have heard on numerous occasions how welcome these people feel. Very often small groups meet up regularly but anyone coming alone is welcomed and invited to join them for coffee. There are others who prefer their own space but value a brief conversation or a cheery greeting. In times of ill-health and bereavement many hours of support are gently offered. There are times of celebration too when birthday cakes are shared between friends. We are frequently told the coffee is good too!

In recent years we have the book stall where a varied selection of reading material is available to purchase for a nominal sum. It is surprising how quickly the books change as recommendations are made and other books are moved on elsewhere.

Without the support of a large group of volunteers none of this would be possible. Quite a few new faces have been welcomed over recent months and more could be used as some feel the need to "retire" from this role. Of course, our Receptionist is also a very valuable member of the team, greeting folk at the door and dealing with any minor queries they may have,

There are plenty of people in Broadstone who would be much lonelier without the Coffee Lounge and they really do appreciate the support offered by the Church even if they rarely, if ever attend a service of worship - this is their Church. There is no room for complacency but we should be justly proud of what we have provided over many years of service to the local community. There is a little plaque near the servery which says "The Gathering Place Where friends become family." Long may that continue.



SUMMER THE CROWNING GLORY OF CREATION

Ray Cornick

We start with a prayer by the Revd Helen Kirk, from the 2025/26 edition of the Methodist Prayer Handbook and reprinted with permission.

Before words and beyond imagination, grasped in wonder and beauty, realised in silence, noticed in care. You are Lord.

Within each atom and nucleotide, carried in the rhythm of every breath, borne in the love songs of creation. You are Lord.

Known in grace, joy and hope, lived in generosity and hospitality, found within and without us. You are Lord.

Loving Lord divinely present may we trust you enough to cease our striving and so attend to your gift among us, which brings meaning to all we are and all we do. Amen.

In the beginning.

July sees the first birthday of our Great grandson, Matthew. We have been privileged to see him several times in the past year and Ruth and Dan keep us up to date through Whats App. *Within each atom*. That is what he first seemed to be, a lovely bundle of atoms, but now he is nearly a toddler! Genesis, probably written after the return from the exile talks of creation in simple yet profound terms. The writer didn't have our modern knowledge and yet the progressive narrative from light to life is the same as the far more complicated modern thoughts beginning with the Big bang. *borne in the love songs of creation…living lord divinely present. S*t John talks of the beginning and the Word. So, beginnings lead to growth and blossoming and summer shows the glory.

In the beginning was the Word…

I have always loved the opening passage of St John's Gospel So deep and so profound! God with us not just at Christmas, but all the year round. We see the outcome of creation as we witness the passing of the year and indeed, in the growth of babies. God's grace all around us. At Pentecost we spent the evening sitting on our son's roof garden watching the sun go down. As dusk settled, Peter pointed out the planets Jupiter and Venus shining brightly in the darkening sky. A distant view of creation. There since so long ago. Shining at the time of Christ's birth. *Before words*.

This summer some of us may well take in the glory of the Purbecks or, further afield, the silence of the Cumbrian fells which we visited last year. Perhaps a gently flowing stream, a quiet lake or the summer glory of the garden. *Grasped in wonder and beauty.*

How do we find creation in our lives?

Grace, joy and hope, created by God point the way. We find God in our Christian lives, within the fellowship of the church and in our private times with God. In our response to grace there is hope and joy, but also, we find creation in our living in generosity. So, we give, we greet and we share love with the stranger. In this troubled world in which we live we need to *trust [God] enough to cease our striving and so attend to[his] gift among us.*

Thanks be to God for creation which reaches its peak in summertime.



KNIT AND NATTER

Terry Millard



Source: Co-pilot

There is something comforting about the gentle rhythm of knitting or crochet, especially in the company of others. Our group is much more than wool and patterns, it is a place where friendships grow, laughter is shared and everyone is welcome.

Knitting reminds us that worthwhile things take time. Every blanket, scarf or hat begins with a simple stitch. When mistakes need to be undone or patterns are puzzling there is always someone there to help and give encouragement. Many of the items that we make with care, go to charities to help make a real difference to someone's day.

The Reverend Paul Arnold spoke to us on Sunday in his sermon, about Paul's letter to the Philippians that speaks warmly about joy, gratitude and caring for one another. He encourages people to look beyond themselves, to support each other and to find strength in community. It struck me how relevant those words are today as they did then.

Broadstone Methodist Knit and Natter Group try to reflect those simple but important qualities. Someone is always ready to help with dropped stitches, explain a tricky pattern or offer words of encouragement. We celebrate finished projects and enjoy the time we spend together whist making them. Often the nattering takes precedence over the knitting!

Our knitting group is open to everyone, whether you come for the knitting, the nattering or simply to be among friendly faces.

We meet every Monday 10am - 12 noon at Broadstone Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. Come and join us over a cup of tea or coffee kindly sponsored by Lesley Shand Funeral Directors.

SUMMER PUDDING: A recipe that brings out the real flavours of summer.

If you love summer fruit you will love this pudding. It requires very little equipment and is easy to make but if you want a five star gourmet delight then be prepared for an overnight soaking – of the ingredients not you!

Equipment: nothing more than a saucepan, a glass pudding bowl (1 litre capacity), tablespoon, scissors, breadknife and a tea-towel or cling film.

Ingredients:

- 900g mixed summer or soft fruit, preferably fresh though frozen will do. Blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackcurrants etc.
- 190g caster sugar or less if preferred but see footnote.
- 1 medium white loaf, preferably unsliced, but sliced will do.
- 2 tbsp cassis or if prefer alcohol free then use blackcurrant cordial.

Now let's get started:

1. Make sure you top and tail any of the fruit eg blueberries before putting into the saucepan (compare BBC easy recipe!!)
2. Add sugar and mix into the fruit.
3. Cover the pan with either the tea-towel or cling film and leave overnight for best results. If making the same day then leave for a minimum of 3 hours. You could be preparing the rest of the meal during this time or you could just watch a video on 'how to make a summer pudding'.
4. Place pan on hob, bring to the boil slowly and then allow to simmer for several minutes
5. While the fruit is simmering, cut the bread into thin slices and remove any crusts. Shape one slice to fit the base of the bowl. Cut the remaining slices into triangles. When you have cut enough triangles to fully line the bowl remove the pan of simmering fruit from the heat (don't forget to turn off the hob) and stir in the cassis or your alcohol free blackcurrant cordial.
6. Dip one side of the bread circle into the syrup in the pan containing the fruit, (be careful not to scald your fingers), then place the circle in the bottom of the pudding basin, syrup-side down.
7. Do the same with the bread triangles, dipping one side of the bread into the syrup before placing them around the side of the bowl, with the dipped side facing the glass The tips of the bread triangles may be sticking up from the rim of the bowl at this stage. Cut them off and use to fill any gaps in the lining.
8. Spoon the fruit and syrup into the bread lined bowl and then finally cover the surface with syrup soaked bread.
9. Place a saucer or plate on top of the pudding and press down squeezing the juices upwards to ensure all the bread is saturated with the syrup. The pressure can be maintained by adding unopened cans of tomatoes or fruit and leave overnight to set.
10. Before serving loosen the pudding from the sides of the bowl with a knife and then tip the full bowl over onto a larger plate and remove the glass bowl. The pudding should stay firm and ready to be served with fresh cream.



- **Footnote:** the more sugar you use the more syrup will be formed and the greater the chance of ensuring the bread becomes fully saturated. The example in the photograph was made for a friend who doesn't like very sweet things so very little sugar was used with the obvious result.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



WENDY HOUSE



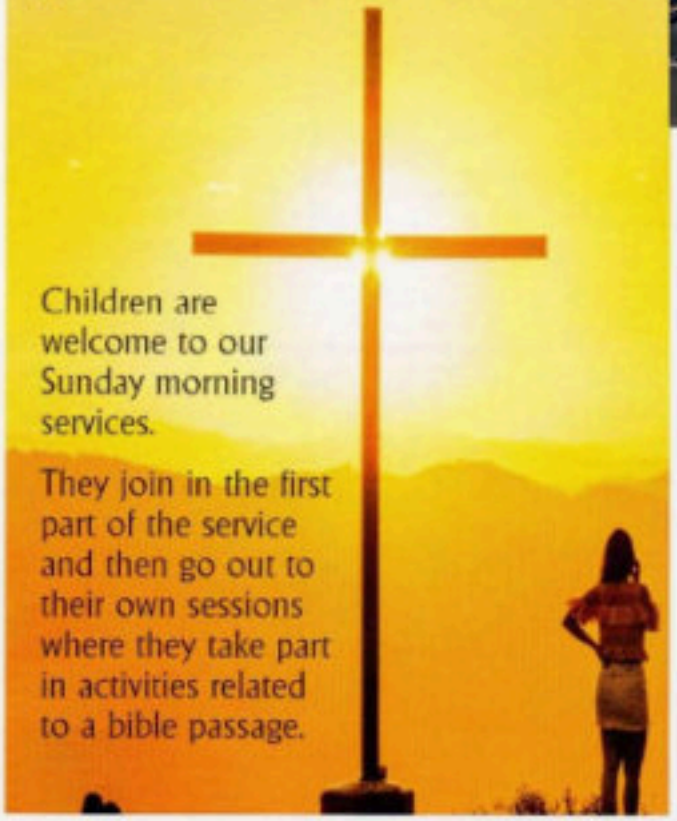
Our popular Wendy House group for babies and toddlers up to 3+ and their parent(s) or carer runs every Thursday in term time.

Please join us - we meet in the Sharland Hall at 10am where the children can play happily and the adults can enjoy a sociable time. There is coffee and tea for adults – biscuits for all.

At 11am we sing songs, nursery rhymes, and have a story. We have a band too!

To end the morning we shower bubbles into the air and sing 'Twinkle, Twinkle little star'.

JUNIOR CHURCH



Children are welcome to our Sunday morning services.

They join in the first part of the service and then go out to their own sessions where they take part in activities related to a bible passage.

Messy CHURCH

Meets once during each school holiday
All ages welcome with an accompanying parent or carer

The next is on Thursday 29 October

10am to 12.30pm Light lunch included

Do come and join us at the Church for crafts and related activities

For Wendy house and Messy Church please enter by the back entrance of the Church from the car park. For any other events please use either entrance.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Weekly at 10.30am

(Holy Communion as announced)

with Junior Church and
Crèche at the same time

All are welcome

Tea and Coffee served after the Service

We also offer

Evening Worship

on Zoom

or a

Written and
Recorded Service

each week

Contact the Church Office for details
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Broadstone Methodist Church

COFFEE LOUNGE

for Fellowship and Refreshments

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday each week
apart from Bank Holidays

10.00am–12.00 noon

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying chatting over a cuppa!



See Church Notices for future dates



TABLE TENNIS

Tuesdays
8.15 – 10.00pm

Badminton Group

Mondays from 7.30–9.30pm
in the Bradbury Hall

Knit & Natter

Mondays 10.00am – 12.00 noon
in the Sanctuary

STEPPING STONES DROP-IN

Second Friday of every month
2.30 – 4.00pm
in the Coffee Lounge

CARERS' GROUP

Second Thursday of every month
2.00 – 4.00pm
in the Coffee Lounge

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