



# Link Up!

**Don't let the floods overwhelm me, or the deep waters swallow me, or the pit of death devour me. Answer my prayers O Lord, for your unfailing love is wonderful. Turn and take care of me, for your mercy is plentiful. Psalm 69 v15 & 16.**

## Looking forward to November

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, which is Remembrance Sunday, we will be starting the service at 10.45am that morning. Rev John Taylor will be leading the service.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we have Stephen Ashby leading our service and continuing our series in Luke's gospel with Luke 13: 22 – 35.

To conclude the month on 26<sup>th</sup> November we have Richard Stamp, one of the Elders at Gateway Church in Parkstone leading our service and preaching on Luke 14: 1 - 24

## Church Cleaning

In recent months two of the people on our rota for cleaning the church have had to stand down for health reasons. This is now leaving the rota repeating every five weeks which is quite demanding for those on it. We do want to make sure, if we can, that the church is cleaned each week, particularly with COVID still lurking around. Also cleaning less frequently means the job is more demanding when it is done because there's more dust and dirt around. I know that most of you will feel that this would be beyond you, but is there anyone who feels they could help out with this? Please let Janet know.

Most of us have our favourite season and for me Autumn has to be a good contender. The scenery is stunning as uniform greens are transformed into a blaze of colour; then there is the annual packing up of our boats for winter storage as the days draw in, which is in fact a pleasant respite from the busy summer. Dave too is in his element as the hard work of collecting, chopping and stacking wood during the year is rewarded as the stove once again springs into life warming up the chill dark evenings. It was also lovely to see pictures of Liza enjoying her very first 'Bonfire Night experience,' although she did say the noisy ones were a bit scary. And then Harvest reminds us of all that we have to be thankful for.

Of course, on the flip side, there are the storms and floods and disruption that many have had to cope with and which are often prone to kick off at this time of year. Storm Ciaran certainly made a name for itself and many will still be feeling the consequences.

Although we were let off relatively lightly it did not pass completely unnoticed at our local sailing club. On the morning after the high winds last week I was sent a photo of my boat. The cover was completely split across the middle and my sail had disappeared.

#### Forthcoming Events

##### Rock Choir event for Poole Foodbank

We have had to change the date for the Rock Choir event for Poole Foodbank from 18<sup>th</sup> November to the following **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** as it was impossible for the Rock Choir to fit in our event the previous Saturday. The concert will start at 4pm and finish at 5pm followed by refreshments.

The aim of the event is to collect Christmas food for the Foodbank Christmas hampers and also money towards the running costs of the Foodbank. The food items suggested are:- Christmas Puddings, Stuffing, Gravy Granules, Cranberry Sauce, Boxes of Chocolate Biscuits, Cheese Biscuits, Tinned Ham, Tinned Salmon, Pringles, Crisps, Sweet treats, Christmas Crackers. You can either bring those on the night or bring them along to church on the previous Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

As capacity is limited, we have set up an online ticketing system and if you are coming you need to book a seat. You can do this by a) scanning the QR code on the posters around the church; b) using the web address shown on the posters or c) going to our church website [www.longfleetbaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.longfleetbaptistchurch.co.uk) and going to the web page for the Poole Rock Choir event. At the bottom of the page is a button which says 'book your seats' which will take you straight to the ticket site, enter your name and an email address to get your ticket. You can also make a financial donation to the Foodbank on the same page 'donate to the foodbank'.

If you haven't got access to the internet, please see Kim or Janet who will book for you and let you have a ticket.

Please do encourage your friends, family, and neighbours to come along to what was last year an excellent concert.

##### Family News

We heard last week that Ernie Belbin passed away. Ernie had been unwell for quite some while and Anne is still not well either. Please do pray for her and for their two sons and the rest of the family.

Fortunately, I later discovered that a kind person had retrieved it and stored it away for me to collect.

In some ways, I see Autumn as a reflection of life. There is the beauty; a sense of winding down and cosying up by the stove; times when we feel thankful. But there can also be turmoil and anxiety that disrupts and throws our lives off balance.

As Christians we can be reassured in the knowledge that God is our strength in all things.

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