

SHARING JESUS — SERVING COMMUNITY

31ST MAY 2026

THE BULLETIN



A warm welcome to everyone here today - both visitors and regulars.

Our service this morning is led by Rev Yvonne Stone.

Please stay for tea, coffee and biscuits after the service.

The reading today is: John 3:1–17

EVENTS THIS WEEK...

Monday: 10.30pm, Coffee & Prayer in The Woodborough. This is for everyone.

Monday: 7.30pm, Bible Study with David

Tuesday: 7.30pm, Bible Study using Zoom. Ask Alison for the link to join in.

Wednesday: 10.30am, Mid-Week Service. Short, informal service followed by coffee. Why not invite a friend or neighbour?

You can now find the weekly Bulletin and calendar of events on the Lynch Chapel website www.lynchchapel.org.uk

Our Pastor,

David Jewell,

can be contacted on

07443 907454 if you would like to speak to him or ask for prayer - or you can speak to any of the Deacons.

The **Duty Deacon** today will be the person who read the notices at the beginning of the service.

PASTOR'S VIEW: We are beginning to study the letter of James in the sermons I take. He is a straight talker, but this can be of great benefit to us. His central theme is that following Jesus is both deeply rewarding and, at times, greatly challenging. Perhaps that should not surprise us. Jesus never promised an easy road. He spoke honestly about taking up our cross, loving our enemies, forgiving those who hurt us, and choosing faithfulness over comfort. Living as a Christian can sometimes feel like swimming against the tide of modern life. We may struggle with doubt, disappointment, unanswered prayer, or the pressure to fit in with the world around us. There are days when faith feels costly.

Yet alongside the challenges come remarkable joys. There is the joy of knowing we are loved by God, not because we are perfect, but because of His grace. In a world where so much depends on success, appearance, or achievement, the gospel reminds us that our worth is rooted in being children of God. There is peace in knowing that we do not walk through life alone. Christ promises, "I am with you always."

There is also joy in Christian fellowship. Churches are never perfect, because they are made up of ordinary people, but they can become places of encouragement, friendship, prayer, and practical care. Often it is in difficult seasons that we discover the strength of belonging to God's family. Being a Christian also brings the joy of purpose. Faith invites us to look beyond ourselves and to live with compassion, generosity, and hope. Small acts of kindness, a listening ear, a prayer for someone struggling, or quiet faithfulness in everyday life can all become part of God's work in the world.

And perhaps above all, Christians live with hope. Not a vague optimism that everything will automatically turn out well, but a confidence that God is at work even in hard times. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that darkness and despair never have the final word. The Christian journey contains both crosses and celebrations, tears and thanksgiving. Yet through it all, God remains faithful — patiently shaping us, strengthening us, and leading us onward in faith, hope, and love.

God bless you, David

...DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 7th June: Our service at 11am will be led by our pastor, David Jewell.

Monday, 1st June: 10.30am, Coffee & Prayer in The Woodborough.

Tuesday, 9th June: 7.30pm, Zoom Bible Study. Contact Alison for the link.

Wednesday, 10th June: 2pm-4pm, Knit & Natter. A chance to sit and knit, sew, crochet or simply natter over a cup of tea. If you know of anyone who would enjoy this kind of afternoon please bring them along and introduce them. All ages and abilities welcome.

Monday, 15th June: 7.30pm, Bible Study with David.

Saturday, 27th June: Come for a Cuppa at 2.30pm.

If you wish to give money before the Sunday service, for work in and through this church, the offertory plate is on the entrance table. The money will be blessed during the service. Thank you for your gifts.

Our Charity of the Month for June - where we donate the collection from our *Communion Service* and *Come for a Cuppa* - is Children's Hospice South West. Last month we raised £363 for Christian Aid.

Please let **TRICIA** know of items for the next **BULLETIN** by Thursday 4th June. **Would you like your Bulletin via email?** Tell *Elizabeth* if you would like yours sent to you.

Alison receives email newsletters from the **URC and BU**. If you would like these forwarded on to you, please speak to her.

NEED A LIFT TO CHURCH OR ANY OF OUR ACTIVITIES?
Contact: *Alison* on 844401, *Elizabeth* on 733886, or *Tricia* on 843481.

