

SHARING JESUS – SERVING COMMUNITY

18TH OCTOBER 2026

THE BULLETIN



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

Our Service this morning is led by our pastor, Rev David Jewell.

Our Church Meeting will be held after the service.

Grab a quick coffee and sit back down.

Please stay for the meeting if you can.

The readings today are: Acts 2 v42-47 and 1 Corinthians 10 v16,17

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.

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 October – where we
donate the collection from
our Communion Service and
Come for a Cuppa – is
Cheddar Foodbank

Please let **TRICIA** know of
items for the next **BULLETIN**
by Thursday 22nd October.

**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.



EVENTS THIS WEEK...

Monday: 7.30pm, Bible Study with David - at Debbie's.

Tuesday: 7.30pm, Zoom Bible Study. Contact Alison for link.

Wednesday: 10.30am, Half Hour of Prayer in chapel.

PASTOR'S VIEW: How do you and I know that God loves us? The apostle John wrote, 'We love Jesus because He first loved us.' So, our love of Him is a response to His love for us. And what evidence do we have that Christ loves us? The historical fact of His arms stretched out wide on the cross to embrace each and every lost soul that there has ever been or will be. The famous Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, wrote this prayer: 'You loved us first O God...If I rise at dawn and in the very second of my awakening my soul turns to you in prayer, you have already beaten me to it. You have already turned in love toward me.'

If religion isn't grounded in being loved, it will be grounded in legalism. Unless we know the Father's love, we tend towards the attitude of the Prodigal son: we cannot enjoy the party, we resent the Father's grace to our brothers and sisters. We can even resent God, and we cannot hear the Father crying: 'My son, all I have is yours.' In John's Gospel, which you may have been studying with me in my daily blogs, the writer identifies himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved. This I have found irritating and a little like Joseph with his technicolour dream coat. However, recently I read that God says to us: 'David, (or substitute your own name for mine), I don't love John any more than I love you. The only difference maybe is that he knows he is loved.' On the night that Jesus was betrayed John leant on His breast not because he was Christ's favourite, but because he understood he was welcome. Everyone in that upper room was, even including Judas Iscariot, but only John came and rested. We can note that the first one leaning is the last man standing. Of the twelve disciples, only John stayed with Jesus, sitting at the foot of the cross as He died. Jesus, after His resurrection, asked Peter: "Simon Peter, do you love me?" And that same question He asks of us today: "(insert your name), do you love me?"

God bless, David.

...DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 25th October: Our 11am **Service** will be led by our friend, Rev Yvonne Stone

Tuesday, 27th October: 7.30pm, **Zoom Bible Study.** Contact Alison

Wednesday, 28th October: 2pm – 4pm, **Knit & Natter**

Saturday, 31st October: 2.30pm-4pm, **Come for A Cuppa**

Sunday, 15th November: 6pm, **A Service of Healing and Communion**

Saturday, 21st November: 2pm, **Funeral Preparation Workshop**