

# SHARING JESUS - SERVING COMMUNITY

12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026



**A warm welcome to everyone here today - both visitors and regulars.  
Our Communion Service this morning is led by our pastor, David Jewell.**

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

**The reading today is: James 2 v14-26**

## EVENTS THIS WEEK...

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

**Wednesday: 10.30am, Half Hour of Prayer.** A time to sit and pray.

Our **Charity of the Month** for July - where we donate the collection from our *Communion Service* and *Come for a Cuppa* - is Mercy UK, a mental health charity.

**If you have any items for the Church Meeting Agenda please hand to Alison.**

The 16<sup>th</sup> August will be a Deacon led service. We would like you to think of one of your favourite hymns, the reason you like it and a Bible reading you associate with it. You don't have to stand up and talk about it unless you want to. Please write it down and give it to one of the deacons so we can choose a mix to make the service. Thank you.

**PASTOR'S VIEW:** What do you do, and to whom do you turn when you are desperate? The Bible tells of a situation where a lady's husband had died, leaving great debts. The person to whom she owed the debt planned to take her two sons as his slaves. You can read the story in 2 Kings 4 v 1-7. The lady turns to the prophet Elisha. Her husband had been part of his company of prophets, so she already knew him. After she has explained her situation, he asks, "Tell me, what do you have in your house?" Her answer was, "Nothing except a little oil." Elisha replies, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour the oil into all the jars...." She obeys his instructions and returns to ask what she is to do next. He tells her, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left." She knew where to go and saw God act and rescue her. You and I have a Heavenly Father to whom we can go. He has promised to be "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows." (Psalm 68 v 5). He also tells you to, "Cast all your care upon Him, for he cares for you." (1 Peter 5 v 7)

The question Elisha asks the widow has stayed with me, "What do you have in your house?" I understand that God is all-powerful, all-loving, and caring, and I have his promise that I can come to Him and ask for anything in Jesus' Name. When the situation is desperate and the need is great, I know where to go and find help. Repeatedly, I've experienced His help. However, when the situation is less clear, it is easy to be self-reliant and fail to turn to Him. I want to be someone who waits for Him to act on my behalf, whatever my needs are. One who quickly turns to Him to see His wonderful care and provision, whatever the

circumstances, knowing His resources are limitless.

## ...DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July:** *Our service* at 11am will be led by Jon Ellis.

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July:** 7.30pm, *Bible Study* with David.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July:** 7.30pm, *Zoom Bible Study*. Contact Alison for the link.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** 2pm-4pm, *Knit & Natter*.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July:** 2.30pm-4pm, *Come for A Cuppa*. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July:** The service will be followed by our *Church Meeting*.

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am-12noon, first *Children's Summer Pop-In*.

**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.

## CHAPEL KEYS

We are updating our log of  
Key Holders. If you have a  
key to chapel will you please  
tell Alison. If you have a key  
you no longer need, please  
give it to Alison so that we  
don't need to cut more.

**Thank you.**

**God bless you, David**

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.

Please let **TRICIA** know of items for the next **BULLETIN** by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.  
**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.

