

## Daily readings:

### Sunday 27 June

Monday 28 June  
Tuesday 29 June  
Wednesday 30 June  
Thursday 1 July  
Friday 2 July  
Saturday 3 July

### Mark 5:21-43

Luke 12:32-40  
Matthew 6:13-19  
Luke 13:6-9  
Luke 13:10-17  
Luke 13:18-20  
John 20:24-29

### Psalms 30

Psalms 5:1-8  
Psalm 125  
Psalm 6:1-9  
Psalm 8  
Psalm 9:1-11  
Psalm 31:1-6

### Sunday 4 July

Monday 5 July  
Tuesday 6 July  
Wednesday 7 July  
Thursday 8 July  
Friday 9 July  
Saturday 10 July

### Mark 6:1-13

Exodus 1:1-11  
Exodus 2:1-10  
Exodus 2:23 - 3:6  
Exodus 3:7-15  
Exodus 4:27 - 5:1  
Exodus 5:1-6:1

### Psalms 123

Psalms 11:1-15  
Psalm 13  
Psalm 15  
Psalm 16  
Psalm 17:1-8  
Psalm 18:1-19

### Sunday 11 July

Monday 12 July  
Tuesday 13 July  
Wednesday 14 July  
Thursday 15 July  
Friday 16 July  
Saturday 17 July

### Mark 6:14-29

Exodus 6:2-13  
Exodus 7:8-13  
Exodus 7:14-24  
Exodus 11:10 - 12:14  
Exodus 12:21-42  
Exodus 14:5-31

### Psalms 85

Psalms 19  
Psalm 20  
Psalm 21:1-7  
Psalm 22:1-18  
Psalm 22:19-31  
Psalm 24

### Sunday 18 July

Monday 19 July  
Tuesday 20 July  
Wednesday 21 July  
Thursday 22 July  
Friday 23 July  
Saturday 24 July

### Mark 6:30-56

Exodus 15:1-21  
Exodus 16:2-15  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Luke 8:1-3  
Exodus 18:13-26  
Exodus 19:1-25

### Psalms 23

Psalms 25:1-7  
Psalm 25:8-22  
Psalm 26  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Psalm 27  
Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9

### Sunday 25 July

Monday 26 July  
Tuesday 27 July  
Wednesday 28 July  
Thursday 29 July  
Friday 30 July  
Saturday 31 July

### John 6:1-21

Matthew 20:20-28  
Exodus 20:1-17  
Exodus 24:1-18  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Exodus 33:1-23  
Exodus 34:29-35

### Psalms 145

Psalms 126  
Psalm 29  
Psalm 30  
Psalm 31:1-8  
Psalm 31:9-24  
Psalm 32

# Goodrington Methodist Church

# Together

July 2021 issue



Hello Everyone!

Our Church Council with General Church meeting met by Zoom on Thursday 10 June. At this meeting some significant decisions were made. When the government restrictions on worship (principally as they relate to singing) are lifted or from the first Sunday of September (whichever is later) the church will go to a new format of Sunday morning services – still at the starting time of 10.30 am.

Members who are familiar with the format of the evening services will find that the morning services are quite similar to what we have been doing in the evenings, except that appropriate arrangements will be made to include children and young people. An important change relates to the music when the service will include worship songs with the band rather than traditional hymns.

Those of you, like me, who value traditional hymns, will have a new opportunity to share in an enlarged monthly communion service on the second Thursday of the month from September onwards (if government restrictions allow). I must admit that I did not suggest at the church council that that these services should begin at 11.00 am but I think that would be a good idea – the intention being normally to have four traditional hymns and the organ and to be ready for lunch at 12.15 pm as before.

There was quite a wide-ranging conversation over a number of areas about the life of the church that I cannot go into here – we shall have to wait for the minutes of the meeting for further information – but I hope that you will feel positive about the new initiative and I trust that it will be a source of blessing and encouragement to those who attend.

While there will not be a weekly evening service at Goodrington Methodist Church. The circuit leadership team (which shares with me in the oversight of the six churches of Torbay Methodist Circuit) is considering whether the circuit should

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(During the time of the coronavirus the office is closed to visitors—please do not post urgent items for the time being. Donations by cheque will be collected regularly.)

offer an evening service for the whole circuit – this is likely to be a more traditional service (perhaps not unlike what we have been doing on Sunday mornings) and if there is further news I shall be able to tell you more next month.

Finally, I was personally rather sad that our Southfield Methodist Church Council has decided to apply for permission to cease worship. This decision has been supported by the Torbay Circuit Meeting and will be referred to the District Policy Committee. The Circuit Meeting has no immediate plans to sell the Southfield building but the precise future is uncertain at the moment. I am sure that everyone would want to send their prayerful good wishes to the Southfield members and assure them of a warm welcome here at Goodrington Methodist Church.

God bless you all



**John Haley**  
**Minister**

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH OTHERS AROUND THE BIBLE**

We are still labouring under the government restrictions at the moment but there are two opportunities each week to meet with others around the Bible—through our two Zoom groups. If you have a computer or a smart phone and have not tried Zoom before it really is relatively easy. There is a Tuesday morning group (doing Mark's Gospel) and a Tuesday evening group (doing Post-lockdown Church). If you are interested in joining either or both groups, once you have the Zoom program on your computer or phone, you just let John Jeffery or Tony Turner (morning group) or John Haley or Wendy Forman (evening group) know and you are then sent an email link. You can also arrange this through the circuit office though do bear in mind that the circuit office is not open on Mondays.

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS AND COVID COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

We continue to have 'services under restrictions' on Sundays at 10.30 am. We are grateful to our stewards and Covid Compliance Officer for enabling these services to go ahead safely. While we miss the singing and the sense of personal interaction within in the service, on sunny days we are able to have conversation outside on the forecourt. The weekly *Messenger* carries details of how to book for the service and there are normally places free.

#### **ZIMBABWE VICTIMS' SUPPORT FUND (ZVSF)**

Our friend, Revd Graham Shaw, has written with news of the Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund. For some years now and whenever possible during term time, ZVSF has been supplying relief food to a number of Primary Schools in the Lupane area. This is an impoverished area approximately 100 miles north-west of Bulawayo along the road from Bulawayo to the Victoria Falls. Low rainfall and poor soils characterise the area where many fail to grow sufficient food for their families. The relief food supplied, served up as a nutritious lunch for the hungry children, has proved a life-line and is greatly appreciated by the community.

Below Phaniel Moyo, one of the Bulawayo team, reports briefly on a recent delivery to some of these schools.

*I bring you greetings from all the grateful hearts of the children and their teachers at Lupane schools. They asked me to convey their sincere gratitude to all that made it possible for the mealie meal and soya chunks to reach them. As it stands today more than 1500 children in the Lupane area of Matebeleland North still depend very much on the support provided by the ZVSF. Through this support, children are assured of at least one meal at school should all other meals fail in their homes which sometimes is the case. This support remains critical in the cognitive and overall development of the children as alluded to by their educators who continually affirm that these meals improve school attendance.*

*Another school has been added to the list of schools that ZVSF is supporting, this school is 46km before Lupane. This brings the number of schools to 6. We made our first distribution Mlonyeni on Friday along with the other schools. We managed to distribute a total of 4.8 tonnes of mealie meal and a total of 167kgs of soya chunks to 6 schools that are supported by the ZVSF, namely Mlonyeni Primary, Lupane Primary, Ndlovu Primary, Mtshakabandana Primary, Masenyane Primary, and Shabula Primary.*

*I am excited to be a part of this great work that brings smiles to so many children in Lupane.*

If you would like to donate to the ZVSF you can do so electronically:

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No: 00022807

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Or by post to The Treasurer ZVSF, 53 Renda Road, Holbury, Southampton SO45 2LX