

21 July 2024



Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church

Minister - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel 01793 853197

Lectionary - 2 Samuel 7:1-14a - 'God's Promise to David',
Psalm 89:20-37 - A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite,
Ephesians 2:11-22 - 'Jew and Gentile Reconciled through Christ',
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 - 'Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand' & 'Jesus Walks on Water'.

Prayer Rota - Skewbridge Close in RWB; Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church; Bristol District;
Church of the Nazarene

Please pray for the week's activities and those taking part:

Tuesday 23 July	10am - Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch
Wednesday 24 July	9.30am - Walking Group 7.30pm - Prayer with a Purpose
Sunday 28 July	10.30am - Worship Service, including Holy Communion, led by Rev. Shirlyn Toppin

Flowers - this week the flowers have been arranged by Margaret Skuse. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our flowers, please inform either Margaret or a Steward. This may be due to illness, a bereavement or maybe having something to celebrate. *Mary*

There will be a further retiring collection at the Holy Communion service on **28 July**, for the **Benevolent Fund**. *Stewards*

Charity Support - at the Church Council meeting, on 6 June, it was decided that, from **1 September**, the charities that we will support for a period of three years will be **Prospect Hospice** and **Epilepsy Action**.
Stewards

Wiltshire Hope and Harmony Charity Concert - we are invited to a unique, family and SEN friendly, fun evening of singing and musicians featuring several local choirs and soloists, **at St Barts. Church, RWB, on Thursday 25 July 6pm-9pm** - see leaflet in Hillside Hall for further details. *Mary*

Here is the latest in our occasional series about groups in our Church:

Open the Book is a *Bible Society* programme which enables teams from local churches to bring Bible stories into their primary schools. This year it celebrates its Silver Anniversary. Here in RWB, our **Open the Book** team has been going for nine years and visits three primary schools either weekly (St. Bart's Academy), fortnightly (Longleaze) or monthly (Wootton Bassett Infants) and act out a different story each time in 10-15 minute assemblies. There are 13 of us from several churches, including five from RWBMC: Louise, Chris K., Don, Gill Fitz. and Mary.

We recently received this great feedback from Longleaze: "During a recent pupil voice activity about enrichment, the pupils all mentioned how they love the **Open the Book** assemblies and how you involve the whole school in the stories. One child said 'I don't think I'm religious but I always learn something from the assemblies'."

If you'd like to know more about **OTB**, do ask one of us, we'd love to tell you! *Louise*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on notices@rwbmc.co.uk by the preceding Tuesday evening.