

Thought for the Month, June



On 21st June I will have been in Verwood as your Vicar for 2 years. During that time, I have got to know you, and you have also got to know me. So, I feel that now is a good time for us to think about our vision for this church for the 2020's.

By now you will all have heard about the Vision days. The meetings will not be lasting a day, just a couple of hours, it's not too much time to spare, so please do come along and contribute. Even if you don't come with any definite ideas, who knows what amazing plans we can come up with by using the opportunity to sit and talk about it over a tea or coffee.

As I reflect upon the readings from last Sunday's service, it is clear how much vision features in the early church. In Acts, Paul has a vision, which he is certain comes from God, and he responds by going to proclaim the Gospel to the people of Macedonia. His preaching there opens the heart of Lydia who is baptised, together with her whole household, and becomes a faithful supporter of Jesus Christ and his followers. Paul's vision enabled the church in Macedonia to grow and bear fruit.

Have you ever felt inspired in this way? God speaks to each one of us today. Our visions need discernment and confirmation from others, but they shouldn't just be dismissed.



The Book of Revelation provides us with a great source of visionary material. I have spoken about us including some 'Blue Sky' thinking at our vision meetings. John's visions in Revelation give us an example of this. On Sunday we heard about the holy city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. When brought to perfection, we will no longer need the things we rely on now. There will be no evil and the tree of life will bring healing to all nations. All rulers and kingdoms will bring honour and worship to God whose throne will be there.

I am not suggesting that we can come up with a vision like that, ours will have a more temporary and earthly nature, but that shouldn't stop us from dreaming big dreams. It is vision, together with prayer, that can help us to discern direction, and we pray for God's guidance for the journey we need to take.

I look forward to working alongside you in our common quest to serve and worship God in Verwood, as we open our hearts in faith to the Lord and pray for the coming of God's Kingdom.

Deborah



Jun Networks Services		
2 nd Jun	11.15am	Networks Christening
9 th Jun	11.15am	 Creative Church at Pentecost in the Parish Centre
16 th Jun	11.15am	Networks Praise with Puppets
16 th Jun	6.00pm	Raise the Roof
23 rd Jun	11.15am	Holy Communion
30 th Jun	11.15am	Networks Praise followed by a BBQ 

Vision days

We are holding 3 Vision Days and you are invited to attend one of them.

These meetings are an opportunity to think about where we, as the Body of Christ in this parish, need to be heading.

- Where do you want to see your Church in the next few years?
- What should we be doing?
- How can you be part of the Church's future in Verwood and Three-Legged Cross?

Dates of the **vision day meetings** in the church meeting room:

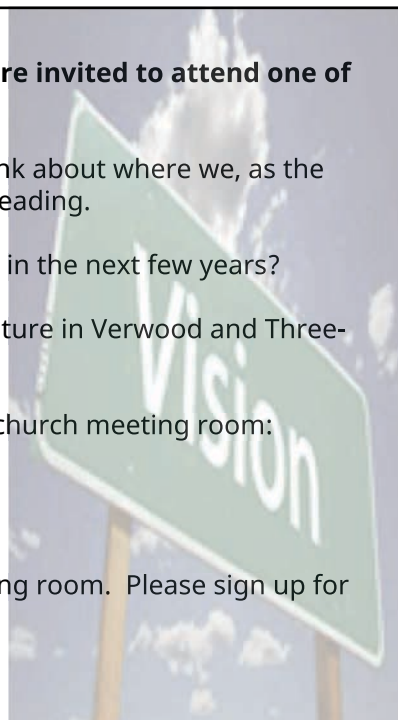
Thursday **June 6th** 7.30pm

Saturday **June 15th** 2.00pm

Wednesday **June 19th** 10.30am

Lists are on the notice board in the meeting room. Please sign up for the meeting you would like to attend.

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**Noah's Ark Puppet Group
are looking for new recruits!!**

There are more puppets than puppeteers!
If you fancy joining a fun & easy-going small group
with a passion to share Bible stories using hand
puppets & music, please contact the Parish Office on
01202 813256 for more info.

LIFT Ladies in Faith Together



2019 Schedule of LIFT Events:

7th June - Scavenger Hunt

**We will be meeting at 8pm in Verwood Sports and Social Club car park,
and finishing at the same place. The hunt should take 1-1.5 hours to
complete, then we will be going into the Club for a well-earnt drink.**

5th July - Family BBQ @ 54 Woodlinken Drive

2nd Aug - NO LIFT

6th Sept - Drinks and Nibbles & Christmas Market Planning @ Tansy's
House

4th Oct - Christmas Craft @ Ali's House

1st Nov - Sugar Paste Cake Decorating @ TBA

6th Dec - Wreath Making and Christmas Party @ TBA

Don't forget to get them in your diaries now.

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Regular Giving to support your Church

If you don't currently support your Church and would like to start regular (or even occasional) giving, please get in touch or, pick up a Parish Giving Scheme form in the box labelled 'New Church Donors' on the left side of the main Church entry doors.

Our Donations Secretary can then help and set up the easiest method for you, either by regular Direct Debit or weekly envelopes.

They will also advise you on Gift Aid with takes just one simple signature. There is **no** extra cost to you but if you pay tax, it will benefit the Church with an extra 25% income on all your donations. <https://www.st-michael.org.uk/get-in-touch/>



**18th June
3.15 - 5.30pm
We celebrate Pentecost**

**The Memorial Hall
Food provided - usually jacket potatoes and fillings.
Churches Together, Verwood**

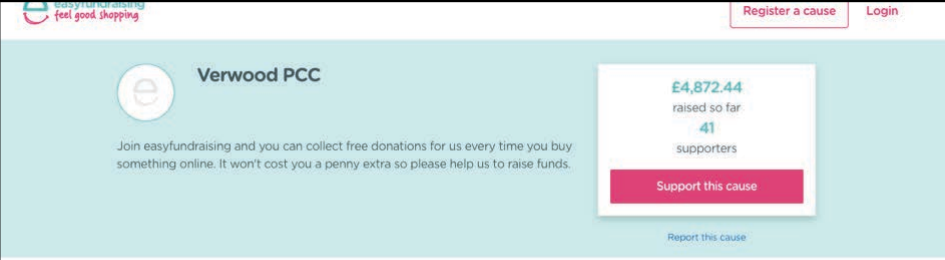
Our Mission Statement: To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known



**Come & join us at a bring & share BBQ on
Sunday, 30th June
From 1.30pm
At Babs & Russell's house, 72 Lake Road.**

**All welcome!
Please bring a camp chair & food for you & your
family.**

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**Ringwood and Verwood FoodBank
URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**



(June 2019)

FRUIT JUICE

SPONGE PUDDINGS

CUSTARD

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED PASTA

NON TOMATO BASED SAUCES

PULSES

RICE PUDDING

WASHING UP LIQUID

CLOTHES WASHING LIQUID/POWDER

(The foodbank is not able to use out of date food or opened packets.)