

Thought for the Month, September

(Taken from August's Grapevine)

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

Ruth Peers is the Community Advocate Worker at St Francis, Littlemoor, Dorset. She took on the role after she was asked to pray about it by her Vicar...

"I was a missionary in Russia for years, so I'm used to getting my hands dirty. I missed doing that and I thought it was an ideal opportunity to do that here in Littlemoor.

"No day is the same, I'm based at the café at the church, it is a really good point of contact, and I'm building up relationships. I take part in 'Open the Book'. I help people with benefits, food vouchers and whatever it is they need and I plan for 'Make Lunch' in the school holidays.



"Then with 'Transforming Lives for Good', we are doing early intervention. Just helping children who are struggling in the system. Basically you are working in a volunteer role with one child for one hour a week, sitting with them, sometimes playing games with them, getting to know them. Then doing some work on emotional literacy and just trying to raise their self-confidence so they can also reach their potential like the other children in the class.

"We went on a really good training day and it was really encouraging, it was done in a way to help us know we would be able to do that, because we are doing it in God's strength. It was all about praying together and getting a prayer partner together with you.

"It is quite funny because I was losing hope on finding a church that I would fit into. But one of the reasons I was drawn to this church was because I could see they were outward looking. So just little bit by little bit, I got more involved!"

Hear Ruth's full podcast at <http://bit.ly/on-the-vine>

September Networks Services		
1st Sep	11.15am	Networks Christening
8th Sep	11.15am	Creative Church in the Parish Centre
15th Sep	11.15am 6.00pm	Networks Praise with Puppets Raise the Roof
22nd	11.15am	Holy Communion
29th Sep	11.15am	Networks Big Brunch

New Wine 2020

Dear Friends



I have been doing a group booking for our church to New Wine for about 19 or 20 years now. We started the group booking the year after we found that New Wine had problems in allocating us to the same camping village. Over the years I have found there have been some improvements in their website, that gives me confidence this would no longer be the case.

The last few years New Wine have been doing more and more of the administration electronically. This year it has resulted in me having to forward a lot of emails to you and also, I had to print all of your documents. I think it has now reached the point where it would be better for all of you as well as myself, for you to do your own individual bookings.

As a group we have always gone to Week 2, which in recent years has allowed some of you to work on team for the first week and then be with us all for the second week; and I feel we should maintain going as a church group to the same week.

New Wine have already opened bookings for next year with a **Flash Sale until 25th September 2019**. You can make your booking with a £15.00 deposit, which must be paid in full by 2 December 2019 to obtain the reduced Flash Sale amounts.

When making your booking please make sure you **click to camp with St. Michael & All Angels, Verwood (307743)** and also it is important you book enough accommodation for all your family.

If anyone needs any help or has problems, I am happy to advise. The website is www.new-wine.org make sure you book for the correct week!

God bless,
Barbara

LIFT Ladies in Faith Together

2019 Schedule of LIFT Events:

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.

Love
Debs



This is a country wide initiative to get people visiting our churches and to raise money at the same time. Bike and horse riders, and walkers, are encouraged to visit churches on Saturday 14 September between 10am and 6pm.

The PCC is keen to make St Michael's welcoming by having the meeting room open with simple refreshments, and needs volunteers to take a shift (about an hour) during the day.

The church will also be open for prayer and refreshments to all who would like to visit during the day, even if you aren't taking part in Ride & Stride.

Would you be able to help? If so, please sign up on the sheet in the Meeting Room or **get in touch**.

If you would like to take part in the Ride + Stride itself, please see the details on the poster/ letter to riders on the notice board in St Michael's Church



17th Sept

3.15 - 5.30pm

Theme - Breakfast at the Beach

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



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.

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/>





Doing some on-line shopping?

Please consider joining the portal www.easyfundraising.org.uk and find your on-line shop from the list of retailers.

Make Verwood PCC your beneficiary & a percentage of what you spend will then given by the retailer to Verwood PCC for much needed church funds.

It's as "easy" as that!

Ringwood and Verwood FoodBank
URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS



(Sep 2019)

SPONGE PUDDINGS	WASHING UP LIQUID
CUSTARD	CLOTHES WASHING LIQUID/POWDER
TINNED PASTA	SHAMPOO
NON TOMATO BASED SAUCES	CONDITIONER
PULSES	DEODORANT
RICE PUDDING	SHAVING CREAM
INSTANT MASH	HOUSEHOLD CLEANING MATERIALS
MEAT PIES	
PACKET SOUP	
COFFEE	

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