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'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

John 14: 1—4

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Sharing Life
Sharing Faith

From Amanda...

Dear Friends,

·What a time it has been if you are an athletics fan!

·Not only did we have the World Athletics Championships from Oregon in July, we have just hosted the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and before we could catch a breath, the European Championships from Munich are with us. I wonder if you're one of those people who *love* sport? I like watching athletics on the TV, but to be honest, that's about my limit. My dad, however, is one of those people who *loves* sport. He always has. When younger, he competed for his county in middle distance running, alongside athletes like Sebastian Coe; and then he managed West Cornwall Athletics Club for a number of years. He is now more of an armchair participant, but still keeps a close eye on the cricket, follows Formula One and is a keen supporter of his local Rugby Club, often to be seen (and heard) cheering on the sidelines at the top of his voice!



And I believe that God is into sport. At this point I am not going to make the joke that Jesus loved rugby because He was good at conversions (sorry, couldn't resist it!). There is something fundamental here though, about how the Christian faith rejoices in the physical as a gift from God. There is within us, that which

wants to give our best to God, and if that's running the fastest, or jumping the highest or throwing the furthest, then we should be celebrating that gift. Of course, we have the opportunity to do that as we watch the trained and skilled athletes compete from around the world but interestingly, the Bible says that life is similar to games such as the Olympics. It says that that everyone who competes goes into very strict training and works hard to win a prize. In the same way, people compete in the game of life. Sometimes though it is for personal gain. Perhaps they do it so that they can become famous, or be very popular, or to make a lot of money. The Bible says that their prize will not last. However some people compete in the game of life and work very hard because they love Jesus and want to bring honour to Him. The Bible tells us that they will win a prize that lasts forever.



Wise words. There are many professional sports people who make no secret of the fact that they are devoted to Jesus Christ, and that their faith has helped them not only in the arena of sport, but much more importantly, in the great game of life. I wonder if we could say the same...

*Christ's blessings,
Rev Amanda Roper*



CHURCH NEWS

If you have anything you would like to include in the **Church News** please let Judy know by ringing her on **01752 894829**

News September 2022

I suspect by the time this is in print we may be into more "English" type weather (Rain!!) and I just hope we continue to be grateful for the wonderful gift of water - and remember how much everything depends on it. So easy to take it for granted once the drought emergency leaves the headlines.



Back to news - just too late for the last newsletter Lindsey and Roger's new grandson, Flynn Rodger William, arrived on July 21st. Many congratulations to parents Ben and Sue-Lyn and we hope you are getting enough sleep to fully enjoy your new little addition. We send our love and blessings on this wonderful time.

Many congratulations too to Ben Martin, Helen and James's son, who has recently completed his degree in

"Visual Effects for Film and Television" and has found his first job working for Viskefi, a VFX and animation studio in Milton Keynes. He is enjoying modelling creatures and animals digitally for them. So well done Ben - it's not always easy to find a job in media.



Jemma Walling has taken a big step in career moves by accepting a role as a TA at Bidwell Brook School at Dartington. Jemma we do hope all is going well on the work front and you continue to enjoy your new position. Well done.

Congratulations, too, to Val and Reg Marriott who celebrate their Golden Wedding in September. We send them our love and many blessings for their next years together.



We were sad to hear that Penny's mum died on July 30th and send our warmest condolences and love to all the family. Times like this, however much expected, are always very sad and we pray that all the "things" that have to be done go very smoothly and create as less hassle as possible. Penny's mum lived on her own even though she was 96 and was a very strong lady in so many ways and will be sadly missed.



September 2022 Services



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| Sep 4 | 10:30 am | Revd Amanda Roper Communion |
| | 6:30 pm | Circuit worship |
| Sep 11 | 10:30 am | Dr Philip Walsh |
| | 6:00 pm | Revd Amanda Roper "Be filled" |
| Sep 18 | 10:30 am | Party in the Park |
| | 6:00 pm | Revd Amanda Roper Prayer |
| Sep 25 | 10:30 am | Mike Cade |
| | 6:00 pm | "Songs of Praise" |

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| Sep 4 | 11:00 am | Revd David Youngs Communion |
| | 6:30 pm | Circuit Worship (IMC) |
| Sep 11 | 11:00 am | Mrs Di Smart |
| Sep 18 | 11:00 am | Miss Teresa White |
| Sep 25 | 11:00 pm | Mr Tony Kirk |
| | 3:00 pm | Revd Amanda Roper "Songs of Praise" |

Up and Coming Events!

Sunday 4th September we host the Circuit Worship at 6:30pm. This will see the launch of our new circuit evangelism project called 'Find One'. Please come along and support us, and enjoy worshipping with others from around our circuit churches.

Sunday 18th September is Party in the Park! We will relocate to Victoria Park for the morning, to enjoy a time of open-air worship, followed by a BBQ (this is dependent on us getting enough rain in the coming weeks to counter the current drought) and an afternoon of fun and games. This year there will be a craft tent, games for the young people and a prayer tent, alongside the bouncy castles. Please pray for this event to be a blessing to our town, as we work together as a group of churches sharing the love of Jesus with Ivybridge.

Sunday 25th September—Harvest Songs of Praise

Our next Songs of Praise at IMC will be on Sunday September 25th. It will begin at **6pm** and will be cafe style as usual. Refreshments will be provided so we are not asking for cake donations this time - just bring yourselves. Phil Squires will play the organ for the service as he has done before and we use both Hymns and Psalms and the Songs of Fellowship book to choose hymns and songs from. If you have something you would particularly like to sing please speak to David Bithell in the weeks leading up to the 25th.

Saturday 1st October sees the Hope Theatre Café come to IMC. This is a circuit initiative led by our Performing Arts Mission Enabler Anne Middleton. We have Jasmin Jones, a singer/songwriter coming to entertain and bless us. It is an ideal evening to invite friends and family along to. It starts at 7:30pm and costs £8, this includes refreshments. Tickets available on a Sunday morning, or from Pam Montgomery.

A banner with a blue background. On the left, there is a green-to-white gradient rectangle. To its right, the text "IMC" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Further right, the words "Bible BOOK CLUB" are written in a black, cursive script font.

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Bible **BOOK CLUB**

From September, we will be launching our Bible Book Club at IMC. The vision is that, as a whole church, we will be reading the same portion of God's Word, on our own, each week. So each Sunday, there will be an invitation to read a portion of the Bible in the coming days. If you would like to join the club, you simply sign up, and I will send you some notes by email, about the book we are reading, with some background information, and maybe some questions. Some of our housegroups may choose to look at the same book in their sessions too. We are also going to offer a monthly Bible Study, led either by myself or Dr Phil Walsh to keep us on track! We so desire for God's Word to be central to our life here at IMC and this is one step towards us growing together in Word and Spirit.

Amanda

Be Filled

An evening to be refreshed
by the Holy Spirit


A graphic showing a single water drop falling into a pool of water, creating concentric ripples. The background is a gradient of blue.

2nd Sunday each month

6:00pm

Ivybridge Methodist Church

family WORSHIP SUNDAY

A graphic showing silhouettes of a group of people standing with their arms raised in a worshipful gesture, against a blue background with light rays.

**3rd Sunday each
month**

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10:30am



Tea and Toast served from 10am

The walk to the Ten Commandments Stone

This will take place on Saturday 24th September. We will meet at the cattle grid on the road from Ashburton to Widecombe at 2.30p.m. It's not a long walk - a couple of miles altogether and the views are stunning. Wear stout shoes or boots and bring your singing voice - dogs welcome. Afterwards we will visit Widecombe for tea and cake. (If it's pouring with rain, we will go the next week Sat 1st October).

Directions to the Ten Commandments Stone

Proceed Eastbound along the A38 to the turning for Ashburton. Pear Tree. B3352 Take the exit.

Turn right towards Ashburton.

Turn right again at the Shell garage, signposted Buckland in the Moor.

Drive into Ashburton town and take the left turn for Widecombe and Buckland.

Bear left over the river and follow signs for Buckland in the Moor. After approx 2 miles, turn right, signposted Haytor and Widecombe (this sign is partially obscured by foliage)

After approx 1.5 miles, cross a cattle grid and a small copse. Park near here on the grass verge.

For further information, please phone Christine on 01752 892460 or email her at treharne2@gmail.com

Taize Service

Our next Taize service will be held at St John's church, Ivybridge on Sunday 16th October at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.

Bible Study with Joan every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month.
10am at 20 Grosvenor Court

Party in the Park 2021



Wise and Wonderful.....



....is a fellowship group, open to all.
We meet from 2.30 to about 4,
on alternate Fridays in term time,
in the hall and café of the Methodist Church.

Autumn Programme

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| Sept 9th | Mark Skinner from South Dartmoor Energy will advise on energy saving, and answer all our questions |
| Sept 23rd | Round table teasers. All sorts of interesting puzzles and questions to work on, in small groups round the tables |
| Oct 7th | Visit to Otter Nurseries, leaving in cars at 2, home about 4:30. Please be sure to book your seat |
| Oct 21st | Local historian Sheila Hancock on <i>'The Old Buildings of Ivybridge'</i> |
| After half term | |
| Nov 11th | Sara Hladkij, Mayor of Ivybridge |
| Nov 25th | <i>'Telling my Story'</i> |
| Dec 9th | |

For more information, please ring one of us:

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