

# BE-NEWS



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with others in life,  
an inclusive,  
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## WORSHIP LEADERS

### **MAY**

24th Service led by Revd Jack Dunion

31st Service led by Stephen Thomas

### **JUNE**

21st Service led by Stephen Thomas

### **JULY**

19th Service led by Revd Clifford Curry

### **AUGUST**

9th Service led by Stephen Thomas

### **SEPTEMBER**

20th Harvest Service led by Revd Clifford Curry

(N.B. Zoom services for June onwards are yet to be organised)

N.B. please note that the service in August is NOT on our usual 3rd Sunday because of the Carnival.

Zoom at 3:30pm

Druitt Hall, Christchurch at 10:30am

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## STEWARDS

**MAY 31st** Church Duty - Jane Pike

Tea/Coffee - Deb Sutton

**JUNE 21st** Church Duty - Caroline Buick

Tea/Coffee - Steph Drake

**JULY 19th** Church Duty - Jane Pike

Tea/Coffee - Deb Sutton

**AUGUST 9th** Church Duty - Julie Wight

Tea/Coffee - Anita Turner

**SEPTEMBER 20th** Church Duty - Jane Pike

Tea/Coffee - Deb Sutton



## The Spirit of Summer

The teachings of our church tell us that the natural seasons mirror our inner spiritual lives. Spring represents new beginnings as we can see in nature all around us, in budding plants and trees. A time in us spiritually of awakening and learning whilst summer represents the season when those initial stirrings take root and flourish. In our everyday lives this means the truth we learn from the Lord is translated into something we live out. So the warmth and light of summer correspond to love in action: kindness or charity offered freely as the Lord offers it to us. Consequently faith becomes action helping others.

Summer is also the time of gathering as in crops which reflects a deeper spiritual truth: that we are meant to grow together, supporting one another in lives of mutual care and compassion.

As Swedenborg so rightly said "All religion has relation to life and the life of religion is *doing* good".  
Gill Gordon

**Conference AGM** Marion will be attending this Conference meeting held in Derbyshire from 28-31 July as Bournemouth New Church representative. Also attending will be Revd Clifford Curry, Robert Clark and Lynda Habgood.

### **Poorly people**

Our very best get well wishes go to Noreen Williamson who spent the whole of April in Bournemouth Hospital, and was discharged on 8th May. She is back in her own home with the support of a Care package, and we pray that she will soon be settled into a comfortable and workable routine.

We are pleased to know that Barry Gordon's recent medical procedure was successful.

### **Birthdays**

During the merry month of May there are milestone birthdays for two long-living ladies. Congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Nita Vickers and Patsy Booth.

### **A Prayer in Spring** by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

