

CROSSROAD NEWSLETTER

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Join us every Sunday morning at Crossroad for coffee from 10.15 or online at www.crossroad.org.uk

Sundays @ 10.45

7th Sept - Jon Sibley

14th Sept - Jon Sibley

21st Sept - Jon Sibley

28th Sept - Andrew Sibley

Prayer

We meet for **prayer** every Sunday 9.45am - 10.15am in the youth hall.

Prayer for Israel and All Nations Tuesday 2nd Sept at 10am at Crossroad.

Christians Together in Seaton Prayer Meeting every Tuesday from 9am-10am at St Gregory's church.

Sunday Evening Prayer 28th Sept at 6.30pm.

The Loft

The Loft meets 10am - 12 every Sunday morning at Number One. It is a creative church for those who are growing in their faith or who are just looking. There is lots of tea, toast and time for each other as well as getting excited about Jesus. An opportunity for creativity and prayer completes the morning.

Hebrews

This autumn we shall be having a brisk walk through the book of Hebrews on a Sunday morning. Hebrews is a fascinating book with many challenges for us. David Pawson, in his book 'Unlocking the Bible' asks the question "Is the book difficult or delightful?" I think it is both but as we study it I am sure that the difficulties will be far less and our delight will increase greatly.

Perhaps one of the difficulties with Hebrews is that it is written for a Jewish audience with an thorough understanding of the Old Testament. But that shouldn't be a problem for us. One of the things that I noticed from studying first and second Corinthians was the amount of time and effort that Paul and others had spent teaching the gentile believers in Greece about the Old Testament. It is so important that we have a good understanding of the Old Testament scriptures.

But most of all Hebrews is delightful. It is full of doctrine to disciple us and encouragement to enrich us so that we may be equipped and pleasing to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

I pray that we will be blessed as we study this great book together.

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20&21

Also in September we will be having a Week of Prayer from Sunday 14th - Sunday 21st. From Monday - Saturday we will be meeting at Crossroad from 12.30pm - 1.30pm for hour of prayer. On the Sundays we will meet for prayer at 9.45am as usual.

Instant Messaging

***‘...but in every situation present by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving present your requests to God.’***

Philippians 4:6

We live in an instant society. We have instant coffee, instant tea, instant hot chocolate, very important. The microwave can provide a warm meal in minutes and of course, now we have instant messaging. We can just type a message into our mobile phones and it is gone. Whether it will be read instantly is another matter but it does mean that you can hold a conversation with someone without seeing them. The conversation may last all day as in between you do other things. In my opinion, it is a great way to communicate unless you want an instant reply, then it is probably best to pick up that phone. It means that you don't disturb someone if they are otherwise engaged. Emails are another great form of communication. You no longer need to write and post a letter and hope that it will arrive within a couple of days. You type it and poof it is gone when you click send although you may still have to wait for a reply.

Prayer is an instant messaging service and it has been around forever, before any of these other services were invented. When we pray, we are instantly in communication with God. He may not give us an immediate response in human terms but remember God doesn't use a 24hour clock nor a calendar with 365 days. However, God hears our prayer immediately, Psalm 139 tells us before a word is on our tongue God knows it completely. How is that for instant? Every single prayer whether audible or inaudible, written, signed or otherwise, no matter the language, is heard by God and He answers. Prayer is more than an email or messaging service. Prayer is a conversation. Do you have a friend? Talk to God as you would to them. Talk to him about your day, your plans, the good things, the bad things, ask his advice, ask him to help and thank him for his gifts whether you like them or not.

The good thing about prayer is you don't need a number or an email address; you can just pray. You won't get an automated reply.

Esther Coleman

(16/07/2025)

This month:

Every Sunday - we meet for *prayer* at 9.45-10.15am or join us for *coffee* from 10.15 and for the *Family Service* from 10.45am.

Homegroups - We have a number of home groups meeting during the week including the ones below. We would love as many people as possible to be part of a group. If you would like to join a home group please speak to one of the leaders.

Tue 2.00pm Jill Purkiss

Tue 7.30pm Rosie Giles

Tue 2.00pm Ray and Jacqui Hunter - see Ray and Jacqui for details

Wed 2.30pm Axminster Homegroup - see Ray and Jacqui for details

Coffee Morning - returns on September 2nd 10am - 12noon at Crossroad. Includes a Kiddies Corner.

Kids Club - restarts on Thursday 11th September 6 - 7.30pm. For kids in school years 3 - 6. Come and join us for an evening of fun.

Crossroad Week of Prayer - Sunday 14th - Sunday 21st September. Sundays at 9.45am and Mon - Sat 12.30pm - 1.30pm at Crossroad.

Anna's Place - Wed 17th Sept 2pm at St Michael's Church, Beer. A special 30 minute service for older people followed by refreshments, music and memories. All are welcome - Dementia Supportive - Come and receive God's grace.

Crossroad Men's Breakfast - Sat 6th Sept 8am. Come along and enjoy a good breakfast, good fellowship and a great talk.

Quiz Night - Monday 15th September 7pm at Crossroad. Join us for a quiz night and evening of fun and fundraising. £3 per head and maximum of six per team. Come as a team or join one on the evening. All welcome. Prize for winning team.

Foodbank needs - Jars of Marmalade, Packs of Fairy Cakes, Tins of Peas, Tins of Carrots, Tins of Chilli con Carne and Chunky Soups for hot meals, Large and Small Tins of Corned Beef for cold meals and sandwiches, Small Jars of Coffee, Instant Noodles, Tins of Rice Pudding, Tins of Custard, Bags of Sugar, Bottles of Squash, Washing up liquid.

Access for Everyone - We want to make sure everything at Crossroad is as accessible as possible for anyone with sight problems, hearing loss, mobility difficulties, etc. It's important to us that everyone is included in the best way possible in all aspects of church life, including midweek activities. Please come and speak with Janet Eardley or Jon Sibley regarding any access challenges you may be experiencing. We really want to hear from you.

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Cuppa Anyone?

Close your eyes and picture the inside of the Royal Albert Hall.....or look at a photo! It's massive, isn't it? In fact 66 metres long, 56 metres wide and 41 metres high. Imagine it full to the 'brim' with single-use coffee cups. That is the total amount of annual coffee cup waste in the UK! Billions of them with most of them binned. They are made of paperboard with a plastic liner.

No takeaway cup is good for the environment. It may say 'biodegradable' on itbut it doesn't ever disappear completely. It may say 'compostable' on it....but as the ordinary man in the street understands it, it's not, because it needs certain conditions to do that. - The local food waste recycling system works at a different temperature, so it needs a specialist recycling system....there are only a handful in the country! Plus on some of the cups, when it says 'industrial/commercial compost facilities", we can be forgiven for thinking that is our food waste bin, so it is not fair of the cup manufacturers to 'greenwash' us. Very few say 'home compostable' on them.

So we have three choices:

- 1) to return the empty cup to the shop where it was bought
- 2) to invest in our own re-usable glass, stainless steel or bamboo coffee mug (and to remember to take it whenever we fancy a takeaway cuppa
- 3) just bin it...or wait till we get home or to the office.... or go and sit in a cafe?!

Remember....single-use is really no use.

His lovely planet deserves more.

(Crossroad Eco Church eco tip September 2025)



Axe Valley Christians Against Poverty

Prayer Guide : September 2025



Thank you for using these prayers and praises to inform and assist you in supporting AVCAP. This month ...

- Summer is nearly over and Autumn is hovering on the near horizon. Give thanks that many people this year have enjoyed holidays with lovely weather, but also pray for families who can't afford to go away and now have to face bills for new school uniforms.
- Pray for children moving to new schools, or going to school for the first time – that those wearing hand-me-down clothing will not suffer bullying or rejection from their peers.
- Give thanks for churches where Sharon has given talks recently. Welcome to new folk becoming AVCAP Supporters. Please pray for talks coming up in the next few months, that these will be equally well received and result in further new support.
- Please pray for a couple of new AVCAP clients who are coping with major health issues and who have very tight budgets to manage – even more difficult when one is unwell.
- Much time is lost when appointments are cancelled and have to be rearranged. Please pray for clients who lack confidence meeting with the Debt Coaches, asking Father God to encourage them to trust that we are only wanting to love and help them.
- Please pray for a third Debt Coach to join Sharon and Alix especially as they meet this month with someone who has shown interest. Please also keep praying for Alix's health.
- Give thanks for our amazing Befrienders – but we really need more. At our Team Meeting in July we discussed the idea of having Befrienders work in pairs – a lead and a “buddy” – but we will need a lot more volunteers for this to become a real possibility.
- Please pray for a client who has recently lost two people who were very close to him and suffered a further traumatic incident leaving him very vulnerable. Pray for Adult Services and the Police as they seek to support and protect people at risk in our communities..
- We currently have 3 clients whose paperwork we need so that CAP can produce sustainable Budgets and find options for repaying debts totalling around £40,000. Clients often have great difficulty in finding the paperwork required – a major challenge for them.
- Give thanks to God for our existing sponsors, and pray for more churches and individuals to come on board with regular donations. Please pray for the Grant Application going to Seaton Town Council this month, and for more fundraising ideas.

ANNA'S PLACE

**Special 30 minute
worship for
Older People
Followed by Refreshments
Music and Memories,
Wednesdays from 2pm
at St Michael's, Beer:**

**April 16, May 21, June 18,
July 16, August 20,
September 17, October 22,
November 19, December 17**

**All are welcome!
Dementia Supportive
Come, receive
God's Grace**

