

# 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](http://www.crossroad.org.uk)*

## Sundays @ 10.45

6th Sept - John Smith

13th Sept - Jon Sibley

20th Sept - Jon Sibley

27th Sept - Harvest Festival

## Prayer

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

**Prayer for Israel and All Nations** Tuesday 1st Sept 10am at Crossroad.

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

**Sunday Evening Prayer** 6.30pm Sun 27th Sept

## 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.

## Prayer Makes All The Difference

*'Pray for one another, that you may be healed.'*

Hebrews 12:1 NKJV

Christian cardiologist Dr Randolph Byrd had a great interest in knowing if prayer had a 'scientifically measurable' impact on healing. He has said, 'After much prayer, the idea of what to do came to me.' Over a ten-month period, a computer assigned 393 patients in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital to one of two groups. The first group was prayed for by home prayer groups. The second group was not remembered in prayer.

The home prayer groups were from various Christian denominations. They were given only the first names of the patients and brief descriptions of their diagnoses and conditions. They were prayed for each day. The prayed-for patients differed from those not prayed for in these ways: 1) They were five times less likely to need antibiotics. 2) They were three times less likely to develop fluid in the lungs. 3) None required an artificial airway attached to a ventilator. 4) Fewer died.

If the technique being studied had been a new drug or procedure, it would have been heralded as a breakthrough. Even Dr William Nolan, the author of a book denouncing faith healing, said, 'It sounds like this study will stand up to scrutiny... Maybe we doctors ought to be writing on our order sheets, "Pray three times a day."' In the Old Testament, we read: "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord' (Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV). In the New Testament, James wrote: 'The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up... Pray for one another, that you may be healed' (James 5:15-16 NKJV).

With thanks to UCB Word for Today 25/08/26

## 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 2.00pm The Lectio Course at Crossroad for five Wednesdays 2pm - 3.15pm.

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

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**Coffee Mornings** - Crossroad Coffee mornings return on Tuesday 1st September from 10am - 12.

**Crossroad Men's Breakfast** - Sat 5th Sept at 8am. Come along and enjoy a good breakfast, good fellowship and a great talk.

**The Lectio Course** - every Wednesday at Crossroad at 2pm until Tuesday 29th Sept. The Lectio Course is designed to help us to grow in prayer and hear God's voice through Lectio Divina or 'Sacred Reading'.

**Global Week of Prayer** - We are joining together with The Global Week of Prayer at Crossroad. This is one of 1795 prayer rooms across the world that will be praying 24/7 from Sun 6th Sept to Sun 13th Sept. Book your prayer time at [crossroad.org.uk/prayerweek](http://crossroad.org.uk/prayerweek)

**Quiz Night** - Mon 14th September 7pm at Crossroad. Come along and enjoy a fun quiz evening raising funds for Seaton Hospice at Home.

**The Spirit and the Church Conference** - Sat 26th September 9am - 4.15pm. Speakers include Paul Benger and Mike Taylor. Places are free but need to be booked via the link on the poster below.

**Harvest Festival** - Sunday 27th Sept at 10.45am. Join us for a family focussed Harvest Festival service.

**Foodbank needs** - Hot Meat Meals: Tins of Pies, Stews, Mince, Meat Balls, Chilli con Carne; Sugar; Tinned Small Spam; Tinned Corned Beef; Tinned Fruit especially Peaches; Small Shampoo; Washing-up Liquid; Sponge Puddings; Non-Bio Washing Powder/Gel/ Pods

**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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## ***A feast for the eyes....but an eyesore for the natural world?***

Are you a regular meal deal picker-upper? Even an occasional one? There have been articles about the number of excess calories and sugar in some of them and which supermarket offers the best value lunch deals but how many articles have been written about the incredible amount of single-use plastic involved? It has been estimated that the average British consumer will spend £10,000 on lunchtime deals over their working life!

Let's take the average meal deal – a sandwich/wrap, drink, packet of crisps and let's not forget that hit of sugar in the form of a choc bar! That is a minimum of four pieces of single-use plastic per meal deal: break it down even further to the plastic bottle with its inner seal and plastic label, the sandwich wrapper with its plastic window and a probable coating of thin plastic on the cardboard (to keep it fresh?). Or what about that Sushi portion with its black plastic bottom which the recycling machines can't spot, a pasty, a pot of fruit, a serving of nuts or perhaps a salad bowl, the latter three which include the thin plastic film lid? Most of these items are difficult, if not impossible, to recycle.

One might argue that some of these items are carefully taken home to be recycled kerbside or popped into the buyer's stash of specialist recycling schemes in the garage but realistically this is not the case. More likely the pieces are all binned and in many cases these items can be seen littering the grass verges, having been carelessly tossed out of car windows. *(not you, of course, dear brother and sister!)*

Maybe we have become too used to the convenience of it all. Could we perhaps spend ten minutes less on the Internet and /or social media to put together a home-made packed lunch/tea, which will offer a much more nutritionally balanced and eco-friendly meal!

## ***Crossroad Eco Church September 2026***





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# Volunteer Befrienders

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## Axe Valley Christians Against Poverty



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**The Minster Rooms, Axminster**  
**Tue 15th Sept, 10.30am-12.00pm**

We'd love you to come, chat with the Debt Coaches,  
meet each other, and find out more about this great  
volunteering opportunity in your local community.

For more information or if you need a lift, please contact either of  
our Debt Coaches: Sharon on [sharonbruce@capuk.org](mailto:sharonbruce@capuk.org) or 07519  
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North Street Church & Cornerstone Discipleship Church host

# The Spirit and the Church

WITH

**PAUL BENDER**

Lead of Ground Level Network

**MIKE TAYLOR**

Pastor of Faith Church



SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



NORTH STREET CHURCH, TAUNTON



DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM  
FOR REGISTRATION



EVENT RUNS 9:00AM–4:15PM



TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE PROVIDED



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH



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**FREE**  
*entry*



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