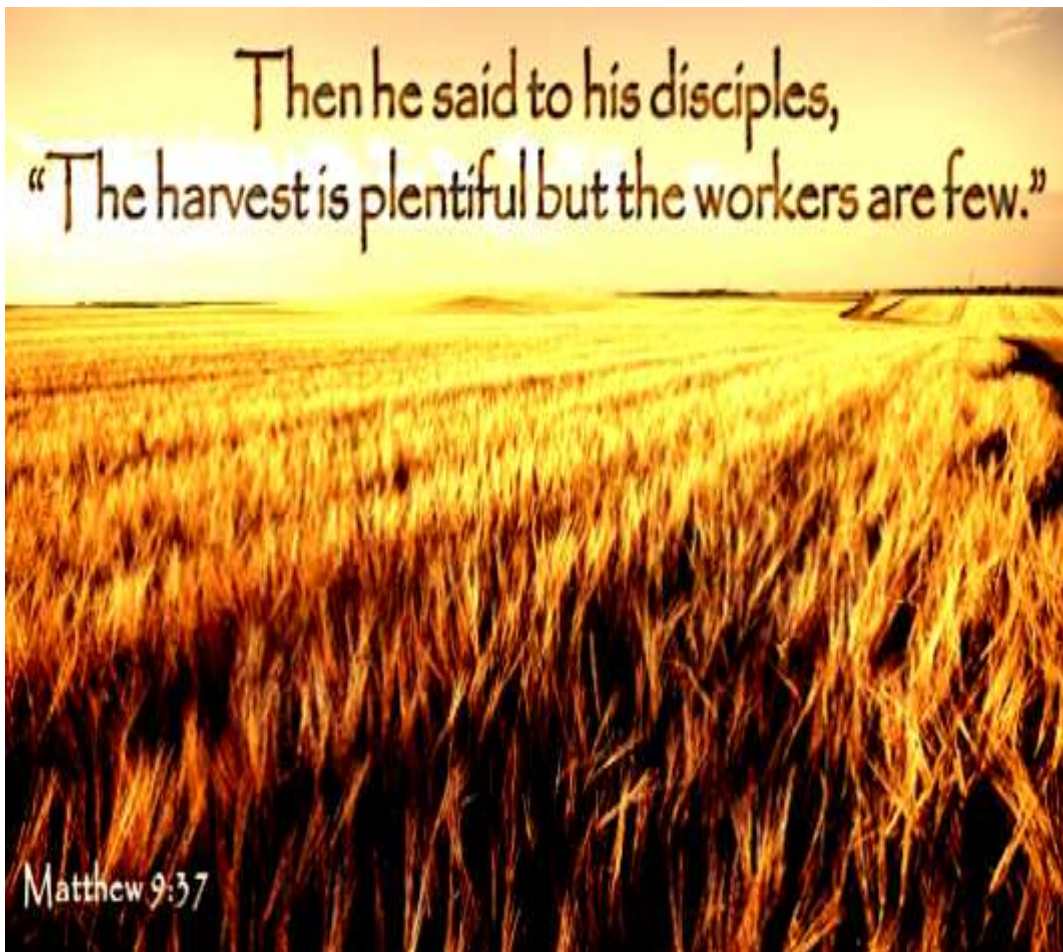




Taking Jesus to the people
Bringing the people to Jesus

OCTOBER - Morning Worship 10.45am

5th	David Wilkinson - Communion
12th	John Hutchinson - Harvest
19th	Andrew Hardcastle
26th	Pamela Stewart

- ♦ **HELLO and WELCOME** to worship here at Forest Gate. For a short time before worship we meet for prayer in the quiet room (next to the lift.) Anyone wishing to pray is welcome to join others. Refreshments are served downstairs after our service, in the hall, giving us chance to share further fellowship and meet new friends over coffee.
- ♦ **OFFERINGS** - For the month of August were £2063.65. Our total income was £2336.65 and the total expenditure £2209.16. Please continue to use the brown envelopes for your offerings as we can claim gift aid on all individual gifts up to £30.
- ♦ **PRAYER TIME TOGETHER** - This is a time open to us all. 'P.T.T.' will be held on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. Please put aside 7pm to 7.30pm on the 14th October.
- ♦ **OPEN PRAYER TOGETHER** - will be held in church for a few minutes after the service every last Sunday in the month. Anyone with any prayer requests are welcome to join in with silent or spoken prayer. Our first time together will be held on 26th October. "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer". Help us to simply be in your presence Lord, to know that You are God and with you - All things are possible.
- ♦ **CHURCH MEETINGS** - Our next Special Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th October followed by a *BRIEF* Church Meeting.
- ♦ **FLOWERS** in church - As always we thank Janet & June for the lovely displays we enjoy every week. If you would like to provide flowers or donate to the cost of the church flowers please put your name against the date or dates you select on our flower calendar in the hall. Perhaps a special date you wish to remember.
- ♦ **BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME** - For all who are signed up to the birthday scheme, could you please return your monetary gift asap. If you no longer wish to continue on the scheme please let Pauline know. Thank you.
- ♦ **ABC TODDLER GROUP** - If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Monday morning to help Liz and others with our toddler group please have a word with her. A rota system could be organised if we have enough willing volunteers.

Let's Pray!



- ♦ **MONTHLY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** - will be held on Thursday 2nd October 10.30am - 12 noon and this month we are supporting MacMillan Cancer Support. Everyone welcome.



- ♦ **FOREST FRIENDS** - Is a local one-stop volunteer and client befriending service run by the Blackpool Volunteer Centre and they meet every Monday in our hall from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Please go along, join in and support them if you can. They're doing an excellent job of supporting so many who are needing social contact and perhaps as a church family we could also show our support. Speak to Gill for any further information.
- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS** - to Oliaitan and Kayode Rapheal on their forthcoming wedding taking place on 18th October at the New Covenant Baptist Church in Agege, Lagos. We wish them both God's blessing marking their day as the start of a new life together filled with love and contentment.



- ♦ **WE SAY GOODBYE** - to Tosin's Mum, Olufunke Gift, who has been worshipping with us for quite some time now. She is returning to Nigeria on 26th October. We pray for God's blessing on Gift and ask that you Lord, cover every mile that she'll be travelling with Your hand of safety.



3rd Penny - 11th Alan
11th Bob - 15th Pauline



Church Family/World Prayers

† Lord of the harvest, we pray that you would open our eyes to the harvest around us. Give us compassion for those who are lost, like sheep without a shepherd. Motivate us as a church to go out into the community and proclaim your love and salvation. Empower us with your Holy Spirit to be your hands and feet, serving those in need and boldly sharing the Gospel.

† We bring our fellowship before you now Lord, and ask that you strengthen all the church family within our church. We ask for your love, peace, healing and guidance with hunger for your word. For unity and strength and for our church to be a light in the community here at Forest Gate. Thank you Lord for all the blessings of our church family, please forgive us when we let you down. Just as the early Christians devoted themselves to fellowship and breaking bread together, help us to be a community that truly shares in life together, both in joy and sorrow. Deepen our relationships helping us to bear one another's burdens and build each other up in love.

† O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. We pray for those in government to be equipped with the courage to work for peace, to break down barriers, and for the transformation of weapons into tools for peace. We pray for *all* leaders and those in power, that they may act with wisdom and justice for the good of all people and for a transformed world free from violence, and for people to foster understanding and reject hatred. Lord please comfort the grieving, strengthen the fearful, and protect the vulnerable, especially those displaced by conflict and natural disaster. Inspire us to care for our planet, to rebuild communities, and to share in the joys and anxieties of all your people, so that all your creation may flourish. Lead us from hate to love, from despair to hope, and from war to peace, that peace with justice may fill our hearts and our world.

† Lord, we give you the glory and honour for all that you're doing in our lives every day, even in the times we can't see it or understand your ways. Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all *your* plans for us succeed. Help us to show peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

† Lord, when we are uncertain about what to do, show us your ways and teach us. Please guide our steps and direct our path. When our hearts feel overwhelmed, lead us to the solid ground of your truth and grace. Give us the strength and courage to follow through, even when it is difficult.

† Jesus doesn't deny that we have heavy issues to deal with. He simply offers to take all of our weighty matters onto His own shoulders and let us rest in Him. *Chris Tiegreen*

<u>Duty Deacon</u>	<u>Door Steward</u>	<u>Communion</u>
5th Liz	Elaine	Barbara & Anne R
12th Barbara	Stan	
19th Ray	Joy	
26th Gill	Barbara	

Coffee Bar



5th	Joy & Abigail
12th	Liz & Alan
19th	Janet & Christine
26th	Chantelle & Anthony

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Bible

5th
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Readers

Janet
Liz
Edna
Elaine

