

From the Pastor's study

Someone made a comment in our Bible Study which was very interesting. They said it is possible to believe without having faith! At first that might sound contradictory but what they meant was that we can accept facts intellectually without necessarily having the trust and commitment that is true faith. One of our more modern hymns, *In Christ alone* by Stuart Townend, brings home the point that being a real Christian means that we stand firmly and *only* on the sacrifice of Christ for sin. If I add my own efforts or some other thing or person to that it shows I am not relying on the Lord Jesus at all — to trust Him must mean to do so completely and without reserve. When I cross a bridge I am relying on the skills of the designing engineer. If I take a parachute with me 'just in case' it means I didn't really trust that bridge. So as a Christian I trust Jesus alone to save me; I don't rely at all on anything else. "But aren't we *supposed* to do good works?" Yes, indeed, but don't put the cart before the horse. Faith comes first. I must trust Christ *alone* to save me and *then* live to please Him. Read Ephesians 2 verse 8.

Miracles Quiz

1. Where did Jesus carry out his first miracle? (John's Gospel, Chapter 2.)
2. A nobleman's son was healed by Jesus without the Lord even visiting him. Where was the boy? (John 4.)
3. Jesus healed a man who could not walk at the pool of Bethesda. How long had he been disabled? (John 5.)
4. Jesus made five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000. How many baskets of food were left over? (John 6.)
5. Where did Jesus walk on water? (John 6.)
6. Jesus sent a blind man to a pool to wash. What was it called? (John 9.)
7. How long after Lazarus' death was he raised by Jesus? (John 11.)
8. In which synagogue was a demon cast out by Jesus? (Luke 4.)
9. Whose mother-in-law was cured of a fever by Jesus? (Luke 4.)

Prayer requests

Continue to pray for those who are unwell, including **D.L.**, still going through treatment and **W.M.** whose recovery is slow.

Give thanks for the interest shown on **8th May** (see inside) and pray for more to want to hear what the Bible says.

We hear more reports of people being arrested and **persecuted** for following the Lord. Please remember them in prayer.

Ask God to help those affected by the **volcano** in Hawaii.

Pray that the Lord will give wisdom to those who **govern** us and make laws, so that we will not displease Him.

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Double figures - double celebration



Keen-eyed readers will have noticed already that this issue of the *Langford Link* marks its tenth anniversary. At the end of April, after the May issue had gone to press, there was an earlier tenth anniversary — of the **Aroma** coffee mornings. This turned out to be the best-attended one of all the years. *More inside.*

Busiest morning yet

Our band of helpers was kept on their toes at the *Aroma* coffee morning's tenth anniversary (see front page). Here are a few photos for you.



A general view of the room about half way through the morning.



A display stand showed photos from past Aromas



Whew! Two of our helpers finally get a moment to relax.

Good attendance

We were pleased to see a larger number of people than usual at our Tuesday evening meeting on the 8th May when **David Herring** spoke on "Israel - God's purposes past, present and future". For some, it was the first time they had visited Langford Chapel. David showed us from the Bible how God had made promises to Abraham and had kept those promises, revealing more of His plans through the Bible as time went on. Those of us who had recently studied the book of Daniel on Tuesdays were able to grasp more of the truth that it and other parts of the prophetic Scriptures contained. Those things still future, including the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ were also fully explained. Judging by the comments afterwards everyone had found it an interesting evening. Our only regret was that we were unprepared for so many coming and so the book table was emptied of notes and copies of David's books before all could obtain these. However, we can help those who were disappointed on the evening to get more supplies. You can make a request through our website www.langfordevangelicalchurch.org. Just choose the Secure Contact Page to send us a message. We are planning more of these special events, so keep your eye on these columns.



For your diary

While there are no extra events in June, everyone is always welcome at all our usual services and of course at the *Aroma* coffee morning, on Saturday the **23rd**, open from **10.30** as usual. Note the date - there are five Saturdays this time

so don't come a week late. The next day, Sunday **24th**, we look forward to a first visit from **Derek Cleave** at **6.30** p.m. Looking ahead to **July**, we expect the **Bristol Evangel Male Voice Choir** to lead the service at **6.30** p.m. on the **8th**.