

# Who's who at Langford Chapel

An occasional look at the people we see here

**Steven Whitaker** came to the Chapel to preach for the first time in September. He came originally from Bradford but he and his wife **Mary** had lived in South Africa until a few years ago. Steven trained at the Bible Institute Eastern Cape Theological College and the South African Theological Seminary. Later he was a Pastor in Wiltshire for some years and they now attend North Bradley Baptist Church. Steven spoke powerfully to us from the Second letter of John and we look forward to his next visit this month.



## Women in the Bible quiz

1. What was Moses' sister called?  
*a: Mary b: Miriam c: Minnie*
2. Who did Boaz marry at harvest time?  
*a: Rebekah b: Rachel c: Ruth*
3. Abigail, a widow, became David's wife. Who was her first husband?  
*a: Nabal b: Noah c: Nicodemus*
4. King Ahab's evil wife was called?  
*a: Joan b: Joanna c: Jezebel*
5. Which prophetess helped Barak?  
*a: Deborah b: Dora c: Dorcas*
6. Who was the mother of John the Baptist?  
*a: Eliza b: Elisabeth c: Elsa*
7. Jesus met a woman at a well (John Chapter 4). Where was the well?  
*a: Salem b: Samaria c: Sudan*
8. Whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt?  
*a: Levi b: Luke c: Lot*
9. This queen has a book named after her.  
*a: Enid b: Esther c: Edna*

## Prayer requests

Pray for those having a tough time with **health** issues, including **D. L.** Don't give up praying for those who are being **persecuted** for their faith in Jesus.

Ask God to raise up **committed people** to serve Him in local church work and witness.

Pray that our nation's **leaders** will turn to the Lord for help and seek His wisdom.

Thank God for **young people** who in many places are "bucking the trend" and following the Lord Jesus. Pray for those who are **depressed**, that they may turn for help to the Lord and know His peace.

Ask God to help preachers to be **faithful** to the Bible's teachings.

Pray for those who are **lonely**.

# Langford Link

Number 125

October 2018

Keeping you in touch with the life and news of Langford Chapel, the home of Langford Evangelical Church in Blackmoor, Lower Langford.



[langfordevangelicalchurch.org](http://langfordevangelicalchurch.org)



'All good gifts around us . . .'



This dramatic photo is available free on the internet and is not only very appropriate for our Harvest Thanksgiving services but struck us as relevant to the special meeting we hosted on the 18th September when **David Herring** gave us good reasons to believe God exists. The huge harvester is dwarfed by the sky and landscape, creation itself is evidence of a Creator. Thanks to visiting preacher **Jonathan Hunt** for pointing us to the photo and to [www.pexels.com](http://www.pexels.com)

## From the Pastor's study

I recently saw a message from a friend's niece who had taken part in a 10K run in my home city of Worcester to support a charity and it set me thinking about an often-used saying that the Christian life is not a sprint but a marathon. Now that is very true for most, though some don't have long lives. One of the hymns which we sang at Tom's service, "*When this passing world is done*", was written by Robert Murray M'Cheyne who died at 29 after tirelessly pointing others to Jesus. For most of us, however, we have to keep going for years, sometimes having brighter days,



Runners at the Worcester 10K start

sometimes not. I think it must take motivation to enter a marathon and a clear aim in view to keep you going till the finish line. Now the Bible tells us that God keeps the true believer going but also that we have a part to play, a spiritual fitness regime if you like. That's where the Bible, prayer and Christian fellowship help. Yet you have to enter and be at the start line in any such event - for the Christian that means being born again as Jesus said (John Chapter 3). I

heard about a man who forgot to register for a charity run - he did finish but couldn't have a medal because his name wasn't written down! Make sure today that *your* name is written in Heaven (Luke 10 verse 20).

### Happy Birthday!

Our Honorary Secretary, **Christine**, is celebrating a special birthday this month. She became a Christian as a teenager at Langford and returned to the village and to the Chapel a few years back after a career in nursing. Thanks for all you do for us!

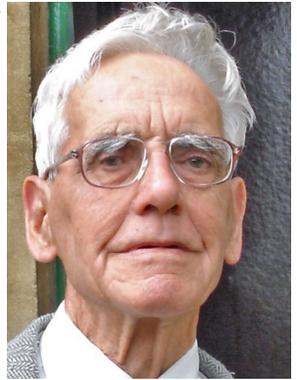
### No God or know God?

As mentioned on our front page, we recently welcomed **David Herring** for a presentation, "Does God even exist?" He kept our attention and some of those who came showed interest in the next visit on 27th November. Watch these pages for details!

## Tom Harris' thanksgiving service

For those who were unable to attend on Thursday 6th of September, we include this short report on the service.

To honour Tom's request **David Farley** of the Bethesda Evangelical Church in Weston-Super-Mare led the gathering in the Chapel and also officiated at the graveside at Burrington. Another well-loved friend, **Jeffrey Ponsonby**, gave the address and the music was provided by **John Chaplin**, also a good friend over many years.



Similarly the spoken tributes were by those closely associated with our brother: **Margaret Rood**, who with her late husband, Trevor, had been a close friend; **David Tarling**, who helped in the Church when living nearby and **Norman Lee**, our former Treasurer, who was there when Tom first came to the Chapel. From different perspectives each one spoke of Tom's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and we were able to understand why he became such a pivotal figure in the life of Langford Chapel. Sadly his niece, **Margaret Patterson**, was unable to attend but her written tribute which was read out gave us the family's angle and also expressed her own appreciation of Tom's spiritual help to her.

Several friends were unable to come but we received many messages which show the respect our dear brother had earned by his kindness. We have lost a faithful servant of Christ but we know that he is with the Lord.

## For your diary

This issue is being printed early so that the friends at the September **Aroma** can collect it. However, we can share the things already planned for **October: Harvest Thanksgiving** services will be on **Sunday the 14th** at our usual times, **11 a.m.** and **6.30 p.m.**

Our Pastor will conduct the morning service and we expect **Jonathan Hunt** from Morton Baptist Church in the evening. As usual donated goods on display will be given to charity. The **Aroma** Coffee morning will be on Saturday the **27th**.