

'With Christ, which is far better.'

Mrs Christine Brown

Christine was among the newer members of the Church and we will all miss her greatly. A retired teacher, with an artistic flair, she quickly showed her enjoyment of being with us and often had a humorous comment for the preacher, yet with a gentle and softer way of saying it. Christine went to be with the Lord Jesus on Monday 20th July after a time of illness. We sympathise with and pray for **Graham** and the family. As we went to press the funeral service was being arranged for Wednesday 5th August at 2 p.m. at Sedgemoor.



(There are Government restrictions on the numbers who will be able to attend this service due to the Coronavirus pandemic.)

Mrs Mary Bell



We hear that Mary, who was a member of the Church at Langford Chapel a few years ago, has been Called Home to be with Christ. She had a great musical talent and was a person for whom prayer was a priority, known also for her open home, where those who needed help found love and kindness. Mary's funeral service was held in Cheshire on 29th July. We, and her many friends, will miss her.

Prayer requests

Pray for those who have lost loved ones and friends recently.
Ask the Lord to help those who are caring for others.
Pray for vaccines and treatments to help defeat Coronavirus.
Give thanks that it is possible for some to worship together again.



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It's good to be back

Despite the different "feel" in the Chapel with the social distancing markings and cordoned off pews, being able to come to the services again has been a truly happy experience. We who are able to be there feel and pray for those friends who have still been shielding and so unable to come, as well as for those who are still uneasy about going out. We are recording the services for later viewing; sadly we are unable to transmit these live. Sunday the 5th of July was a special occasion; not just because we were open again. Our preacher for the day was **Jonathan Steeds**, newly returned from Cornwall where he had been helping another church during the Summer. His great knowledge of the Bible and warm and clear manner of speaking lifted us up after the long weeks of lockdown. We missed those who could not be with us but it was good to see others, some new faces among them, coming to worship.

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My favourite hymn: *By Laura Batt*

(Laura and John are "regulars" at the **Aroma** coffee mornings.)

"This hymn is special to me as it covers all that can happen in life but with the knowledge that the Lord is with me every minute of the day and will never desert me however tough life gets."

One more step along the world I go,

One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with You
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with You
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with You
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with You.*



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Verse for the month

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke Chapter 1 verse 37.

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'Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.' #Jesus #Christ

Words of encouragement

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." (*John 14: 1-7*).

The Apostles were just like us. Ordinary people who can be devastated by loss and pressures. The thought of Jesus leaving them was just too much. Yet that which seemed the end was really the beginning of hope. Jesus is the Way.

Paul the Apostle wrote: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 4:6-7*).

Having peace when circumstances make it seem impossible is only ours when we trust the Lord completely and know how much He loves us.

For your diary

August begins with another visiting preacher, **Chris Gadd**, of Somerset Gospel Outreach. He has been helping us for many years with evangelism and will be leading the morning service on Sunday the **2nd**.

During the month we are also expecting **Pastor David Field** from Coseley and someone new to us, **Mark Hope**, who works with **Barry King** and Grace Baptist Partnership. He is with us on the **23rd** in the morning.