

Who's who at Langford Chapel

An occasional look at the people we see here

Mark Hope came to preach for us on the 23rd of August on his first visit to Langford. He had met our Pastor at a ministers' fellowship and then in a Zoom seminar. Mark works for an association called Grace Baptist Partnership, which is led by **Barry King** who we already knew through his visits to the Chapel. Mark is married to Jill and has a daughter, Leah. They live in Trowbridge and worship at Bradford-on-Avon Baptist Church. We hope to welcome Mark to lead our worship on future occasions.



Bible quiz

We looked at 'Minor' Prophets Haggai and Malachi in August. Test yourself!

1. Who was the king when God's word came to Haggai?
2. How long had he been reigning?
3. What was the High Priest's name at that time?
4. What were the people neglecting in those days?
5. What was their excuse for this?
6. What was Zerubbabel's job?
7. What things does God say He will shake in Haggai Chapter 2?
8. There is a unique name for the promised Messiah. What is it?
9. God pronounced blessing on the 24th day of which month?
10. In Malachi Chapter 3 two people are called 'messenger'. Who in the New Testament does this prophecy foretell?
11. What do the people need to do for God to pour out a blessing?

Verse for the month

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.

Psalm 123 verse 3.



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Worshipping amid changes

We are trying hard to keep abreast of new rules and guidance issued by Government and health authorities now the Chapel is open again. From the first of August those who had been shielding were allowed to begin to mix with care, which might help some to get out for services (though that could mean choosing this over the chance to enjoy another activity). Then along came the directive to wear masks in Church services (with exemptions). Singing was banned, till 15th August, now a small group can sing but not the whole congregation. Picking our way through all this, we have made safety a priority and are scrupulous about cleaning and protecting others. Though we admit to being puzzled that we can "Eat out to help out" in a restaurant with few restrictions, talking loudly over the background music, but not sing (masked) in Chapel!

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A favourite hymn

by David Herring

“This is a favourite hymn of mine because it so clearly shows the fullness of the Lord's atoning work on the cross — bearing shame, condemned, sealing my pardon; it is finished, I've been ransomed!”

Man of Sorrows! What a name

For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He:
Full atonement!—can it be?

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Lifted up was He to die,
'It is finished!' was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high;

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing

Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Philip Paul Bliss (1838-1876).



David is a Trustee of Langford Evangelical Church and a frequent and welcome visiting preacher.

Prayer requests

Remember those who do not have a church to go to, especially folk without the internet, as they **miss worship** and fellowship.

Pray that the virus may be **overcome**.

Ask God to help teachers and children as schools re-open, and that young minds will be kept from **anti-Christian** bias.

Continue to pray for those who have **lost loved ones**.

Pray that many will **turn back** to God.

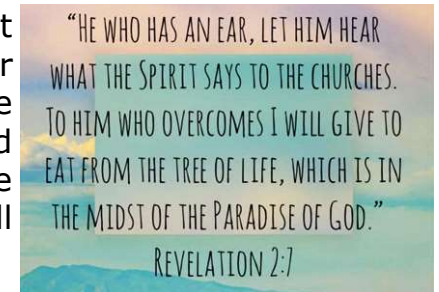
Remember those who **need work** in these unusual times.

Pray that those who preach may be true to the **gospel** of Christ.

Top Tweet

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Words of encouragement from Revelation for our churches today as we struggle to overcome the trials and tribulations of COVID-19. We are witnesses for Him, let's all stay the course.



From the Pastor's study

After almost six months of coping with Coronavirus and a daily changing situation post-lockdown it seems that weariness and resentment has crept in and it would be easy to lose hope. What can keep a believer in Christ from being dragged down by this and all the signs of a fractured society? How can we balance concern for the needy or oppressed with respect for authority and a firm stance against violence and anarchy? If we are unable to find help in God and in the Bible in difficult days what is the point of "Church"? At a recent funeral service, a family member read part of Romans Chapter 8. This certainly lifted and helped me as the time approached to share words to strengthen the congregation:

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8 verses 38-39 (NKJV).

For your diary

This month we look forward to another visit from **Jonathan Steeds** as our preacher for the day on Sunday the **13th**. Some readers will remember that he came to speak at the re-opening services on the 5th of July.

The remaining services during September will be led by our Pastor who is continuing to share the book of Acts with us. Looking on to **October**, the Harvest Services on the **11th** will be adapted to the situation.