

## People we see at Langford Chapel

It is nearly two years since **Richard Mortimer** came to preach for us because his second visit had to be postponed during Lockdown 1. We were very pleased to have him with us again when he led our evening service on the 21st February. Richard is Pastor



at Eastcombe Baptist Church in the Cotswolds and became friends with our Pastor through Facebook. He and his wife **Maressa** live in the manse at Eastcombe with their four children. Richard is very busy with online work as well as leading his congregation. Maressa is a writer who has had many articles and some books published with more titles on the way.

### Who said that? - Bible Quiz

*Who said . . .*

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?" (*Genesis 4.*)
2. "God will provide for Himself a lamb . . ." (*Genesis 22.*)
3. "I will not let You go unless You bless me." (*Genesis 32.*)
4. "This is one of the Hebrews' children." (*Exodus 2.*)
5. "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (*Matthew 2.*)
6. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (*Matthew 3.*)
7. "Man shall not live by bread alone . . ." (*Matthew 4.*)
8. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (*Mark 10.*)
9. "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (*Mark 15.*)
10. "My soul magnifies the Lord . . ." (*Luke 1.*)
11. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (*John 1.*)
12. "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." (*John 12.*)

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### Verse for the month

**"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing . . ." Romans 15 verse 13 (NKJV)**



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## Moving forward

The Prime Minister's 'Roadmap' encourages us as a Church to make some plans (while remembering that the letter of James tells us to say "If the Lord wills") and so we can begin to have a sense of anticipation for the months ahead. Last year we had to postpone the Mission with Barry King and as the planned replacement dates fall just before the 21st June "Stage 4" opening up we are discussing the possibility of a deferral for a few days. The event will take place over three days and there will be local publicity nearer the time. The planned date for our 175th Anniversary Service on Saturday **18th September** is much later on so we continue to work towards that. It is the nearest Saturday to the 16th, which was the day of the opening in 1846. We are also looking forward to starting the **Aroma** coffee mornings again as soon as possible.

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# "Give me oil in my *tank!*"

The Chapel's old oil tank was giving our Deacons cause for concern and so the team from Ford Fuels arrived on a chilly day to replace it with a new bunded type (that means it has a double "skin", which is safer). A useful advantage is a remote gauge so checking the remaining fuel level is much easier. Our thanks to the cheerful engineers, Andy and Luke!



## ***Prayer requests***

Pray for those who have been **bereaved** recently.  
Give thanks that we were allowed to keep the Chapel **open** during the third Lockdown and for our safe environment.  
Pray for **Myanmar** (Burma), for peace and lawful government.  
Remember those who are **persecuted** for their faith, in Nigeria, Iran, and many other places.  
Ask God to grant His blessing on the **Easter** services.  
Pray for **lonely people**, that they may know Jesus' presence.

# Top Tweet

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"Lord for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise".

[#Christ](#) [#Jesus](#) [#TheWord](#)

Timothy Dudley Smith

## From the Pastor's study

**So at last** there are hopeful signs of relief from Coronavirus with all its suffering and sorrow as well as the restrictions it has brought. The amazingly fast rollout of the vaccines and the better than expected results are welcomed and we must give thanks to God. Thinking about that turned my mind to the future. Despite all the talk about the "New normal" most of us would like to get some of the old normality back! Being able to visit people again comes pretty high on my "To do" list as well as thinking of the day when all the congregation gather again in the Chapel. Our new broadband will continue to enable us to reach out more widely and the use of Zoom for Church business meetings and Bible studies has been helpful but there is nothing like personal contact. All of this made me go further into the future, for as the old chorus says, "Life at best is very brief, like the falling of a leaf - be in time". Of far greater importance than planning for "Life after lockdown" is the matter of being prepared for eternity. The Church's mission is to preach the good news that through the love of Jesus we *can* be.

## For your diary

**This month** our Pastor will continue with the series in the book of Acts during Sunday services at the Chapel. These are being livestreamed to YouTube. We are also looking forward to a further visit from

**Derek Cleave** who is leading both services on the **28th** and to hearing **Tim McShane** (Open-Air Mission) on the **21st**.  
*We may adjust the dates of the Mission with Barry King in June in view of the "Roadmap".*