

Who's who at Langford Chapel

An occasional look at the people we see here

Our regular readers will have seen this man before! **Clive Williams** has preached at the Chapel on several occasions and also led five Holiday Bible Clubs a few years back with the help of his late wife, Christine. It was good to see him again last month when he came to preach at our morning service. Although officially retired he continues to work as an associate evangelist with the Open-Air Mission which he joined in 1972.



Harvest Time challenge

Jesus used the scenes around Him in His teaching and parables to speak of the harvest in both literal and spiritual ways. This month



we will be challenged about our responsibility to work for a spiritual harvest of souls and to sound the note of warning before the day of judgment comes in a special presentation just two days after the Harvest Thanksgiving services

when David Herring brings a presentation on Tuesday the **15th**.

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Harvest quiz—the book of Ruth

1. Naomi came to Bethlehem at the beginning of which harvest?
2. What country was Ruth the widowed immigrant from?
3. Who did she meet while working in his field during harvest?
4. What did he give her to supplement her lunch?
5. What did Naomi tell her about the man she had met?
6. What time was it when Boaz knew that Ruth wanted his help?
7. What did Boaz give her to take home to Naomi?
8. What must he do if he wanted to buy land from Naomi?
9. After Ruth became Boaz' wife they had a son, called _____.
10. Who was his grandson?
11. Which is the only book in the New Testament that mentions Ruth?

Prayer requests

Remember those **bereaved** or concerned for loved ones' **health**.

Pray for those **serving the Lord** overseas.

Pray for our **nation** and especially for our leaders.

Ask the Lord to bring more people to trust in Jesus.

My favourite hymn

by Wendy Wright

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
He left His Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!
Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*Space constraints have prevented
us printing the whole hymn.*



Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

One of my favourite hymns has to be 'And Can It Be'. I first heard this hymn as a young person, new to attending Church. To experience a church full of people singing this with such sincerity and obvious joy made me look closer at the words and meaning behind the lyrics. At that time I could not understand how vast God's love is. Why would He love me? With faith, I came to understand that yes, God does indeed know me and love me so much that He gave His own son, Jesus, to die for my sins and thus I can sing 'And can it be.....'

Verse for the month

Jeremiah 8:20

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

Tweet of the month

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"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave".

#Jesus #Christ the same yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever more.

From the Pastor's study

How do we deal with sorrow? I'm not thinking about minor, every-day things but the great issues of sadness that invade our lives. As I was preparing another sermon a message came in that a young lady had died suddenly, leaving behind a husband and two young girls. The family were involved in planting a church in a deprived area. How can we make sense of, or explain, that? As you can imagine I hear of many such cases and sometimes they concern those I know. I will never forget the day years ago when someone stopped me in the street to tell me that a good friend, 19 years old, had suddenly died. Then there is the turmoil of those who feel sorrow as loved ones suffer or grieve over children who have been led astray or those cheated by unfaithful spouses. Yes, all in all this world can be a sad place. We step into the Chapel and sing joyful songs, when maybe we don't feel much joy. How can we cope? Does God understand, does He care? Then we open the Bible and find He does both. We read of the struggles of the Psalmist, of Ezekiel losing his wife, of Gomer's betrayal of Hosea. Then we read of Jesus, the Man of sorrows, weeping at the tomb of Lazarus and over Jerusalem's unbelief, and of His Cross. We see Him suffering for a fallen and guilty world and rising to give us hope that one day all will be put right and there will be no more sorrow.

For your diary

October looks like a busy month at the Chapel:

The **Harvest Thanksgiving** services are on Sunday the **13th** and there's another special presentation by **David Herring** on **Tuesday 15th** at **7.45 p.m.**

with the title, **The Watchman on the wall** (see front page).

It is also the Half-Year meeting for **Church Members** on **Thursday** the **17th**.

Don't forget the usual **Aroma** coffee morning on the **26th**!