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Fellowship News

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Morning Service 10:30 am Communion service held on the first Sunday of the month.

The Swiss Army Knife



Relevant texts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31,
Ephesians 4:11-16

Have you ever seen one of these? What's it called? What makes it different from an ordinary penknife? It is special because of all the different tools you find inside it. Each of the tools has a special use that is different from the others. For example one of them is no good for cutting with, but it's great for removing bottle tops. The scissors are good for cutting paper, but they wouldn't be any use for opening a can - you'd need one of the others to do that. They are all useful, all important, and all different. But the really great thing is that all those tools are joined together in one small device that you can keep in your pocket, to use whenever you need it.

In a way, it reminds me of the what bible the bible says about a church like ours. A church is composed of believers - people who love the Lord Jesus Christ. They are all different, and each one is able to serve

God in a special way, because God has given them all different gifts - different abilities for serving Him and helping others. For example God has given some people the ability to be good teachers, and some may be good at making things. Others may have a completely different ability that God wants them to use. Each person has an different part to play and each one is needed. It wouldn't be any good if I needed to use the bottle opener in my Swiss army knife, but discovered that it was missing. In the same way every member in a church is important. It's sad when someone goes missing because then their abilities can't be used.

So remember the Swiss army knife, and remember that each church member is important, and has special abilities that God wants them to use for Him. *Mark Page*

John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

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Some say that February is a fairly dull month but not this year! We have seen the February feast, Lent Bible studies, evening fellowship at Hywel & Sandra's and the Quarterly Business Meeting (well it wasn't dull, OK!) ...

As expected from the Cottage Hotel, many of us from the fellowship received top class service and exquisite food! It was good to see Bryan and Diana with us whilst a big thanks has to go to Denis and Kate for organising everything. I don't think this is a habit we can kick for a long time to come!

Lent Bible studies (**every Thursday, 7-8pm, at our Chapel**, for those who are interested) are reflections upon various aspects of the Cross leading up until Easter. Many fascinating discussions have taken place so far that delve deep into the soul! Have you ever asked "*what is my purpose when I pray?*" and "*how do I use my time of silence before the Lord?*". There are some wise bards attending this meeting (no not me) so come and glean some useful insights!

As for the QBM, one thing that popped out is the 1930's evening (now moved forward to the **15th May**). This should provide a great opportunity to bring the Malborough churches and the village together as we look back in time and relive history in all its glory. Another thing that popped out is we now have a provisional secretary, Denis, who is willing to do some correspondence whilst Ann Edgecombe is our new minutes secretary. Let's not forget that we need to keep a keen eye on the finances this year and pray for God's guidance.

This March will continue with the Lent meetings, a fellowship evening at the Manse on the 10th (no, not the 11th—that's Lent) and this coming Saturday, on the 6th March, there's a 'BIG BREW' at the Village Hall annex in aid of Traidcraft. **Please don't forget** to pray for Peggy & David, Pauline & Denis, Les & Doreen and others for their continued good health.

Your Pastor, Tim.

Blessing

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest on us from above.

Services

March

7th Rev B Jago
14th Rev. Tim Skillman
21st Rev. Tim Skillman
28th M. Page

April

Good Friday 1030 Rev. Tim Skillman
Easter Sunday 1100 Rev. Tim Skillman

Flowers

March

7th, Jackie Brown
14th Enid Parsons
21st Peggy Discombe
28th Gill Sterry

April

4th Rachael Sanders



Hoovering

March

6th Jacqui Brown
13th Peggy Discombe
20th Hywel Jones
27th Kate King

April

3rd Gill Sterry

