

Fellowship News

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

Who Is A Christian?

Christians are named after Christ who is their leader. This name brings honour and glory to Christ and denotes one as a follower of Christ by adhering and conforming to His doctrine.

God foretells that He will "Call his servants by another name" (Isaiah 65:15). And, "The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name" (Isaiah 62:2). Here God foretells that He will give His people a new name after both Jews and Gentiles are involved. Also notice the Lord would give the name. By Acts chapter eleven the gospel had been preached to both Jew and Gentile and the church in Antioch was composed of both. In fulfilment of this prophesy we read "And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). "And in His name shall the Gentiles trust" (Matthew 12:21). It was the Lord who gave the name after the Gentiles began obeying the gospel.

After the apostle Paul had preached the gospel to King Agrippa, "Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'You almost persuade me to become a Christian'" (Acts 26:28). Almost is not good enough. When we wear the name Christian, we give glory and honour to our Lord. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this manner" (1 Peter 4:16). We should never be ashamed to wear the name Christian. Jesus says, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed

when He comes in His own glory" (Luke 9:26).

The term Christian is used very loosely today. One is not a Christian just because he says he believes in Christ. "Even the devils believe and tremble" (James 2:19). Today every kind of church doctrine, tradition, and practice is labelled as "Christian". Even the United States is called a Christian Nation. This is a misnomer.

Christians are only those who have been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38) so they can be saved (Mark 16:16). Then "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only Christians are in the Lord's church and have the promise of Heaven when this life is over (Ephesians 5:23). We should give glory and honor to Christ by wearing only the name Christian, which the Lord Himself gave for us to wear.

Ron Boatwright

A Special Message from Enid

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes and all the help given to celebrate my eightieth birthday. Many thanks to Jacqui for the surprise Birthday Cake



He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

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Only two weeks left before the 30's evening and it's expected to be popular as both churches and the history group are involved. However, there are only a few of us doing much of the work and it would be a great help if some more of the fellowship could be involved. There's need for people at the door to welcome visitors, waiting on tables, decorating and clearing the Chapel before and after, putting up posters, setting up artefacts (if you are artistic that would be great!). Cooking and cleaning (please see Pam or Jacqui). The Creole Night was a great success because of you—so please let any of the deacons or myself know if you can help.

Don't forget the AGM and QBM this Thursday, 6th May at 7.30pm. It's a very important meeting which helps determine the course of our fellowship for the coming year. Please come along, even if your not a member. Your opinions and ideas are valuable. During this meeting Denis, Peggy and Enid are up for election as deacons as they have kindly agreed to continue.

David Discombe, as you may know, has been in Torbay hospital for the past 3 weeks and has just moved to Dartmouth hospital. We hope to see him back home quite soon and it's such a relief that he has improved from quite a difficult situation. Les is not 'ticking over' as fast as he used to - but he is 'ticking over'! Sandra and Ros also need our prayers during this time. It really has been a difficult couple of months for the fellowship, not forgetting Katherine and Mark who really need superhuman powers to do what they do with their wonderful children!

I want to finish by saying 'Thank you' to Enid for the generous party she laid out for us at the beginning of April, another Thank you to Rachel for the beautiful flower arrangements at Easter—they were phenomenal. Thank you to Brian & Janice for taking on the grass cutting and Thank you to Richard and Hywel for the unenviable task of sorting out 'end-of-year' finances! There are so many of you which give—some quietly—May God Bless you richly!

Rev Tim Skillman.

***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”
(Colossians 3:23)***

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

May

2nd Rev. Tim Skillman
9th Mr R. Sanders
16th Mr M. Law
23rd Rev. Tim Skillman
30th Rev. Tim Skillman

June

6th Mr D. King

Flowers

May

2nd Mr R. Parsons
9th Mr D. Discombe
16th Mrs S. Jones
23rd Mrs K. King
30th Mrs E. Putt



Hoovering

May

1st Mrs P. Discombe
8th Mr H. Jones
15th Mrs K. King
22nd Mrs. G. Sterry
29th Mrs S. Jones

June

5th Ms J. Brown

