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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.

How would Jesus explain it?

I have a book. It's more like a journal, but I call it the Book Of Life. This book is really just a list of names, along with the date. Whenever Myself and a human become friends, I add their name in the book and the date in which the person asked Me into their life. The book is a big deal because it will be next to My Dad when He is deciding who to let into Heaven. Because Heaven is perfect, He can only let in perfect people. This can be difficult for most people because as soon as they do one stupid thing, there is nothing they can do to make themselves pure again. If anybody has ever missed the mark and messed up, they are not allowed into the eternal Kingdom of God.

However, there is a loophole.

Hi. Nice to meet you. I'm your Loophole. Right before I died, My Dad put all the bad stuff that has ever happened in the world into Me. Every time you put yourself before God and others. Everything you did that tried to lift yourself up like a God. That one time your mom told you not to touch something, but you did anyway. All that was placed into Me, and then I was murdered with all of it locked inside Me. The loophole is simple. If you want My death to also count for the death of your sins, just ask. I already did it, so it's no big deal. My Loophole is a gift to you. I offer you purification. Just say "thanks". Once you and I are pals, I

write your name in My Book Of Life. When you die, there's a trial. God looks at your life to see if you were able to stay perfect, since only perfection can be allowed into perfect Heaven. Most likely, you're going to mess up. And just as My Dad will sadly deem you not worthy, I'll jump in for you. I'll tell My Dad that it's all good. That you and I are pals. I'll show the court My Book Of Life with your name and date written in it. And God smiles. And you smile. And then We lead you through the gates where angels have written you a song specifically for you. It will be the most beautiful song you have ever heard. You will see faces of old family and friends looking so happy you made it in. You will see gold and you will see diamonds. And you will see God shining like the Sun. And you will run to Him. And you will know Love.

Do not let anyone tell you whose names are written in My Book Of Life. That is between Me and that person alone. They have not seen My book. Lot's of people read My biography and have trouble with it. There seems to be a lot of information in there that can confuse some of My followers. So, I will simplify it again for some of My followers who might be a little confused.

Love Me. Love others. My Father will judge and condemn.

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14: 1-4

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The 1930's evening was brilliant! Many people from the village turned up and were treated to some long forgotten recipes; Shepherds pie, Roast beef with Bubble & Squeak and Exeter Stew were on the main course (someone mentioned that the original Exeter recipe used local cat—I know personally that it was substituted with beef!) This was followed up with desserts such as Nelson Slices, scones and scrumptious Apple pie—all served with clotted cream!

A short video of the 1930's by Marjorie, Les & Doreen, Doris, Pauline, Joyce Parsons and John Cole was then projected. It revealed surprising facts like elephants parading around Malborough or strange days in May such as Ducking day!! All of these accounts were told with such humour and fun, painting an amazing snapshot of those good old days. I followed up with a short message on the value of church life in the community and how it plays a vital role. The evening then ended with an intriguing quiz on Malborough organised by the Malborough History Group.





Overall, I believe this evening has been a great success in terms of it's outreach and unity with the Parish Church. Indeed some people, who were originally reluctant to come to something 'churchy', commented that it certainly wasn't what they expected and loved the evening and fellowship. It was wonderful to meet so many new faces from Malborough and I hope and pray we can continue to build up relationships from this evening. Sincere thanks go to all who worked hard to make this evening so

special and memorable. From those who cooked to those who diligently washed, cleaned, setup and put-away. Thank you! Note: videos and 30's programmes are still available.

Lastly, please, please remember David & Peggy who really need our support at this time. Also remember Pauline, Ros, Les & Doreen, Marjorie, Sandra, Mark & Katherine—may they all be blessed with God's comfort and healing. May God Bless you.

Rev Tim Skillman

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

June

6th Mr D. King

13th Rev. David Luce (Church Anniversary)

20th Rev. Tim Skillman 27th Rev. Tim Skillman

July

4th Mr. M. Page

<u>Flowers</u>

June

6th Mrs. D. Lapthorn 13th Anniversary Flowers

20th Anniversary Flowers

27th Mrs. J. Brown

July

4th Mrs. P. Discombe



Hoovering

June

5th Ms. J. Brown 12th Mrs. E. Putt 19th Mr H. Jones 26th Mrs. K. King

July

3rd Mrs. G. Sterry



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