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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.

Pastors Comment ...

As the 'longish' summer holidays kick in, I hope that many of you get some well deserved rest and sunshine! Meanwhile, for those of you who couldn't make it to the QBM, there are a few clouds on the horizon in terms of finances. However, several clever people mentioned ways of raising funds such as tabletop and car-boot sales (**1st one on September 4th!**), tea & cakes and even sponsoring items in the church; for example, if you are reading this in the church right now, you may notice that things are a little dim?—that's because the light bulbs are nearly out! If you would like to 'sponsor a bulb' as several have, then please let Richard or Hywel know. Please continue to pray for those who can't attend our fellowship, especially Les, Doreen, Ros, Helen, Pauline & Doris. *Blessings, Tim.*

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone for their cards, flowers and messages of sympathy which the family and I received during the last months of David's life. Your love and prayerful support is very much appreciated. Once again, thank-you and God bless you all.
Peggy

DON'T FORGET! We have
a Thank Offering Sunday
on the 8th August

Services

August

1st Rev. Tim Skillman
8th Mr W Brough
15th Mr D King
22nd Miss A Edgecombe
29th Rev. Tim Skillman

September

5th Rev. Tim Skillman

Flowers

August

1st Mr. R. Parsons
8th Mr. D. Discombe
15th Mrs. S. Jones
22nd Mrs. K. King
28th Mrs. E. Parsons

September

5th Mrs. E. Putt



Hoovering

August

7th Mrs. G. Sterry
14th Mrs. S. Jones
21st Ms. J. Brown
28th Mrs. E. Putt

September

4th Mr. H. Jones



***"Whosoever trusteth in
the Lord, happy is he."***
Proverbs 16:20

Why Do We Pray?

We pray because God wants us to tell him what is on our minds. Even though he sees and understands our situations better than we do, he still wants to hear from us in our own words. There are five basic types or sorts of prayer.

The first type is the prayer of *praise*. We praise God when we tell him how wonderful he is. The simplest way of praising him is in the name we call him: Almighty God; Lord Jesus Christ; Lord of Lords; King of Kings. All these names tell God how glorious he is. Many of the psalms in the Book of Psalms are prayers of praise.

The second type is the prayer of *thanksgiving*, or telling God, "thank you". We thank God for all the wonderful things he does for us. He gives us life; he gives us food, clothing and shelter; he gives us good people in our lives to help us and to take care of us. The simple prayer of giving thanks for our food is called *grace*.

The third type is the prayer of *confession*, telling God that we are sorry for what we have done. We tell God we are sorry either when we have hurt one of the people God has created or when we have done some sort of damage to God's beautiful creation. We tell God what we have done and that we are sorry that we did it. ...

The fourth type is the prayer of *supplication*, or asking for help. We ask God to keep us safe, to give us courage in tough times, or to give us the things we need to be strong and healthy. God always wants to hear from us when we are afraid or in trouble and need help.

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The fifth type of prayer is the *intercessory* prayer, where we ask God to care for another person or part of his creation. God indeed cares for other people without our prayer, but we build our Christian community by asking for God's special care for one another. Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3: 14 - 21 is a beautiful prayer for the people of faith. Moses and Abraham asked God to take special care of his people.

But mostly, we pray because we want to have a relationship with God and he listens to our prayers because he wants a relationship with us

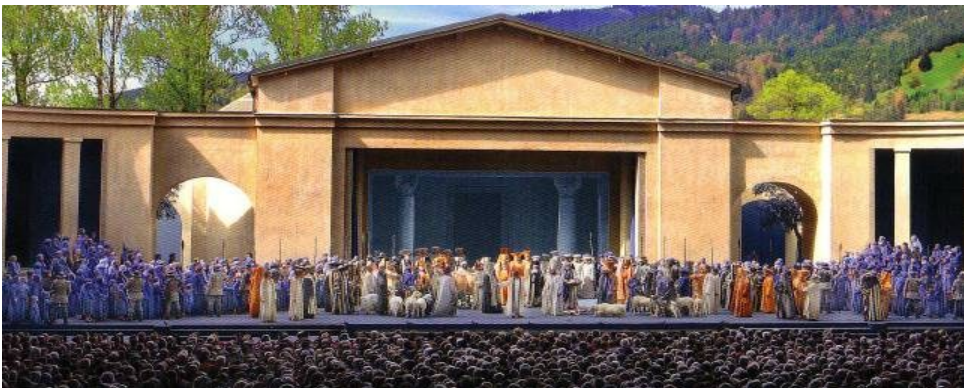
Mark Page

News from the three Amigos! ...

Our Visit to Oberammergau

In 1633 the village of Oberammergau was gripped by poverty and the plague. The villagers made a pledge to God that if they survived they would honour his name by performing a Passion Play every ten years. The survivors honoured their promise to God by performing the first play in 1634. It has been performed every ten years from that date apart from the First and Second World Wars.

Oberammergau has a population of 4000 people. All the performers must have been born in the village or have lived in the village for at least four years. All the performers are amateurs and pursue their usual careers between performances and their days of rest. The role of Jesus was played by a psychologist and Mary Magdalene works as a flight attendant.



The people recognise that by taking on their roles in the Passion Play they are fulfilling their promise to God made by their ancestors as well as celebrating their faith and sharing it with the world.

The performance is split into two halves the first lasting two and a half hours and the second, after a three hour break, almost three hours. There is an orchestra of sixty players and a choir of forty eight people. The auditorium seats 4700 people for each performance. It is performed in German but an English translation is available.

From beginning to end it was a totally absorbing performance and one in which you felt totally engaged and caught up in the story. Every aspect was explored, especially the betrayal by Judas and the remorse he felt as a result of his actions. The interaction between Caiaphas and Pilate was intriguing and so often you felt during the performance that you were a witness at the real event, caught up in the intrigue and politics that placed Christ on the cross.

A wonderful experience that will live in our hearts and minds forever.

Enid, Sandra and Hywel