

Fellowship News

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

Pastors Comment ...

The Tabletop sale went very well with an overall income of £400! In fact, Brian & Janice continue to sell items left over at various car boot sales and so there's expected to be a little more. However, the main point wasn't about making money, but enjoying the fellowship and giving chance to meet others in the village which we certainly did. Thank you to everyone who organised, joined in and submitted items to make this event possible.

We are studying an excellent video and booklet by the Baptist Union called 'LIFEsized' which helps small churches "to recognise their strengths, develop their relationships and serve their community". Part 1 has already sparked off many ideas and given us vision for the future of Malborough Baptist. Could you be part of this too? Next meeting is at Brian & Janice's place on the 30th September at 7.30pm. Transport available.

This Christmas, the family and I will be travelling to Seychelles as baby David has yet to be seen by the family over there and we haven't had a break for the past year. Due to ticket prices being phenomenally expensive over certain dates, we've had to book from the 4th December until the 5th January. We shall miss the fellowship during this time.

Blessings, Rev Tim

DON'T FORGET! We have a prayer meeting every Thursday at 2.30pm

Services

October

- 3rd Mr Mark Page
- 10th Mr Denis King
- 17th Mr David Jones
- 24th Rv T Skillman & Rachel Hayes
- 31st Rev T Skillman

November

- 3rd Mr Mike Law

***"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name."* (John 15:16)**

Flowers

October

- 3rd Harvest Flowers
- 10th Mrs P Discombe
- 17th Mrs G Sterry
- 24th Mrs D Wood
- 31st Mrs M Hallworth

November

- 7th Mrs E Parsons

Hoovering

October

- 2nd Mrs S Jones
- 9th Ms J Brown
- 16th Mrs E Putt
- 23rd Mr H Jones
- 30th Mrs K King

November

- 6th Mrs G Sterry



Send a cow!

Olinga is 13 years old and lives with his widowed mother, seven brothers and sisters and two orphans. He lives in Kumi, a town in eastern Uganda, Africa. The family has a mini-farm or 'small-holding' where they grow lots of crops and keep various animals, such as goats, cows and chickens. They all work together as a family on the different jobs that need doing, even the younger children help out by watering crops, planting seedlings and composting. Most of what they eat is produced on their land and they also sell vegetables at the market in Kumi to give them a form of income (money). So, they have a varied diet of lots of fresh fruit and vegetables straight from their small-holding, including: sweet potatoes, cabbage, onions, cassava, carrots, aubergines, passion fruit, pineapples and bananas. On top of this they get milk, eggs and meat from their animals too.

Things have not always been so good for the family though. After Olinga's dad died they were desperate for food and found it hard to grow anything on their land as it was so dry and lifeless. The children had to collect berries from bushes and often went without food at mealtimes. Olinga's mum, Anna-Grace, says that at that time she was, 'a widow who was almost giving up on life'.

The big change came when Send a Cow trained them in how to grow more food on their land, and gave them a cow. With this help they were able to work hard together to start making compost, use manure, sell milk and build special gardens, like bag and keyhole gardens. The family found that they got much more food from their land and they even started to make money from it. This money was invested in buying other animals, such as goats and oxen for ploughing—all the time making use of the manure to help the soil grow more vegetables.

Olinga was able to help his family through this difficult time and now he also knows how to use the techniques taught by Send a Cow – sometimes he even went to the training days with his mum in the school holidays! He is very confident about the future and knows how to grow different crops really well. In fact, he has various bag gardens, a keyhole garden and other plots that he uses to grow food to sell to the local



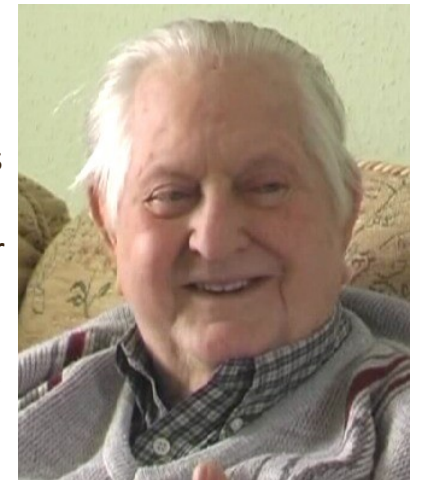
hospital. His current keyhole garden is full of carrots and he also grows seedlings of chives and spinach, as he knows that the hospital will want to buy these healthy vegetables for their patients.

Olinga is now looking forward to setting up his own farm in the future, he says, “I want to buy a cow and grow lots of crops – my farm will be even better than my mum’s!” He knows that with good preparation, he can lessen the effects of climate change on his farm and have a good income through selling crops - so he should not have to live in poverty again. Send a Cow is a charity that helps thousands of families in Africa grow enough food to eat, sell their produce and develop small businesses that last. They provide training, livestock, seeds and ongoing support. They also help families make the most of the resources they already have. Africa can feed itself. This harvest festival, do something different - send a cow!!! Visit www.sendacow.org.uk

Mark Page

Farewell Les

I am very sad to report that our dear brother, Leslie Laphorn, passed away last Thursday evening on the 23rd September at St.Luke’s Hospice. There are so many things we can remember Les for; whether it was his salute at the door or a friendly “Ello Mate!” and of course “I’m ticking over” when asked how he was. Along with his friendship, steadfast faithfulness and simple trust in God, Les, like David, was one of those that made this church what it is and I know that we shall dearly miss him. Please uphold Doreen, Jean and Shirley in your prayers. Details on the funeral to follow.



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