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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 many of you know our dear friend, Lily Davies, suddenly collapsed at home and passed away on the 15th October. Lily always attended the fellowship meals and will be remembered for her positive and encouraging outlook on life. She brought many a smile to passers by in the village. Her funeral service will take place here at the Chapel, Tuesday, November 2nd at 12pm led by Mr Ken Potter.

Don't forget that we continue to study 'LIFEsized' which has generated many exciting ideas for outreach in our community. Part 4 will take place at Tim & Pam's on the 18th November at 7.30pm. Transport available. Please pray for a new weekly, Bible club starting at Malborough Primary School on the 5th November that Pam and I will be running. Gill and Denis also continue to take assemblies there which is a great ministry.

The Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on November 11th at 7.30pm; we hope to take a look at next years programme including the new calendar for 2011. Shoe boxes must be in by November 3rd to Sandra. Lastly, please offer prayers for Doris (now in Wells Court), Ros, Doreen, Peggy & Pauline who would really appreciate them.

Blessings, Rev Tim

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

Services

November

7th Mr Mike Law
14th Parish Church (Remembrance)
21st Rev T Skillman
28th Rev David Luce

December

5th Mr Denis King

***"But If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7)***

Flowers

November

7th Mrs E Parsons
14th Remembrance Sunday
21st Mr R Parsons
28th Mrs S Jones

December

5th Mrs K King

Hoovering

November

6th Mrs G Sterry
13th Ms J Brown
20th Mrs E Putt
27th Mr H Jones

December

4th Mrs K King



iPod Church



In this modern world of ipods, computers and the internet, churches are finding more and more varied and imaginative ways of spreading the word. It has been named "godcasting". It's just like podcasting, in which you download audio files from your computer onto an iPod or MP3 player. Then, you can listen to the content anytime, anywhere. Some churches are also turning to the Web to get their message out, streaming their

services live. Just imagine, you could listen to the gospel while you are riding your horse or walking the dog. You could, in theory, attend church via your iPod, with services downloaded from a web site such as The GodCast Network, (www.godcast.org). Godcasts were the brainchild of Craig Patchett.

He heard about podcasting about a year ago, then had what some might call his divine inspiration, creating podcasts of the sermons of his pastor from the church in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and dubbing them "Godcasts."

"It's for people who, maybe for political reasons, geographical reasons, physical reasons, can't get to a church," says Patchett. Any-one with a computer can just go to godcast.org, click on a sermon, then download it into an iPod. "If people come and check this out," says Patchett, "and they like what they hear, and they decide that they want to explore Christianity more, and they go and check out a church, that's great."

Horizon's pastor, Bob Botsford, sees Godcasts as an effective outreach method. "There's a lot of people out there where church is not even on their radar screen," Botsford observes. "So, if we can get the good news to them while they're running, while they're in their car, while they're surfing, while they're golfing, that's what we are excited about, where Godcast is concerned. "I think what's happened is that technology has blown the church mentality of four walls and a roof ... right off the map. And that's good. Because I think Jesus wants us to go into all the world and simply preach the gospel, using every possible technology available to man."

In addition to enabling the downloading of files, thousands of churches stream, that is, broadcast their services live on the Internet. Chance Mason, president of Streaming Faith, the largest provider of Internet services to churches worldwide, says, "The faith-based community was one of the first communities to really embrace the delivery of content via the Web. "We currently do about 1,500-2,000 live events a month from all over the world: the East Coast, the West Coast; we have clients in New Zealand, Canada, three or four in the Bahamas." Streaming Faith says it has a million visitors a month.

On their Web site, Turner notes, surfers can e-mail prayer requests, listen to radio broadcasts, and watch church services live.

"It's just like I'm sitting in the audience and joining in," says Marion Penman. "It's like I'm at the service." Streaming is the only way Penman can worship. She has multiple sclerosis and can't get to church. She says the streaming has changed her life: "It's like a rejuvenation. It opened up things that I was losing. I was losing a lot spiritually. And it was like an awakening for me."

For those who enjoy church, these high-tech options are a convenience. But they are also ways to reach people who may never step foot in a sanctuary. Turner adds that Botsford and Mason say they don't worry that the technology will keep people away from church. Quite the contrary: They say it attracts worshippers.

For me, although I can appreciate listening to the word on the move, nothing will ever replace the fellowship that you receive at church. Both the GodCast sermons and services on Streaming Faith are free. If you have a computer, why not give it a try.

Mark Page

A Note from Doreen ...

"I would like to thank you at all the church for the prayers, flowers, cards and love shown to us as a family through the last weeks of Les's life, it has been a great comfort to us all. Doreen, Jean and Shirley"