

Malborough Baptist Church

Sunday service at 10.30am, Minister: Rev Tim Skillman, Tel: 01548 560168 Website: www.malboroughbaptist.co.uk

"Christ's cross, and ours", that has been the title of this year's Lenten Studies which once again have been a shared exercise between the Parish church and ourselves, held in the Baptist Church fellowship room. It is most encouraging that these courses, held once a week during Lent and often on cold wet evenings, have seen attendances maintain double figures. The discussions are led by the recorded thoughts of several prominent Christian leaders from different Church traditions and have encouraged the sharing of personal spiritual insights. Malborough is most blessed in the respectful cooperation of the Christian community. Praise God!

In addition to these activities, both churches have been busy with their own initiatives. At the chapel we have started a monthly lunchtime meal for the elderly members and friends of the church, the proceeds from which have been added to the local Haitian Earthquake fund.

Fortnightly, a house-group meeting is hosted by different members of the fellowship and focuses upon lessons drawn from the Acts of the Apostles. Also on a monthly basis, we have begun an informal Sunday evening Praise session, involving prayer and song and the use of video testimony. With Easter approaching we are encouraging all Christians to join in one of the "Walks of Witness" which are planned for Kingsbridge and for Salcombe. The Kingsbridge walk will begin at Dodbrooke and process down to the quay, At midday there will follow a united service at the bandstand led by Rev. Kirby Haye. Following our own 10.00am service, we hope some of our congregations from Malborough will be able to attend this service. In Salcombe, on Good Friday, the combined churches will lead a walk of witness through the town, starting at 10am at Whitstrand car park.

Pastor Tim Skillman is preparing for another unusual outreach at the beginning of May when we hope to hold a "Thirties evening" which will celebrate the many facets and artefacts of village life during the 1930's. We have several folk who can still recall church life from those times and with whom we are compiling some video conversations. Augmented by appropriate pre-war food, we hope to enjoy an evening of uplifting nostalgia. In the meantime our weekly programme remains the same with Sunday worship held at 10.30am including special lessons for the children. You are most welcome to all of these events. Details of other midweek meetings can be found on our website,