



# Malborough Baptist Church

Sunday service at 10.30am, Minister: Rev Tim Skillman, Tel: 01548 560168  
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*"I thank the Lord that all our joy  
is touched with pain,  
that shadows fall on brightest hours,  
that thorns remain,  
so that earth's bliss may be our guide,  
and not our chain."*

Those lovely words from the old hymn express the ever changing emotions that everyone experiences in this life and for our fellowship that has been especially true lately. With great sorrow we shared the grief of Peggy Discombe whose husband David was "called home" on June 14<sup>th</sup>. David was a gentle giant and a tireless worker always industrious around the church, quietly dealing with everyday tasks such as hedge-clipping and interior repairs. After National Service in the army, David had been employed in a variety of jobs from the clay-pits to farm-work and was always a willing helper in other folk's gardens. To say that David is greatly missed is no mere epitaph. He and Peggy have been long-time members of the chapel, fulfilling a variety of offices in the chapel. In the moment of sadness over the passing of one David came a gleam of joy when another David was born to Pamela Skillman, the Pastor's wife, just a few hours later and within the same hospital. Indeed, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Since our last bulletin, the chapel has celebrated its 195<sup>th</sup> anniversary at which the speaker was our old friend Rev. David Luce, and we are already thinking about special events for our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015. In the meantime, our monthly lunches for pensioners continue to be a great success and the July meal was no exception as this picture shows:



Some of our members have been visiting the celebrations at Oberammergau and hopefully they will share their impressions with us in the next issue.

Our normal Sunday services continue to begin at 10.30 am. during which the young people have their own classes. Communion service is held on the first Sunday of the month and everyone is invited to join us. As prayer is a vital part of our worship, anyone who is free on a Thursday afternoon is most welcome to join us at the chapel between 2.30 pm and 3 pm. When we bring our

thanks and our petitions to the Lord. Why not pop in?

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