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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 ...

It's good to be back although it's quite a contrast from the sweaty hot to the freezing cold! However, I was quite alarmed at the number of people who were sick with flu. A spate of flu and colds still ensue—please think of Ros in your prayers.

We just concluded the LIFEsize bible study visiting various homes and it bore some great ideas for both church and community. In church there were proposals to have a monthly worship service with in-house and invited musicians. A D.I.Y. service where everyone brings something to share such as a testimony, song, hymn or scripture (in fact Enid is proposing our 1st DIY service—see below); a BIG new sign hanging under the 'Baptist Church' sign on the street; bi-monthly tracts to be posted through village doors and a children's talent Sunday. On the community front, it would be good to organise a team for visitation so we can cover people more effectively. If you have a half hour during the week, please take part in sparing it for someone who is lonely and needs our support.

These ideas and proposals are excellent and I believe we can put them into practice this coming year. However ideas need our PRAYERS, not only to ignite them, but to keep them alight! If you have any other God ideas (not just good ones) then please let me know.

Pastor Tim.

## Services

### February

6th Rev. Tim Skillman  
13th Rev. Tim Skillman  
20th Collective Worship  
27th Mr. M Page

### March

6th Mr. Mike Law

The collective worship on the 20th will be co-ordinated by Enid Parsons. The service will consist of favourite bible readings and hymns, as chosen by the fellowship. If you have a bible reading, we would appreciate it if you can read it yourself. If you do not feel able to do this—please see Enid and she will organise another reader. Please pass your favourite hymn numbers from Mission Praise to Enid, unfortunately we cannot guarantee that your hymn will be played, it will depend on the number submitted.

## Flowers

### February

6th Mrs. G. Sterry  
13th Mrs. M. Hallworth  
20th Mrs. S. Jones  
27th Mrs. D. Discombe

### March

6th Mrs. K.King



## Hoovering (week ending...)

### February

5th Mrs. S. Jones  
12th Mrs. J. Brown  
19th Mrs. E. Putt  
26th Mr. H. Jones

### March

5th Ms. K.King



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## **2 Corinthians 5:17 "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."**



Christian Butterfly symbolism has been talked about throughout the ages. The butterfly emerging from the chrysalis has traditionally been a symbolism of Christ rising from the tomb.

The stages of the butterfly - egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly are wonderful analogies to our life as Christians.

- The miracle starts with an **egg** the size of the top of a straight pin....just as human life starts with a tiny fertilized egg. A few short days later a TINY caterpillar emerges through the shell of the egg.....a baby is born.
- The **caterpillar** stage of eating, eating, eating is symbolic of life on earth.....preoccupied so often with the physical and material.
- In the **chrysalis** stage it appears the caterpillar is lifeless inside the chrysalis.....symbolizing death and the darkness of the tomb, an inevitable reality. But, lo, inside of the chrysalis a miracle is taking place.....
- The **butterfly** emerges..... symbolic of our souls rising from the grave and ascending into heaven and eternal life.

The miracle of course is that the egg is transformed into the beautiful butterfly.....it leaves no doubt in my mind that there is a God. I think that is why butterflies are so fascinating. It assures me that God is alive and working in the world, that He is an awesome Creator and masterful artist (as we see throughout nature) and that there is hope in Eternal Life.



## From the Lord

"I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: In Him will I trust."  
(Psalm 91:2)

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8)

"Be content with what you have, for God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." (Hebrews 13:5-6)

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to your mountain, "MOVE!" and it WILL move... and NOTHING will be impossible for YOU!"  
(Matthew 17:20)

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence." (Jeremiah 17:7)

"Cast your cares upon the Lord, for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)

### A Note from Marjorie about Mrs Jean Furzeland

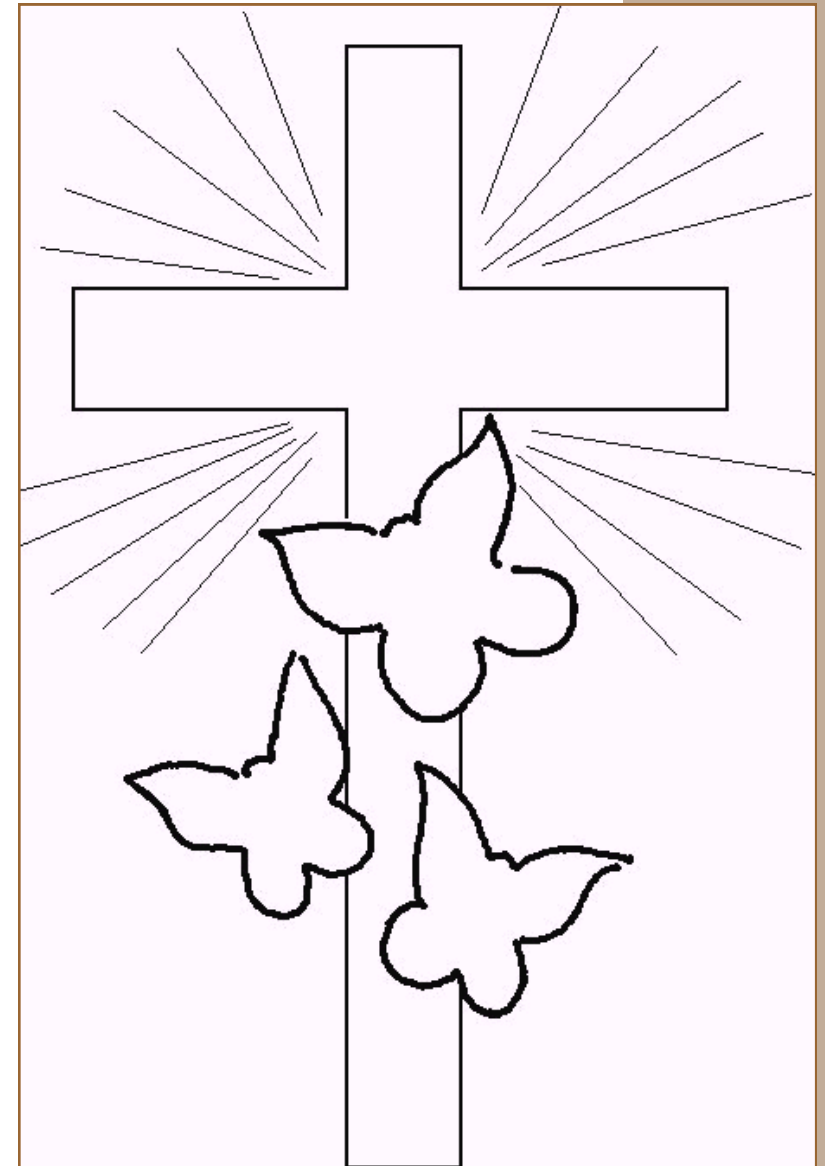
Jean Furzeland, a long time member of our church, with Kate and two other ladies started a Play Group for under fives in the village. She also helped transport children from Hope Cove & Galmpton to attend our Sunday School. Jean has now moved to be near her daughter Hazel, in Hazel's words "Mum is very frail and would value our prayers." The new address of Jean is

*'The Elm Care Centre, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 4JE' M.H.*

### Tell it as it is

He who numbers the hair on your head is not indifferent to your needs. Take everything to Him that perplexes your mind – nothing is too great for Him to deal with.  
Matthew 10 29-32

Communion for the first Sunday in February will be led by Rev. Tim Skillman, who will be assisted by Ann Edgecombe and Sarah Perring. For all those who love the Lord are welcome to join us for communion. It is our practice to eat the bread singly, but to drink the wine as one



For you to colour in, cut out and stick on the wall to remind you what transformation is really about...

Please thank in your prayers the Fellowship for being exactly that—a Fellowship that provides support and help when we need it most.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8