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

Pastors Comment ...

It has to be said that many visitors who come to Malborough Baptist Church, more often than not, comment on the warmth and welcome they receive. But more than that, there is a strong sense of family and, above all, God's love shared between us. At the fellowship meal there are now several visitors who don't usually attend church. I hear comments like "I never knew we could be served like this" or "what a change it makes to have a good meal!" or "this place is so warm and inviting" or "What beautiful flowers!" It's a privilege and a joy to hear these things and a real credit to all of us who have worked (and work) so hard especially those who also do the 'hidden jobs' like Sunday School and washing up! All glory to God!

Membership: In addition to what has been said about membership, the crux of the matter is that we currently have 13 members and 29 non-members who are regular. We are nearing a crisis in that Denis, Enid and Peggy are finding it hard to carry out the tasks at hand so we need more deacons! Constitutionally, we can only select deacons from members, so if you would like to become a member (and even a deacon), then please let me or one of the deacons know. Of course, membership can seem quite ominous and too formal and we hope to have a special meeting to discuss and finalise a way forward that will be more inclusive and open. The main objective is to get the 'legal' bits out of the way and above all, remain a loving fellowship.

Sandra, Ros, and Winnie continue in our prayers.

Blessings, Pastor Tim.

JUNE 12TH - 196TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Services

<u>June</u>	
5th	Mr D. King
12th	Rev. Rob Sylvester
19th	Rev. Tim Skillman
26th	Rev. Tim Skillman
<u>July</u>	
3rd	Miss. A. Edgecombe

Flowers

<u>June</u>	
5th	Mrs. E. Putt
12th	Anniversary
19th	Anniversary
26th	Mr. R. Parsons
<u>July</u>	
3rd	Mrs. D. Laphorn



Door Stewards

<u>June</u>	
5th	Sarah
12th	Brian
19th	Brian
26th	Kate
<u>July</u>	
3rd	Kate

Hoovering (week ending...)

<u>June</u>	
4th	Mrs. G. Sterry
11th	Mrs. S. Jones
18th	Ms. J. Brown
25th	Mrs. E. Putt
<u>July</u>	
2nd	Mr. H. Jones



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The Eleventh Hour

"The Eleventh Hour" is an episode of the British science fiction television series Doctor Who. It was first broadcast on BBC One on 3rd April 2010.

The first episode under Steven Moffat's tenure as head writer and executive producer, "The Eleventh Hour" is also the first full episode to star Matt Smith as the Doctor, and introduces Karen Gillan as Amy Pond and Arthur Darvill as Rory Williams. Amateur astronomer and The Sky at Night presenter Patrick Moore makes a guest appearance as himself.

What happens?

The Doctor has regenerated but is thrown into danger before he's able to recover. With the TARDIS wrecked and the sonic screwdriver destroyed the new Doctor has just twenty minutes to save the world... but he has a young woman called Amy Pond to help him.

Two major things happen in this episode.

The first is Amelia Pond meeting the Doctor. Intriguingly, he arrives at the instant she is praying for help. Being a child, she doesn't fully understand who the Doctor is, but she knows that he is good - and hopes to encounter him again.



"Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD." - Psalm 25:4-7

Years later (now referring to herself as Amy) she does meet the Doctor again. Now an adult, she is capable of more fully understanding the Doctor, the Tardis and all that involves ... well, at least as capable as any mere human being can be.



The other big thing is Prisoner Zero. Even the name suggests the epitomy of evil. Not prisoner 35784, or even prisoner 5. This thing has been evil for as long as there has been evil. And though usually unseen, it can disguise itself in the form of earthly things.

And here's where it gets even more Jesusy. Through the brilliance of the Doctor, and the efforts of mere mortals in "spreading the word", the world is saved from the incineration Prisoner Zero would have caused.

Back to Amy. In awe of the Doctor, she abandons her home, her job, and her earthly life in order to follow the Doctor on a far more interesting adventure. Remind you of anything familiar?

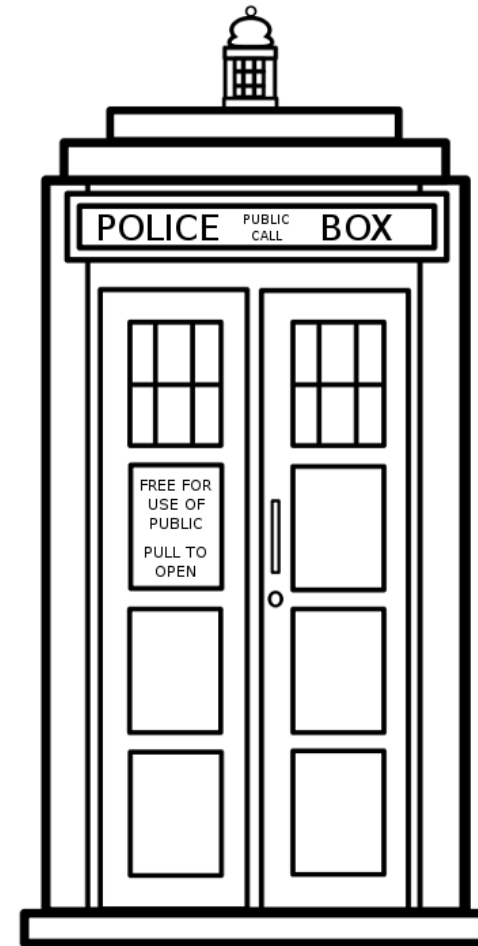
Like many of the Doctor's companions, Amy leaves everything immediately. No concern for telling anyone where she has gone. Even the small matter of a wedding in the morning (her own wedding!) doesn't stop her from instantly taking off on an adventure. Following the Doctor through time and space....

Just as Christians do with Jesus.

I know I have this thing going on with Doctor Who and seeing Jesus in the stories, but I really think that if you can see Jesus at work in everything around you, then your faith is kept just that little bit more alive

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men, the testimony given in its proper time."

-1 Timothy 2:5-6



Just like Jesus, it's much bigger on the inside

For you to colour in, cut out and stick on the wall to remind you.

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 fellowship.

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