

Pastors Comment ...

The children's service with Malborough Primary School on the 7th February was great! Eighty children crammed into the Chapel and they all joined in with favourite songs sung in Gill's assemblies and the Bible Clubs. I gave a brief overview of who Baptist's are and demonstrated a believer's Baptism (although we didn't open the baptistery for H&S reasons and because it takes along time undoing all those screws!) Six Rainbow Good News Bibles were also presented to the School by Janice (who initiated the funding) and the children went off in groups to inspect the balcony and the Sunday School room. Overall, it was a great success and we look forward to the school visiting again.

On another note, please remember to support and pray for all those who have lost their loved ones in recent years. Several anniversaries are coming up in the next few months that remind them of their deep loss and this is a painful and often lonely experience. If you know someone who could be encouraged with your visit or a phone call, it will be of great value. Richard & Mavis Marlow's daughter, Louise, is very ill. Please hold her up in prayer as well as others; Pauline Battin, Doris Wood, Sarah Rooney (Brian & Janice's daughter), Hywel's sister, Marilyn and Peggy. Finally, the Sunday School is hoping to go to Pennywell farm on Saturday, 10th March and don't miss Rev Alan Murphy's seminar's on our Hebrew roots in Christianity—it was fascinating the last time he came! *Pastor Tim.*

Services

March

4th Rev Tim Skillman
11th Mr Denis King
18th Rev Tim Skillman
25th Mr Richard Sanders

April

1st Mr Denis King

Flowers

March

4th Mrs K King
11th Mrs E Parsons
18th Mrs E Putt
25th Mrs D Laphorn

April

1st Ms J Brown



Door Stewards

March

4th Mr B Collins
11th Miss A Edgecombe
18th Mrs P Discombe
25th Mrs P Discombe

April

1st Miss A Edgecombe

Hoovering (week ending...)

March

3rd Mr Jones
10th Mrs Tucker
17th Mrs King
24th Mrs Sterry
31st Mrs Jones



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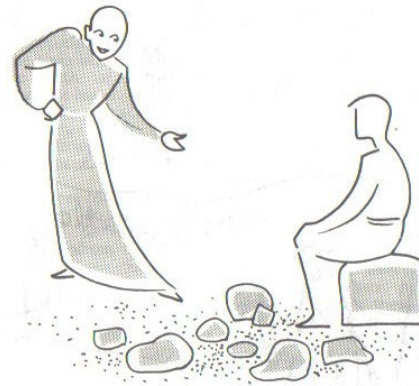
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Morning Service 10:30 am Communion service held on the first Sunday of the month.

Lent



Many of the traditional events in the Church calendar have great value for any Christian. Even the fun of pancake day, (Shrove Tuesday), prompts us to think of the purpose of Easter. Marking the giving-up of selfish pleasures, the pancakes represent a final feast of

luxury before the austere meals of Lent, and it helps us to think about the time of Christ's preparation in the wilderness.

Lent actually begins the next day, Ash Wednesday, when a smear of ash was placed on the foreheads of the worshippers to make it clear that they were beginning a time of penitence. They wanted to identify with the sufferings of Jesus in the wilderness. In the same way that Jesus went without food during his time in the wilderness, many Christians today still give up, or "fast from", some favourite food such as meat or sugar for the duration of Lent. There are no "brownie-points" from God for giving up some minor luxury such as sweets or chocolate, and to have any value at all, this fasting should have a spiritual purpose.

In the days when I was a teacher I would often arrive home with piles of books, bags and boxes, and as my car came up the drive it was quickly surrounded by my children who grabbed these bundles and carried them indoors. They were not commanded to come and help me, nor bribed to do so. They did it because they wanted to share my load, to be a part our family. In the same way, when we promise to give up something for Lent, it should be because we want to share the load of Jesus and take part in His suffering. Apart from identifying with Jesus, it can be a spiritual time when we think about the meaning of His crucifixion and His resurrection.

The most effective way of sacrificing something for Lent is to give God more time. Time to remember what He has done for us. Time to admit that we still need His forgiveness. Time to realize that we will one day be called home, ... and must answer to Him.

D.K.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE ANAGRAMS

A rash	Aargh!	Brake! Eh?	Heal
A tram	Rim aim	Bad hero	Hide all
Amino	Sabbath, eh?	Threes	Bite heals
At harm	Cars do	Daily	Clips rail
Soil	Has a dash	Rap a ship	Habitat

Hash tune

(Solutions next week on the noticeboard!)

What's on this March *(Lot's to choose from!)*...

- 1st**—March Munch at the Cottage Hotel, 12.30pm
- 2nd**—Dolly Gray's funeral, 2pm at the Chapel
- 6th**—KDCT EGM at the Methodist Church, KingsBr, 7.30pm
- 7th**—Lent meeting, 7.30pm at the Chapel
- 8th**—House group with Rosemary & Christopher Percy talking about Burundi, 7.30pm at Bryan & Janice's
- 10th**—Sunday School outing to Pennywell farm (Saturday)
- 14th**—Lent meeting, 7.30pm at the Chapel
- 21st**—Lent meeting, 7.30pm at the Chapel
- 22nd**—House group at Hywel & Sandra's, 7.30pm
- 24th**—Rev Alan Murphy (CWI), 10am-lunch-3pm, Chapel Day seminar on our Hebrew roots as Christians.
- 25th**—Sunday Evening Worship, at the Chapel, 7—8 pm
- 28th**—Lent meeting, 7.30pm at the Chapel

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin Yet I tell you , not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these ... how much more will (God) clothe you, O you of little faith!" (Luke 12:27,28)

