

Pastors Comment ...

March has been a difficult one. With the passing of Louise (Richard & Mavis's daughter) we will continue to support them in prayer. A verse that comes to mind is Isaiah 57:1 "Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time ... No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come." (NLT) Although this may not be a fitting answer, it shows us that God does things for a reason, even though we have no understanding as to why.

It is good to see Peggy back from hospital—although she needs to wear a boot for the next few weeks! Please also continue to pray for Sarah Rooney and Pauline.

In other news, Lent courses have now finished (with the best hot-cross buns money can buy provided by Denis!) Many challenging questions were asked (some of them red hot potatoes offered by Mr Hollebone) and we were left with a sense of how to witness in our society—perhaps a return to Acts?

Rev Alan Murphy was also excellent and opened up the scriptures with a Hebrew understanding covering some amazing passages. We also shared a traditional Jewish Passover that Jesus (as a Jew) would have remembered in a similar way. Overall we were left with a new and rich understanding of scripture that could only be seen through the eyes of a Hebrew.

Lastly, please consider 'deaconship' for the next AGM —we really are skating on thin ice and need your help. God Bless you this Easter! *Pastor Tim.*

Services

<u>April</u>	
1 st	Mr Denis King
6 th & 8 th	Rev Tim Skillman
15 th	Mr Mike Law
22 nd	Collective Worship
29 th	Rev Tim Skillman
<u>May</u>	
6 th	Mr Denis King

Door Stewards

<u>April</u>	
1 st	Miss A Edgecombe
8 th	Miss A Edgecombe
15 th	Miss S Perring
22 nd	Miss S Perring
29 th	Mr B Collins
<u>May</u>	
6 th	Mr B Collins

Flowers

<u>April</u>	
1 st	Ms J Brown
8 th	Easter Flowers
15 th	Easter Flowers
22 nd	Mrs P Discombe
29 th	Mrs G Sterry
<u>May</u>	
6 th	



Hoovering (week ending...)

<u>April</u>	
7 th	Ms J Brown
14 th	Mrs E Putt
21 st	Mr H Jones
28 th	Mrs J Tucker
<u>May</u>	
5 th	Mrs K King



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At the foot of the Cross

As I was thinking about the Cross, a picture of the feet of Christ nailed to that tree, flashed before me and I realized that there's something amazing and unique about them.

Those feet had travelled the dusty roads of Israel bringing the good news—indeed they were the good news as it is written; *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* (Isa 52:7)

Mary had chosen "what is better" as she sat at Jesus' feet listening to every word He had to say while Martha grew indignant of Mary's perceived 'laziness' (Luke 10:38)

The same feet were washed by the 'sinful' woman as she wept and then dried Jesus' feet with her hair and poured an alabaster jar of perfume over them (Lk 7:37). Later, Mary Magdalene would anoint Jesus' feet six days before His crucifixion. She poured a pint of pure nard on His feet and wiped them with her hair (John 12). Both of these accounts, although similar, indicated a deep, humble and intimate act of love towards Jesus.

Those feet knelt down in the sand as Jesus wrote with His finger against the accusers of the woman caught in adultery. And it was those feet that knelt again as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. God kneels down to serve us—what a thought!

Finally, those precious feet were fastened and nailed to the Cross bearing the weight of Jesus' body. Mary probably clung to them as she emptied her spirit torn in despair; the 'sword that would pierce her soul', prophesied by Simeon all those years before, had finally been realized (Luke 2:35).

Yet, it was those feet that Mary Magdalene almost grabbed hold of in the garden when she realized Jesus was alive and, the same feet the disciples ran to and clasped as they worshipped Him after His miraculous resurrection! (Matt 28:9)

And lastly, it is those feet that continue to bow before the Father in heaven to intercede for us each and everyday (Heb 7:25). Let us come to the foot of the Cross this Easter and sit at Jesus' feet to remember all of what He means to us. *Pastor Tim*



A note of thanks & appreciation from Richard & Mavis

We do appreciate all the thoughts and prayers for us all through this very difficult time. As the first verse of one of the hymns at Louise's funeral "We are not skilled to understand what God has willed what God has planned.", but we do have the firm assurance that she is with her Saviour. We are all so very grateful to Denis for giving the eulogy at the service. He has known Louise since we came to Malborough Baptist when she was nine and it was there that she became a Christian and was baptised.

From Mavis & Richard.

What's on this April ...

2nd—Doris Wood's 100th Birthday! 2-4pm at the Chapel

6th—Good Friday Service (All Saints visiting),
10.30 am — 11.15 am at the Chapel.

8th—Easter Sunday Family Service, 10.30-11.30am

11th—Spring Time Bible Club, 10am-4pm, Evangelical Chrch
(Bring packed lunch. Craft, songs, games ... only £3)

15th—Wordwise Anniversary, Evangelical Church K/B at 3pm

19th—Fellowship Lunch, 12.30pm at the Chapel

26th—House group at Mal & Keren's, 7.30pm

29th—Lighthouse "The BIG (family) event", KCC, 2-5pm
(with Simon Parry. Dance, puppets, drums, sports..)

29th—Sunday Evening Worship at the Chapel, 7—8 pm
(*to be confirmed*)

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)