Pastors Comment ...

June started out with the funeral of Sandra's mum, Dorothy Anderson, which turned out to be quite different from most ... in fact it was a real celebration of her life and the special memories she left with her family as we listened to Fats Domino's version of 'When the Saints go marching in' and a variety of other songs which brought the service to life! On that note, some of you probably remember Helen Cole?—she recently passed away. Please remember her family in prayer.

Throughout June we also continued the Baptism classes with Zoe, Scarlet, Jesse and Shem. All of them have been asking deep questions about various topics with and around Baptism. Although are not quite ready, I believe it has helped them to realise what it is to be a Christian and counting the cost.

Rachel (Taylor), Denis and myself are also continuing with Friday night 'hangouts' at the Malborough Village Hall car park at 8pm (following on from the Spiritulized bus). The good news is that Rachel has obtained a heavy duty gazebo and has opened the back of her car to serve hot chocolates and bickies! Once again, this is a great opportunity to get to know the young adults of the village and help where we can. If you've got even half an hour perhaps you too can hang out with us? Please pray for Kirby as he is quite ill and also Peggy, Myra, John Hayle and Joyce Parsons (the last two go to the fellowship meals). Lastly, we're off to be with family in the Seychelles on the 24th July until the 3rd September. Please pray for travelling mercies (we need them!)

Services

<u>July</u>

1st Mr Mark Page 8th Rev Tim Skillman 15th Rev Tim Skillman 22nd

29th

Aug

5th

Door Stewards

July

1st Ms J Brown 8th Mrs K King 15th Mr M Hollebone 22nd Mr B Collins 29th Mrs J Tucker

<u>Aug</u>

5th Miss A Edgecombe

Flowers

July

1st Ms J Brown 8th Mrs P Discombe 15th Mrs G Sterry 22nd Mrs M Hallworth 29th Mr R Parsons

<u>Aug</u>

5th Mrs S Jones

<u>Hoovering</u> (week ending...)

July

7th Mrs S Jones 14th Ms J Brown 21st Mrs E Putt 28th Mr H Jones

<u>Aug</u>

4th Mrs J Tucker



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

They went to Capernaum seeking Jesus

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. (John 6:22-24) It is not clear whether the crowd stayed the night after they had eaten or if they came back early in the morning. What we do know is that they were looking for Jesus. The miracle the day before had so impressed them that they were ready for more. In fact word had spread and we have more people coming in boats from Tiberias. They are all looking for Jesus. When they realize that neither He nor the Disciples are still there they all get into boats and follow to Capernaum. There was nothing wrong with their seeking Jesus, it is why they sought Him that is meaningful. If we don't seek Jesus for the right reason, we may end up disillusioned. Many back then ended up disillusioned. They were looking for a king that would get them out from under the Roman yoke. Some may have been looking for more free food.

And a few were looking for the Messiah.

Even today people seek Jesus for the wrong reasons. Some are looking for a wise sage who will give them the secretes of life on earth. Others want a Santa Claus who will supply their every whim. Others seek a man they can relate to. Others seek a secret Jesus only available to the select few.

But some seek salvation. They know they have a hole in their lives that needs to be filled, a hole that only Jesus can fill. They come to Him humbled by life seeking God and ready to give over their selves to Him. Now even those who come seeking the wrong things can find that what Jesus has to offer greatly exceeds anything they could ever have wanted. They too can find salvation if they just get past the desires of flesh and seek what Jesus freely offers. Eternal life with Him.

Mark.Page.

A short time ago I gave a sermon on words and many people have asked about the part about the word up, so here it is ...

"It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awake in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends, we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing:

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable of the proper uses of UP, look UP the word in the dictionary. In a desk size dictionary, the word up, takes UP almost 1/4th the page and the definitions add UP to about thirty.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so......

I'll shut UP" Mark Page

What's on this July ...

10th Helen Cole's funeral at Plymtree, U.R.C., 3pm

12th Fellowship meal at the Chapel, 12.30pm

12th Deacons meeting at the Chapel, 7.30pm

19th Quarterly Business Meeting at the Chapel, 7.30pm

20th School Summer Holiday

Can you answer these questions about Moses without looking?

1: What does Moses' name mean?
God's leader, Lawgiver, Born of water, Drawn out

2: For how long was Moses hidden before his mother set him afloat in the Nile?

Seven days, Two weeks, Three months, One year

- **3: To which region did Moses flee after killing the Egyptian?** Libya, Edom, Midian, Goshen
- **4: What was the name of Moses' mother?** Bashemath, Rizpah, Jochebed, Miriam
- 5: Which of the priest's daughters did Moses marry? Zilpah, Zeruah, Zeresh, Zipporah
- **6: What did Moses see burning but miraculously not consumed by the fire?** Donkey, Bush, Man, Tent
- 7: What was the name of Moses' sister? Bilhah, Naamah, Elisheba, Miriam
- **8: Why did the Israelites grumble to Moses when they came to Marah?**They were tired of walking, Nothing to eat, No water to drink, God had forsaken them
- 9: Who did Moses ask to choose men to go out and fight against Amalek?
 Joshua, Aaron, Hur, Nadab
- **10: What did Moses name the place where he got water from the rock?** Medeba & Misgab, Massah & Meribah, Mesha & Mizraim, Migdol & Mithcah