

Pastors Comment (continued)

We also plan to run a 'coffee after lunch' around 1-2.30pm on the first Thursday of each month. We hope that those who are housebound or at home alone can meet up for a time of fellowship. Our first 'coffee after lunch' meeting will start on the 6th June. If you can help with transporting housebound folk (even if it's once in a while) then please let us know.

A children's holiday club, organised by Roger and Joyce Tyler, is planned to begin around the first week of the summer holidays. It should run for five mornings (Mon-Fri). Dates and times are yet to be confirmed. Please help if you can. We also welcome a donation of flowers from Rachel Hyde on the 30th June in remembrance of Helen Cole (her mum and former church member) who died almost one year ago. Rachel wishes to donate each year in this way which is a wonderful way to remember her.

On the 9th June we warmly welcome Rev Tim Smith (and wife Linda) from Hele Baptist church for our 198th church anniversary and, on the 7th July, we're having an international service hosted by several of you who know other tongues. Apparently Hywel has a wonderful welsh singing voice – I can't wait to hear it! Prayers for Ron Brendell, Tony Leete (who just lost his wife Jean), Dawn's son John and Sarah Rooney are needed. Denis, Kate, Pauline, Joyce, Marion, Doreen and Marjorie are also not so well - please remember them in your prayers.

Pastor Tim.

Services

June

- 2nd Rev Tim Skillman
- 9th 198th Church Anniversary
with Rev Tim Smith
- 16th Fathers Day, Mr R Tyler
- 23rd Rev Tim Skillman
- 30th Mr Mal Young

July

7th

Flowers

June

- 2nd Mrs Elly Putt
- 9th Anniversary
- 16th Anniversary
- 23rd Mrs Jacqui Brown
- 30th Mrs Rachel Hyde

July

7th Mrs Marjorie Hallworth

Hoovering (week ending...)

June

- 1st Mrs Kate King
- 8th Mrs Gill Sterry
- 15th Mrs Sandra Jones
- 22nd Mrs Jacqui Brown
- 29th Mrs Elly Putt

July

6th Mr Hywel Jones



Shhh ... Kids in Church

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a really good time as it is."

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

Does anyone care what God thinks about Marriage?

I was greatly saddened to read about the complete 'U' turn by the Bishops over the redefinition of marriage. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in his speech "*It is clearly essential that stable and faithful same sex relationships should, where those involved want it, be recognised and supported with as much dignity and the same legal effect as marriage*". Previously the bishops were voting with Lord Dear's 'Fatal motion' against it. This type of submission will only further undermine the credibility and voice of Christianity in England. What a shame!

But who are we speaking up for? Popular opinion? Political Correctness? Perhaps we'd rather keep quiet and hope for the best? Unfortunately, we're living in an age where Christianity is rapidly becoming a shrinking minority with very little voice about anything. I wonder what God thinks about all this? Well, actually, He does make things very clear in His Word ...

Written a few thousand years ago, Moses wrote "*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ...*"

... Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." (Genesis 2:21-25)

... and ... "Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." (Hebrews 13:4) ...

"Haven't you read," [Jesus] replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?" (Matthew 19:4-5)

Although I'm not against equal rights, this vote will have serious implications and repercussions in every area of life. It demoralises and undermines the very fabric of our society and the basic family unit. Whose applying for marriage next? A father who wants to marry his daughter? A man who wants 5 wives? Perhaps someone who loves their horse?! This sounds ridiculous, but wouldn't we be discriminating against them if they wanted to get 'married'?

There's always a reason why God defines things the way He does—meant for our good and not for harm. Society would rather believe that God doesn't have an opinion any more—that He's all things to all men — but it's quite clear from scripture that, He not only has an opinion, but that He designed it that way and for a purpose.

Will the fleeting, spur of the moment, popular opinion of the day improve on God's design, purpose and thinking? ... I don't think so.

Pastor Tim.

What's on this June ...

6th Coffee after lunch fellowship

9th Church 198th Anniversary with Rev Tim Smith

15th 'The Calling', Saturday, 10am-5pm,
Torquay United Football Stadium.

16th Fathers day service with Roger Tyler

20th Fellowship meal at the Chapel, 12.30pm



Pastors Comment *(a bit longer this month!)*

For those of you who couldn't attend the AGM/QBM here's a quick summary of what came to pass: First of all, I would like to welcome Gill Sterry as a new deacon as well as Enid who will continue for another three years. Gill, as you know, faithfully teaches Sunday School and will give added voice for our youngsters in the diaconate. Enid will plan pulpit duties and also continues as our musical maestro! We will miss Denis from the diaconate who has served as a deacon for longer than people could remember when he started!! A very welcome addition to the team is Jeannette who has bravely taken up the minutes (with tech help from Hywel). Lastly, a host of other duties (many of them unspoken – such as Mark preparing this Fellowship News) continue to be carried out faithfully by so many of you. May God bless you!

We also agreed to render the front of the Chapel as parts of it are cracking and coming away from the wall. This will cost approximately £2500. Work should start in August under Richard's very capable supervision (thanks again Richard!)