

Pastors Comment *(continued)*

... Angie Chant has already agreed to come on the 1st Friday of every month in the Spiritulized bus, so meeting in the Chapel could take place every 3rd Friday. Please could you give some thought to these suggestions before the next quarterly meeting.

Space Academy was a great success with up to 20 children attending over the summer holiday. We're also planning to do a one-day Holiday Bible club around Halloween (tentatively organised for November 1st).

Once again, thank you to Richard and those who re-rendered the Chapel front and sealed off the damp! We really appreciate it. Please remember to pray for Ron, Herbert and John at Thurlestone Court (a visit would be very welcome!) Kate, Malcolm & Marion Mitchel, Joyce Tyler, Katherine and her family could also do with our prayer support.

Lastly, I've also heard that the primary school may be coming for a visit sometime (or is this just a rumour?) —please continue to pray for the children, the teachers and parents and remember our older ones too; Zoe, Scarlet, Shem, Jesse, Jenny and Keziah.

Pastor Tim.

Services October

6th Rev Tim Skillman
13th Rev Tim Skillman
20th Rev Tim Skillman
23rd Collective Worship

November

3rd Rev Tim Skillman

Flowers October

6th Harvest
13th Mrs E Parsons
20th Mrs S Jones
23rd Mrs M Hallworth

November

3rd Mrs J Tucker

Hoovering *(week ending...)*

5th Mrs Elly Putt
12th Mr Hywel Jones
19th Mrs J Tucker
26th Mrs Kate King

November

2nd Mrs Gill Sterry



What children do ...
A little girl, wanting to get her friend in trouble, went to her teacher after assembly prayers and said "Sir, Rachel had her eyes open the whole time we prayed!"

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

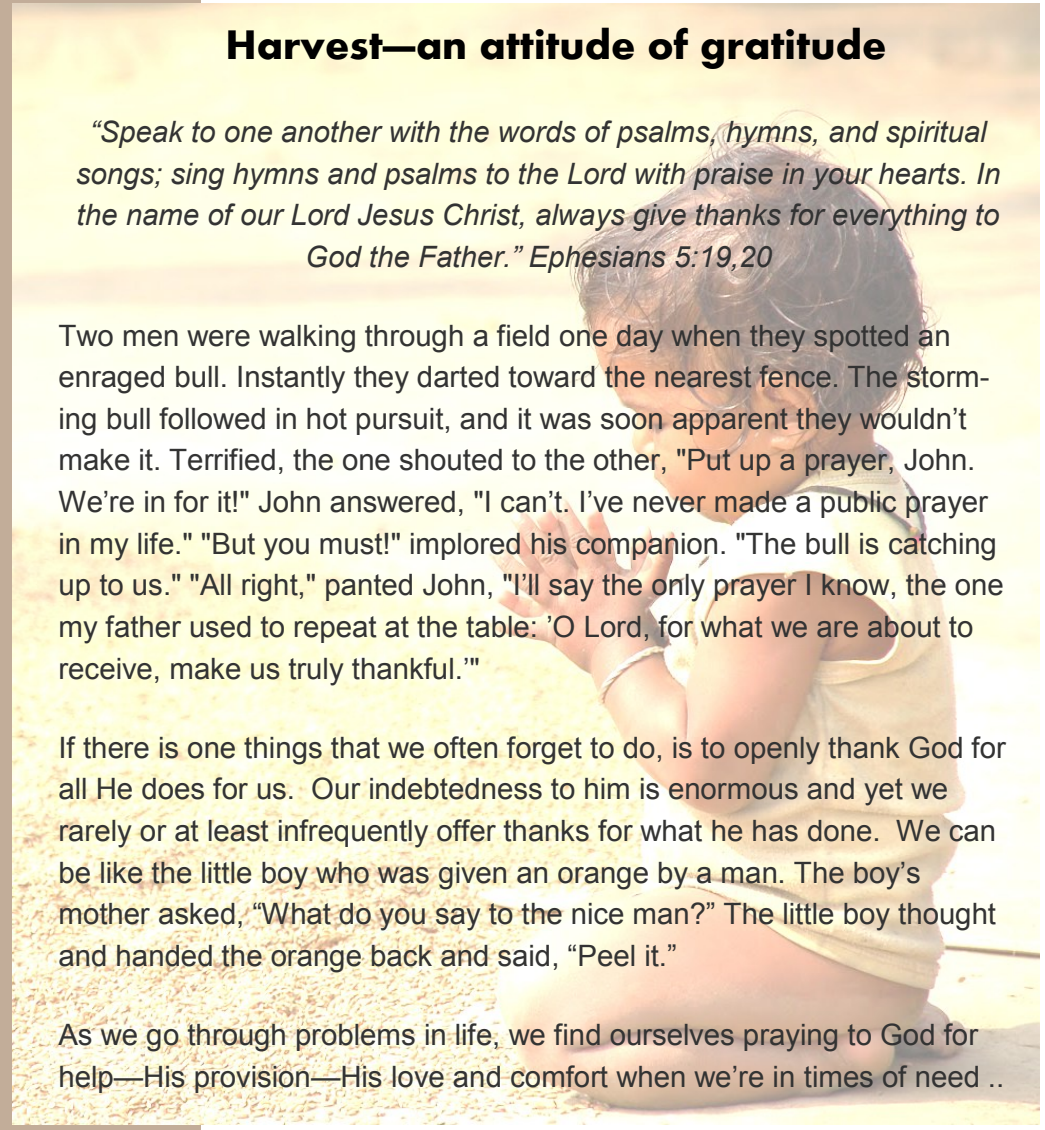
Harvest—an attitude of gratitude

"Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father." Ephesians 5:19,20

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn't make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John. We're in for it!" John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life." "But you must!" implored his companion. "The bull is catching up to us." "All right," panted John, "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to repeat at the table: 'O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful.'"

If there is one things that we often forget to do, is to openly thank God for all He does for us. Our indebtedness to him is enormous and yet we rarely or at least infrequently offer thanks for what he has done. We can be like the little boy who was given an orange by a man. The boy's mother asked, "What do you say to the nice man?" The little boy thought and handed the orange back and said, "Peel it."

As we go through problems in life, we find ourselves praying to God for help—His provision—His love and comfort when we're in times of need ..



... and sure enough, God answers our call, sometimes in amazing ways ... and then we forget, quite quickly, what He did for us as we focus on the next problem in life.

A classic story of ingratitude can be found in Luke 17:11-17 where Jesus was approached by ten lepers who called out “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” Jesus then told them to present themselves to the priests and as they went they were cleansed.

Only one man returned, a Samaritan, who threw himself down before Jesus and thanked Him. “Where are the other nine? Was no-one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Jesus said.

The Bible continually draws us to give thanks to God in every way for every thing. The Israelites gave thanks through many feasts, Psalms, days of remembrance, events to remember in history and to pass on to their children. How much more are we to give thanks to the One who saved us and has drawn us near to God?

May we consciously sit down today and think of everything God has done in our lives ... perhaps then we can stand up and truly give Him the praise and worship He deserves. *Pastor Tim.*



**PRAYER MEETING
EVERY THURSDAY
NEW TIME IS 2.15-3.15pm
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

What's on this October ...

17th Fellowship lunch

24th Deacons Meeting

27th Evening Praise & Prayer service with Redeemed Band

November

1st—Holiday Bible Club

3rd—Evening prayer service to pray for Syria

7th—Quarterly Business Meeting

Pastors Comment

It's good to be back after a good vacation ... we actually managed to get to the beach a few times and even build a tree house (I'll have to admit that I enjoyed it as much as the children!)

As Roger was sharing about vision, I believe we need to look forward to what God wants us to do here in Malborough or wherever we are. Over the years we have tried Alpha's, Bible studies and various other meetings but, for some reason or another, they haven't always met our needs.

What I would like to propose is localised house groups with freedom to share our needs and thoughts; a time for fellowship and prayer where we can support one another and reflect on scripture and our spiritual growth.

Friday nights have also taken off again — and it has been suggested that we could invite the young ones to our Chapel annex for hot chocolate once a month (especially during the cold winter months!) ...