



Link Up!

**‘But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’
Matthew 6 v 33**

Looking forward to next month:-

Sunday 1st October. Our monthly Prayer Service will focus on the work of Smile with a visit from Racheal Peck. The service will include communion.

Sunday 8th October. Stephen Chaloner will be leading and preaching on Luke 11: 37 – 54

Sunday 15th October. The Vine Church will be worshipping with us again and one of their preachers will be preaching on Luke 12: 1 – 12

Sunday 22nd October. Martin Poole will be leading and preaching on Luke 12: 13 – 34

Sunday 29th October. Our friends from Parkstone Baptist will be joining us for one of our Combined Services with Stephen Ashby preaching on Luke 12: 35 - 59

Church Members’ Meetings

Church Members will have already received the agendas for both the Special Church Members meeting and the regular Church Members’ meeting which will be held on Sunday 1st October. This will take place after the service and lunch has taken place. Please bring your own lunch and drinks will be provided. Apologies for absence can be given to Janet prior to the meeting.

Dear Church,

As you will all know, last December I became a Grandfather! And it has been an amazing pleasure driving up to Cheltenham each week to support my daughter in these first months of my grandson’s life.

Little Oscar is doing really well, he sleeps through the night, eats everything my daughter gives him and he laughs and smiles all the time, even when he is having his nappy changed. His favourite part of the day is bath time, he splashes around while playing with the plastic ducks.

Holding Oscar in my arms, I confess, I had forgotten the real joy of having a little baby around the house, reminding me of God’s incredible creation, and it is true to say that in Oscar, I can see the beauty of human life.

Oscar is now 9 months old and has learnt to sit and stand without assistance and like every child of his age he loves crawling and exploring. He motors around the house looking for things to play with, and guess what he is attracted to? Electric CABLES!

How do you explain to a child that cables are incredibly dangerous? We as adults can tell him a hundred times not to put cables into his mouth, but he simply is incapable of understanding.

Tear Fund Quiz

On Saturday 7th October we will be hosting one of the Annual Tear Fund Quiz events in the hall. If you want to come to that please put your name on the list on the notice board. The doors will open at 7pm with the quiz starting at 7.30pm until 9pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Teams of up to eight can participate or come as an individual and join a team on the night. Entrance is free but donations towards the work of TearFund are invited.

Family News

The funeral of Tom Scott will be held on Wednesday 4th October at 10am at Harbour View. Rev John Taylor will be conducting the service.

Perhaps, in examples like this we can begin to understand how God must feel frustrated by us human beings. We make so many stupid and ill-thought-out comments and decisions simply because we are incapable of understanding the true reality of the spiritual world around us. God's kingdom is being built, it is here, it is around us, it is coming.

One of my favourite Bible passages is 2 Kings 6 v16-17 where the prophet Elisha prays that his servant could see the true spiritual world around them. And in that moment the doom and fear was lifted as Elisha's servant could see for the first time in his life the spiritual reality, that the enemy would be defeated by God's Chariots of fire.

Lord, help us to see and understand the truths of your kingdom.

God bless

Rev Colin Pavitt



After their Holiday in Scotland, Steve has Swapped his clarinet for a set of Bagpipes.