

Harvest Church Meeting

Just before the harvest lunch there will be a special church meeting to vote on the proposed new church constitution.

The present constitution requires a 2/3rds majority to make any change, and the deacons will breathe a collective sigh of relief if this meeting is the end of the discussions.

To summarise the situation as the deacons see it, - The present constitution does not comply with present Charity Commission Law and the Baptist Union Model Constitution being proposed does.

At the end of the day the deacons are suggesting we should comply with the law and be seen to comply. They are therefore proposing acceptance of the Baptist Union Model Constitution.

The proposed document is on the website www.theunionchapel.co.uk

Unseen tasks matter

Charles Plumb was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures about what he learnt from the experience.

One day, when he and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did – if your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not said 'Good morning, how are you,' or even said anything at all because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, each time holding in his hands the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his lecture audiences, "Who's packing your parachute?"

We should all encourage and thank the people who provide the parachutes in our own life and take time to do the unseen tasks that help other people through their bad as well as good times. Others may not see what you do, but God knows and smiles when you do it for him and them, rather than yourself.

Don't forget -

27th September- Harvest Food Items for the food bank and harvest Lunch.



September Prayer Diary

Mon	7th	Linda Farncombe
Tue	8th	Rob & Chrissy
Wed	9th	25th Anniversary of 9/11
Thu	10th	Mandi
Fri	11th	John B
Sat	12th	Jayne & Jerry
Sun	13th	Deacon Led Service
Mon	14th	Susan
Tue	15th	Viv Parrott
Wed	16th	Dorothy
Thu	17th	Cathy
Fri	18th	David & Jill
Sat	19th	Sandra C
Sun	20th	Lindsey
Mon	21st	Rachael
Tue	22nd	Bren
Wed	23rd	Fred Morley (tumour return)
Thu	24th	John & Pushpa
Fri	25th	Yvonne K
Sat	26th	The new Rector at St Marys
Sun	27th	Vinyard Foodbank & Harvest Lunch
Mon	28th	Sandra & Mike
Tue	29th	Yvonne E
Wed	30th	Anna
Thu	31st	Janet
Fri	1st	Betty
Sat	2nd	Mary
Sun	3rd	Monty & Heather

WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD PRAY

Prayer is central to the Christian life because God invites and commands His people to come to Him and talk about their daily needs. Christians are encouraged to bring all their concerns, needs, and thanks before God, trusting Him for peace and guidance (Look up Philippians 4:6–7).

FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE

Jesus showed the importance of prayer through His own example. He regularly withdrew to quiet places to pray, and He sought His Father's will before significant decisions and moments of ministry (Look up Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; and Jesus praying before his death in Mark 14:32-40).