



IVYBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing Life
Sharing Faith



"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it. (Psalm 65:9 NIV)

October 2019 Newsletter

A Letter from Mark

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out
workers into His harvest field."

(Matt.9:37b-38 NIV)



I recently preached on these verses, but it seems even more appropriate as we approach this harvest time of year as we celebrate God's goodness to us and His provision through the resources of this wonderful planet. By the time you read this article we would have had our special 'Earth service' on 29 September. This will be followed with our Harvest Thanksgiving service and gift day on 6 October when we are encouraged to give in to the ministry of this church fellowship to enable us to continue the work of making more disciples of Jesus, i.e. ingathering the harvest 😊

When Jesus spoke the words above it was in response to the multitudes He saw that 'they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.' ***(Matt.9:36)***

People who have put their trust in the political status quo and in the natural cycles of the earth are being severely shaken at the moment. By the end of this month, we as a nation, will have left the EU. Our climate continues to rapidly change even faster than originally predicted by the scientists. As wonderful as our politicians and scientists are, and it is right to give thanks for their continued contributions, if we put our trust in them we're delusional or naïve at best!

For those of us who have taken the step of faith to put our whole trust in Jesus Christ we know that our lives are now rested and rooted in God Himself and therefore we have a deep security and peace in Him, whatever may or may not come our way. As Jesus said, **"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."** ***(John 16:33 NIV)***

So what about this harvest? Well, Jesus told His disciples (and therefore us if we are His disciples) to ask the Lord of the harvest (i.e. God our Heavenly Father) to send out workers into His harvest field. Who are these workers then? Missionaries abroad? Ministers? Lay workers? Well yes in part, but actually, as you might have gathered, it's all of us! You included. If you are a member of IMC or a committed adherent then you're one of the workers!

Without workers nothing happens. In the world people can be consumers at great cost to the earth's resources and its sustainability! ➡

However, spiritual consumerism doesn't equate with true discipleship. If people only take within the life of the church they're hindering her growth. If they only show up when they feel like it and only take what they want like popping in to the local supermarket for a few bits they're seriously missing the point of the Gospel! The church can't function if everyone did that. God is calling for us to be givers and workers not takers. Why? Because He wants to reach this needy world (the harvest field) with His love, power, grace, mercy and transformation and He wants to do His work through us – you and me. What a wonderful privilege and honour ☺

Are you a giver? What gifts and graces are you using to build up this part of the Church of Jesus Christ? What difference are you making? Do you make worship and fellowship a priority knowing it to be a wonderful privilege and blessing to others as well as to the Lord? Or is it way down your list and only fitted in after 'more important things'? O God deliver us from lukewarmness!

May God grant us a revelation of His heart for the lost. May we be open to His Holy Spirit. May we rise up in obedience, so that together we can be His workers in His harvest field gathering in those who as yet are harassed and helpless and have the wonderful privilege of introducing them to the Good Shepherd!

As ever, yours in Christ, Rev Mark

From the Editor ...

If you would like to include anything in the November Newsletter, please let me have the details by Friday 11 October in any of the following ways:-

- ▲ send it by email to: **imc33chris@gmail.com**
- ▲ ring me on: **01752 892341**
- ▲ hand it to me at Church on a Sunday
- ▲ place it in the "R" pigeonhole in the Church Concourse
 - ***please put your name on it***
- ▲ post it through my letterbox at: **33 Julian Road, Ivybridge**
 - ***please put your name on it***



Blessings, Chris Reed

Message about the Cafe Kitchen

There are THREE rolling pins in the utensils drawer. One seems quite sufficient.

So Brownies, Girl's Brigade and any other group please check your equipment. The spares will end up in the Charity Shop!



OCTOBER and Early November Worship



IVYBRIDGE

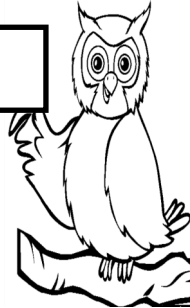
October 6	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence Spring Harvest and Communion
	6:30 pm	Discipleship - Listening to God - 2 (see page 13) Phil and Jean Walsh
October 13	10:30 am	Mr Mike Cade
	6:30 pm	NO SERVICE
October 20	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence
	6:30 pm	Mrs Gill Cowsill
October 27	10.30 am	Mr Paul Whitell
	6:30 pm	Discipleship - Listening to God - 3 (see page 13) Phil and Jean Walsh
November 3	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence
	6:30 pm	Discipleship - Lectio Divina 1 (see page 13)
November 10	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence—Communion
	6:30 pm	NO SERVICE

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October 6	11:00 am	Rev David Youngs
October 13	11:00 am	Local Arrangement
October 20	6:00 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence— Communion
October 27	11:00 am	Local Arrangement
November 3	11:00 am	Mrs Brenda Youngs
November 10	6:00 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence



Wise and Wonderful



We meet fortnightly in the IMC Café:
see dates below.

Meetings are on Fridays from 2:30pm until 4:00 pm
with a charge of £1 each time

4 October

Rev Mark Lawrence
Kenya Capers

18 October

Christmas Shoe Boxes
and Workshops for RNIB

8 November

The Breakthrough Trust
with Angus Dugdale

22 November

Making Christmas Wreaths
led by Gill Ricketts

6 December

Victorian Christmas
with Tony Rea

Please contact one of us for more information:

Val 893614 **Maureen** 894203 **Sara** 894198 **Judy** 894829 **Sue** 896444
Christine and David 892858

We are an open fellowship, and look forward to your visit.

Ecumenical Songs of Praise

Where: Abbeyfield, Trehill Road
When: Second Wednesday each month
Time: 10:30 to 11:00 am

with refreshments and socialising afterwards

Mixture of hymns and songs from the **BBC Songs of Praise Book**



October News

If you have anything you would like to include in the Church News please let **Judy Jago** know at Church, or ring her on **01752 894829**

As always it is a great delight to welcome a new baby and this time it's **Barney Ash**, born to **Matt and Alice** in the early hours of Monday 9 September. We send many congratulations and love to you all praying all goes well and **Barney** sleeps well. We look forward to meeting him once he's big enough to venture out!



We want to send belated 70th birthday greetings to **Linda Fox** whose birthday was in September. We hope you celebrated well **Linda** and everyone looked after you!!

At the time of writing this **Jane Clark**, **Christine Jago** and **Vicky Luscombe** are either in hospital, about to go in or, hopefully, on their way home. We are praying that your healing is speedy and complete and you will know God's strength and comfort at these difficult times of life.



Congratulations to **Immogen Pope** who did extremely well in her GCSE's and is now going on to study A levels at ICC. We wish you every success **Immogen** and hope it all goes well.

Also we continue to pray for all the new starters to Primary School and those moving on to Secondary Schools. We know you will soon settle and hope you find good friends and an enjoyment in all you learn.

We still have poorly people to pray for - especially for results awaited and recoveries to "hurry up" remembering God knows who they are as we pray.



Mid-week Holy Communion
First Tuesday of each month
1:30 to 12:00 pm in the Concourse

Service led by
Rev Mark Lawrence

1 October

In a busy Church like IMC there is always a shortage of volunteers so below are a few of the opportunities to serve and if you feel they are within your giftings please contact either **Val Marriott (893614)** or **Maureen Scoble (894203)** to find out more or offer your services. They will be very pleased to hear from you.

Wesley's Coffee Shop **Saturdays** about once in 5-6 weeks.
Time commitment about 2.5 hours

Food Bank **Wednesdays** 1:00 to 3:00 pm, help required in the warehouse which involves some lifting.

Wednesdays once in 4 weeks a driver to transport food between the warehouse and the Church.

Methodists Enjoying Life Together

HARVEST QUIZ

at Ivybridge Methodist Church

Saturday 5 October
7:00 for 7:30 pm start

Tickets £5 Each
which includes a meal of chilli and pudding
(vegetarian option available)

There will be non-alcoholic beer and wine available to purchase.

Quiz Master our very own **Carolyn Lawrence**

This is an ideal event for families, friends and neighbours.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Enter your team of six (or buy a ticket and come & join a group on the night).

Tickets are available on sale in church during September/October or from **Maureen** on 01752 894203 or **Joy Phillips**

Advanced Notices - Saturday 11 January 2020
IMC'S GOT TALENT !!!

An evening not to be missed. Start rehearsing your act

Leaving a Legacy for your Children

I first put this in the IMC magazine two years ago but thought that it would be good to put it in again for anyone who missed it the first time.

Mark and I had the joy of becoming grandparents on 20th May 2017 when our daughter Jo gave birth to little Arianna. It has been a profound and emotional time and has made me think a lot about the miracle of life and family. She was born in Manchester two days before the dreadful terrorist attack in the city and it made me reflect on the kind of world in which she will be growing up and the legacy she will inherit.



Arianna with Nanny and Grandpa ©

I wonder what kind of legacy you want to leave for your children and grandchildren and those in our church? Does it involve just leaving them some money in your will or a functioning (and warm!) church building or does it go deeper than that? Even if we don't have much to leave materially we will still leave a legacy of some kind to the next generation after we have left this earth whether we intend to or not.

Will we leave anything that has relevance and benefit for this life and eternity? The most valuable legacy we can pass to our children, grandchildren, and other children in our lives is a spiritual legacy - the legacy of faith in Christ.

Even though each of us must make their own decision to follow Jesus, there are some things we can do to help create an atmosphere where faith can grow and thrive. When children grow up seeing the power and reality of God at work in the lives of their parents, grandparents and church family, it is not so easy for them to turn away from God in their adult lives, even if they have a rocky patch along the way!


In **Psalm 78** we read the following:

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old - things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.



What can we do to leave a spiritual legacy and encourage a relationship with God in the lives of our own children and grandchildren, as well as the children and those young in the faith in our church?

Here are a few suggestions:

- ✚ **Look at your own life** - the best way to prove to our children the value and relevance of faith in Christ is to be a living demonstration of that truth. Children learn more from watching us than they do from what we say. If our children see that our walk doesn't match our talk, behaving and speaking in one way at church but living and speaking differently at home or work, they will see through our lack of integrity and perceive that Jesus doesn't make a real difference in our lives. What does your child observe about your attitudes to others, the things you watch or read, the websites you visit, the language you use, the way you react when something goes wrong or when someone annoys you? Try to live out your faith in an authentic and relevant way. Let them see that even though you make mistakes and life gets messy that you can overcome these difficulties with God's help.
- ✚ **Share God's Word** - from a young age we can teach our children and grandchildren to know and love God's Word in an intentional way. Children's activities and programmes at church are wonderful but the first place a child learns about God's word is in the home with their families. Let them see you reading and studying God's word regularly, have family devotions, read Bible stories at bedtime, play worship music that comes straight from Scripture, let them see the relevance of God's word in your everyday lives and they will grow to love God's word and value its importance.
- ✚ **Pray with them and share answers to prayer** - don't just turn prayer into a shopping list at bedtime but ask them what they would like God's help with and pray together about those things. When our girls were little we used to pray with them when there were difficulties or when one of us was ill and then they could always see the reality of God as he answered those prayers so they knew that he could be relied upon.
- ✚ **Value the church** - I know of parents whose children have heard them speaking critically about people at the church and their church leadership and then been surprised when they have grown up not wanting anything to do with the church. I have also known parents who have allowed other priorities to take the place of worship such as sports and other leisure activities and then wondered why worship is not a priority to them as they grow older and been disappointed that their grown up children don't remain in the church. 

- ✚ **Make sure** your children and grandchildren understand that the church, though far from perfect and made of all kinds of people, are the family of God and that they appreciate the importance and priority of meeting together in worship and fellowship.
- ✚ **Be outward looking** - allow your children to see you being generous with your time, money, home and resources. Encourage them to value all people and to treat people with compassion, kindness and mercy just as Jesus did. Find ways of helping others and try to engage with your community as well as teaching them to have a global view of the world.
- ✚ **Look to the future** - teach the children that God has a good plan for their lives and encourage them to seek God's will for their future jobs, marriage partners, homes and families. Since our girls were born we have prayed for them to find a mighty man of God to marry and are very thankful that they have both married lovely Christian men. Help them so see that the goal of life for a Christian is to walk in obedience to the Lord rather than be dragged along by the goals that the world says is important.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and friends: you will impact the next generation. What kind of legacy will you leave? God's greatest gift to us is our families. Let each of us make sure we have continued or begun a legacy of faithfulness for our children and grandchildren.

Carolyn Lawrence

LOVE & MARRIAGE

This is a show which is suitable for all members of a family, suitable for all ages. It is an evening of music, dance, hilariously funny sketches, all in a light-hearted look at love and marriage throughout the ages.

In the second half, there is a brief look at scenes from *When We Are Married* where things seem to have gone very wrong for three couples celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary..



This is at **The Watermark** on **Saturday 12 October** at **7:45 pm** and tickets are **£8.00** on sale at The Watermark or via their website.

This promises to be a fun-filled evening – don't miss it!!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

AUTUMN 2019

We meet for coffee and a chat at 10:00 am in Grosvenor Court, ending at 12 noon. All ages welcome.

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| 8 October | Pharaoh and the 10 Plagues
Exodus 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 |
| 22 October | Passover and deliverance through the Red Sea
Exodus 12, 13, 14 and 15:1-21 |
| 12 November | Difficulties in the Desert
Exodus 15:vs 22-27, 16 and 17 |
| 26 November | Moses with God on Mount Sinai. The tablets of stone.
Exodus 19, 20, 23:10-end 33 and 24 |
| 10 December | Spying out the Land - Joshua to succeed Moses - Moses' death
Numbers 13, and 14:1-32
Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 32:44:52 and 34:1-12 |



LUNCH IN THE CHURCH CAFÉ
EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:30
EVERBODY WELCOME

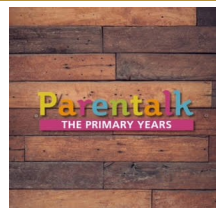


Parenting Course

In the last Newsletter, there was advanced notice that Carolyn and Mark will be running a parenting course.

These will be held once a month on a Tuesday Evening at the Manse starting on Tuesday 12 November 2019. Future dates to be announced.

If any parents would like to join them please contact Carolyn on:
markcarolyn1983@gmail.com



Date for your Diaries

Further Details from Sara Bromage 01752 894198 or Caroline Hodgson

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HONESTY OVER SILENCE

IT'S OK
NOT TO BE OK



**PATRICK
REGAN OBE**
SPEAKER,
AUTHOR



**DIANE
REGAN**
SINGER
SONGWRITER

Honesty Over Silence is an evening of live music and talks, seeking to open up conversations around difficult topics such as trusting in God when life is painful, and dealing with anxiety and depression.

Saturday
16th
November,
7 p.m.
at
Ivybridge
Methodist
Church

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.KINTSUGIHOPE.COM



Discovering
treasure
in life's scars

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Discipleship at IMC

Sunday Evening Meetings in Autumn 2019

In what we now call the Great Commission, Jesus said this, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you". Discipleship is both 'going out' to spread the good news and 'being together' to grow in our understanding and our practice. Perhaps it's worth saying that going out and being together are designed to enhance each other!

This autumn, our discipleship theme in our 'together time' will be 'Hearing God'. The Sunday evening meeting dates, led by Mark, Phil or Jean, are below and all are at 6:30 pm at IMC.

Listening to God is three evenings on discovering how God speaks to us and gaining confidence in hearing him. We will be looking at how to listen to God for both ourselves and others and will include a time of simple practice each night.

Lectio Divina (Latin for Divine Reading) is an ancient practice dating back to the early Church. In essence, Lectio Divina is a simple way to meet with the Lord, through reflection and prayer, based on the Bible. It does not depend on background knowledge of the Bible, but is a way of allowing God to speak personally to us, through his written word. We shall be working as a group, but you will be able to take this and use it in your personal prayer times.

The topic for the first evening has been left open at the moment.

The dates are:

6	October	:	Listening to God - 2	Phil and Jean
27	October	:	Listening to God - 3	Phil and Jean
3	November	:	Lectio Divina - 1	Phil and Jean
24	November	:	Lectio Divina - 2	Mark
1	December	:	Lectio Divina - 3 - Final Meeting	Phil and Jean

Everyone is welcome and we very much hope to see you there!

Phil and Jean Walsh

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Back in 1941 I became an evacuee and ended up in Launceston; first of all with an Aunt and Uncle and family, but then I moved out to another family who were not relations. So this now gave me a privilege which was to receiving a special present.

These gifts were sent from people in America to the children in Plymouth through the American branch of the Red Cross. We each received one box as a present twice a year. One in July, which no doubt was to celebrate Independence Day and the other in November to celebrate Thanksgiving (that is if I have remembered it correctly).

One of the gifts I received was three books, large, medium and small, in the shape of Teddy Bears fastened together with a small chain, telling a story about the life of a bear. The other gift was a set of stationery, very tiny pieces of paper and minute envelopes to match, which were placed neatly inside a cardboard swan, all very beautifully displayed to look like a swan swimming down a river.

So when I do my Shoe Box or help others with theirs, I feel it is a great privilege to pass on a little joy to others.

Veronica

Toy Swap!

Choose pre-loved gifts this Christmas, save money and reduce your carbon footprint.

Saturday 2nd Nov 10am - 2pm
(Drop off Fri 1st Nov 1-5pm and Sat 2nd 9-10am)

This is a community event, please let your friends know

Clean toys in good working order only. We will exchange your toys for tokens which you can 'spend' at the Swap.

Further info: **Sophie Phillips** on
s_r_phillips@hotmail.co.uk or **07730 475 958**

Volunteers needed to help sort toys please!



Why are we running a Toy Swap?

We are running a Toy Swap as part of our mission to serve the local community and be good stewards of the earth.

To reduce our impact on the climate, we need to buy less stuff! Why? Because all stuff uses up resources and requires energy to be made. And we in the developed world are using far more than the planet can provide.

So we'd like to encourage people to give second-hand gifts rather than buy new where possible, which also saves money.

How many times have you felt exasperated at Christmas that shopping is not what Christmas is really about, but still anxious to buy something? (Me, every year)

It would be great if it was socially acceptable to give second-hand presents:

What do you think?

Can we change how Ivybridge gives presents?

Have you already done this with your friends and family?

Please will you tell people about the Toy Swap, and if you don't mind having second-hand presents then tell people that too!

Of course, consuming less isn't just relevant at Christmas, we need to remember it all year.

Later in November we'll be running a small Swishing (clothes swap) evening, which will be for swapping bags and accessories, followed in 2020 by a big Community Swish, and in the summer a school uniform swap.

We're planning some of these events in partnership with the Town Council, South Dartmoor Community Energy and PL21 Transition as part of the Ivybridge Climate Emergency Action Plan.

If you'd like to get involved please contact: **Sophie Phillips**
Mobile: 07730 475 958 **Email: s_r_phillips@hotmail.co.uk**



Youth and Kids Groups



Kidsfest is a primary school club with games, Bible stories, quizzes, snacks
FREE TO ATTEND
Wed 3:45-5pm term time



WIRED is our church youth club including Tuck shop, Disco, Xbox, Sports, Crafts for secondary school young people
£1 to attend
Thurs 7:15-8:30 Term Time



Discipleship

Kingdom Kids and **Kingdom Youth** are our church sunday groups.
Games, Crafts, activites, snacks



Youth Fellowship is our youth house group for young people
FREE TO ATTEND
by invitation or request
A great way go deeper in the Bible
See termly flyer

IMC LIGHT PARTY

Ivybridge Methodist Church
31st Oct 5-6:30pm year 1-6
6:45-8pm year 6+

Disco Dome
DJ DISCO
GLOW STICKS
Games



FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL 07816910152

Entry £1

Cambodian Crusade Hangs in the Balance

For nearly a year, Cambodian Christians have been planning and preparing for an evangelistic crusade, originally to be held in mid-November 2019 but subsequently postponed to early December.



With three months to go (at the time of writing this article) before the culmination of the Love Phnom Penh Festival (LPPF), the organisers are still waiting for three crucial decisions from the Cambodian authorities:

- Formal permission from the government for the festival to go ahead.
- An agreement that they can use the largest stadium in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, for the three-day crusade.
- Visas for the crusade speaker, Dr Franklin Graham, President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and his team.
- Cambodian Christians urge their brothers and sisters around the world to join them in prayer:

"Please continue to help support and encourage more prayer for LPPF. We believe the focus for LPPF at this time is a breakthrough in any Satanic hindrances and human resistance. Then God's will and purpose for LPPF will be accomplished and be unstoppable."

Please also pray for a major children's outreach planned for October.

Keep up to date with LPPF at their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lovephnompenhfestival (mainly in Khmer but some English).

Myers Cooper

Men's Fellowship Evening

Thursday 10 October



Visit to the Incinerator Plant, Devonport at 6:00 pm

Leaving IMC at **5:30 pm**. Car sharing to be arranged later once we have numbers. We can only take a maximum of **20** people.

Please put your name down on the notice board in the concourse.

Bite to eat after to be arranged.

The Methodist Church has designated the church year 2019/2020 as a year of testimony. During this time we are encouraged to share testimonies and stories of what God has done in our lives to encourage each other and to enable people to share their faith with others.



I want to gather as many testimonies as possible to share - some will go in the magazine over the year and some will be invited to share their story in a service. We will be seeking to include two minute testimonies during services over the year so they don't need to be very long. Please be sure to add your name so that we know who it is from.

You can email them to me at markcarolyn1983@gmail.com or put a hard copy in my pigeon hole or through our door.

If you need help with writing out your Christian story, contact me and I can give you a sheet with some pointer questions to help focus your mind.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Carolyn

Saturday October 19

Work Days from 9:30 am onwards

All help appreciated in carrying out the many maintenance & cleaning jobs around our Church Building.

We enjoy excellent coffee and cake from Wesley's part way through the morning.

November Date: Saturday November 9



Christmas Angels



Last year's 500!

After last year's amazing success of distributing the angels around Ivybridge, the stewards have requested that we 'do' this project again. So, those of you that participated last year perhaps you could start getting those needles out again, and if you didn't then maybe you could get involved this year.

The Aim: To share God's love and to bless the community we live in with a free Christmas decoration that comes with a message of hope at Christmas-time.

The Idea: Knit lots of angel decorations, attach a message of Christmas hope, and in one co-ordinated event leave them in (hopefully) hundreds of locations across our community for people to find (this is known as "yarn bombing").

Where did the idea originate? We got the idea from a friend of mine whose church in Fleet, Hampshire joined in last year (she is Sue Butterfield, who used to live in Ivybridge, so many of you probably know her). However, the idea originally came from the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit near Newcastle. In the past three years they (and churches like ours across the country) have knitted over 70,000 angels, and some of them have turned up as far away as South Africa!

What do we want you to do? Get yourself and your friends knitting angels – we need hundreds of them! Last year we made over 500!

Where do I get a pattern for the angels? There are already hard copies of the knitting pattern available on the noticeboard in the Concourse at church, or you can download an electronic copy from:

<http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

or if you prefer crocheting, then you can download a crochet pattern from:

<http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Christmas-Angels-Crochet-Pattern.pdf>



What will we do? We will collect the angels from all you avid knitters (there will be a collection box in the Concourse at church from November onwards), and we'll print and attach the Christmas message labels; then on a date in the few weeks before Christmas we will organise the yarn bombing. If you want to be a part of this, please let us know and we'll rope you in! At the time of writing the exact date for the bombing has not yet been agreed. We will also register our project with the original scheme so that it will be part of this much bigger venture.

Happy Knitting

Nicky Rowe, Tel: **01752 690031**

IMC Monday Night Football

During September we have initiated a Men's Fellowship activity – Monday Night Football.

Don't panic, this doesn't involve actually playing football!!! On the Monday evenings when there is a televised live Premier League game, the men of the church and their friends are invited to join me at my house to share a beer or cup of tea/coffee and watch the game. This is simply an opportunity to chill out together and watch some quality football. Husbands/friends of the ladies of the church are also welcome.

You can turn up any time after **7:30pm** and the match will finish sometime just before **10:00pm** – you are welcome to turn up for as much, or as little, of the game as you want.

Whilst there were two MNF's in September, unfortunately there is only one in October, and I am away on holiday for that one ☹.

November's schedule has not been released at the time of writing – so e-mail me on dave.nicky84@gmail.com or call me on **07801 712381** if you want to be kept up to date with future events.

Dave Rowe



2019 Gift Day

As explained in your September Newsletter the selected project for this year is the refurbishment of the Concourse. Any giving over and above that needed for the concourse will be used for other building related projects around the church (of which there is never a shortage!!)

We also believe that the more we give, the more God is generous to us, and this applies to us corporately as a church, as well as to us as individuals. Therefore, we have decided to tithe the gifts received on Gift Day to the All We Can "Hope is Taking Root" Harvest 2019 appeal. All We Can is the Methodist Church's relief and development organisation, and their Harvest appeal this year is targeted at helping poor farming families in Cherkos in Ethiopia by providing them with seeds to plant (especially seed potatoes) and training on how to maximise their crops in the uncertain weather conditions that they face. More details will be shared with you in the services leading up to Harvest Festival.

You will have found a special envelope for your gift in your September Newsletter. Please pray about the gift that God is calling you to make, and then bring your envelope along with you to the Harvest service at 10:30 on Sunday 6th October. If you know you can't make it to the service then please feel free to put your envelope in the collection in the weeks leading up to the 6th (or indeed after the 6th if you unexpectedly can't make it on the day). You can make your gift in the form of a bank transfer (though do still complete the details on the envelope so that we can easily distinguish the giving for Gift Day from your normal giving, and also annotate your transfer with "2019 Gift Day" if at all possible) - for this you'll need to know the church's bank account details:

NatWest Bank, City Centre Branch, Plymouth;

Sort Code No: 53-61-57

Account No. 08262683

Of course, good old-fashioned cheques or cash are equally acceptable, please put these in the envelope and then into the collection bag at church.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous response to this appeal.

Dave Rowe, Steward



REMINDER - SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER THE CLOCKS GO BACK

HARVEST

IMC have decided to support Shekinah and Food Bank this Harvest time. Please donate anything you can as below:

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN THE EVENING IS A LITTLE COLDER AND WE ARE SHEKINAH ARE PREPARING FOR WINTER.

OUR DROP IN CENTRE STAFF HAVE PREPARED A LIST OF ITEMS WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE.

Toilet Rolls
Black Bags
Butter
Sugar
Coffee
Hot Chocolate
Cereal

Fresh Meat



Custard

Marmite
Juice
Tinned Vegetables
Tuna
Tinned Tomatoes
Packet Soup
Peanut Butter
Jelly

No Rice or Pasta

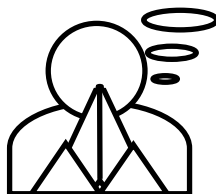


Sweet Treats
e.g.
Chocolate
Sweets

Tooth Paste
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Soap

Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Custard
Instant Mash
UHT Milk
Laundry Liquid

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at the latest please.



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