

UPDATE FROM JULY CHURCH MEETING

At the Church Meeting, there was an excitement to hear about the progress on the Building Project. It was decided that we would appoint Liddell and Associates as the architect for the project. Their first task will be to agree with the Loss Adjuster on the sum we can claim on insurance for the fire that occurred in the chapel. Once we have established what we have to spend, then we will have a clearer idea of whether to stay on our old site, or look for a new site. It was also agreed to appoint Phil Bliss as the Liaison between the church and the professionals we appoint for the Building Scheme. The Building Team were also given the authority to make decisions pertinent to the building, if a Church Meeting was not going to be possible before a decision needed to be made.

The members also had a look at the work on the Vision Statement and Goals for the fellowship. Though still a "work in progress", it was good to consider together how we can aim to be a growing healthy church, that really is "Serving Jesus in the Community", and how we measure our progress along the way.

We had updates on various Ministry Teams, including Global Mission, Children, Youth and Families, and Local Mission. For the latter, Darrell shared about plans for the Village Show and Alpha in Axminster, which will be an initiative starting in September and hopefully supported by Axminster Churches Together.

Mark Armstrong, our treasurer, brought an update on the finances, which revealed our year to date income stand at £29,496 and expenditure at £30,997. This shows a downward trend in our giving, but we were encouraged to take note of this and consider what our response might be. Mark was pleased to report that the final sum given for the Gift Day was £2374, which is a fantastic result.

As well as business, the Church Meetings always make room for a time of prayer, and praise, and we remembered those with whom the fellowship is connected and particular needs that some face at this time.

Members can look out for the minutes which will be issued in the future, and non-members can ask themselves if they would like to become a member, especially as all major decisions are reached in the Church Meeting, hopefully in line with God's will.

TRAINEE YOUTH WORKER



Adam and his wife Miriam moved into the Manse in the middle of July and have settled in well. They were thrilled with the Welcome Box provided by the church, and with the warm welcome they have received from everyone. Adam does not commence his training programme until September when his course begins with a two-week induction programme at Taunton. After that he will be away on his course for 2 separate weeks each term. **Everyone is very welcome to the Commissioning Service for all new SWYM trainees at St Andrew's Church, Cullompton on 10th September at 7pm for 7.30pm.** Please support Adam and Miriam on this special occasion if you can. For more

details please see Adam or Geoff.

SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS & ADVICE

Simon Taylor, the Ecumenical Officer for Devon, has advised all churches to observe some basic good hygiene points to prevent the spread of the Swine Flu virus

- 1) Communion. Make sure your hands are washed well before hand when taking from the common loaf. And those who wash up the glasses need to make sure they are properly & thoroughly washed.
- 2) If you use paper tissues, don't forget - bin used ones immediately after use.
- 3) Be aware that the virus can be passed on through shaking hands, handling bibles and hymn books, so keep up those good hygiene standards.
- 4) If you feel at all unwell, and have any swine flu symptoms - do stay at home, however indispensable you feel you are! There is a 28 page Government Document, entitled 'Faith Communities and Pandemic Flu' available for you to read near the Notice Board if you feel you want a good read!!



A very warm welcome to our service today whether you are a visitor or a regular worshipper. Please stay and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us after the service. For August, we have a single News Sheet to cover the whole month, so please retain this News Sheet this after the service to ensure that you know details of our services and activities for the month.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

- 10.45am **Venue : Axe Valley Community College**
Darrell leads the service continuing the series in Matthew's Gospel on Discipleship, under the title "Distracted Disciples". Matthew 14: 22-32. Service will include communion - servers are Lionel, Mark & Betsy
- 6.30pm **Venue: Axminster Christian Fellowship**
Chris Hill will lead and preach.

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

- 10.45am **Venue : Axe Valley Community College**
Darrell will lead and preach on Discipleship, under the title "Dismissive Disciples". Matthew 15:32-39 & 16: 1-12
- 6.30pm **Venue: Axminster Christian Fellowship**
Darrell will lead and preach a Prayer Service

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

- 10.45am **Venue : Axe Valley Community College**
All-age Service - David & Kerry Stillman will lead, Kerry will give a presentation of her work.
- 6.30pm **Venue: Axminster Christian Fellowship**
David Stillman will lead and preach, the service will include communion

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

- 10.45am **Venue : Axe Valley Community College**
Alex & Jacqui Cooke of Love Russia will lead our service
- 6.30pm **Venue: Axminster Christian Fellowship**
Alex & Jacqui Cooke of Love Russia continue in their ministry to us.

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

- 10.45am **Venue : Axe Valley Community College**
Darrell will lead and preach on Discipleship, under the title "Disconnected Disciples" Mt 16: 13-28
- 4.00pm **Venue: Loughwood Meeting House**
Darrell will lead and preach, service followed by a bring and share picnic tea.

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PASTOR'S PATCH - AUGUST



Who would have thought of a portacabin as an unwrapped present? Well now I do, and I want to give thanks to God for his gift of love, which in the last couple of weeks has been "portacabin-shaped". For the guests reading this, you are very welcome, but allow me to tell the story.

I moved out of The Manse at the end of June in order to allow our new youth worker, Adam and his wife Miriam Diment move in. This also meant I needed to vacate the garden shed which has served as

my office for the past four months since the fire that destroyed the chapel.

It eventually became clear that the best option for an office would be a portacabin based at the Village Hall. This was duly ordered and delivered, though it could not be dropped where we had planned. Subsequently, it needed to be moved. But now I am settled in and enjoying a fantastic outlook from my front window of all that goes on in the heart of the village, and from my rear window of the cows in the fields and Trinity Hill beyond.

But as this move has unfolded, I as an individual and we as a fellowship have been recipient of countless acts of kindness and generosity, from individuals and businesses and groups. From the moment I walked through the door and discovered the portacabin came with a free (complimentary) office chair the blessings haven't stopped coming.

- ◆ The portacabin has been offered its final resting place free of charge by the Village Hall committee, with the approval of the Parish Council and the folk of St Giles
- ◆ We had an invitation to relocate the portacabin to the Cricket Ground if we got really stuck
- ◆ We had a company shift the portacabin to its eventual resting place with their crane for free
- ◆ We had a friend move my office books from shed to portacabin in their trailer for free
- ◆ We had carpet donated for the portacabin
- ◆ We had a kettle and a coffee percolator given free of charge
- ◆ We had a coffee table given free of charge
- ◆ We had the electricity supply to the portacabin given high priority
- ◆ We were offered some wonderful soft seating from the Axe Valley College for the meetings that will be held in the portacabin, and they were transported by a friend with a van to the portacabin.
- ◆ We were given some beautiful hanging baskets overflowing with flowers to adorn the portacabin

So now I hope you see how God's gift of love has been "portacabin-shaped". As the song says:

*How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful unchangeable Friend!
His love is as great as His power,
And knows neither measure nor end!*

Whether you go on holiday travels this August, or stay in the comfort of your own home, whether this is your regular church, or you are joining us far from home, may you discover that God's gift of love often comes in unusual shapes and sizes!

Pastor Darrell

Note: I will normally be found in the portacabin Monday to Thursday 10.00am until 3.00pm. Earlier in the morning, it is my habit to pray and read the bible, so I'd prefer you not to call then, unless it is urgent. After 3.00pm I may be visiting, but you can still telephone me on 07837-447025. Knowing that this is a mobile, but having a tariff with loads of minutes of calls included, I am happy to ring you back. Just ask me to do so as soon as I answer.

CHURCH DIARY

AUGUST

Tuesday 4th	2.30pm	Pen & Sword Meeting at Connie's
Saturday 8th		Picnic in the Park at Hemyock. Coach leaves @ 12.15pm from the KBC Car Park, pick-up near the Copper Castle, Honiton @ 12.30pm. Leave Hemyock 5.15pm.
		In view of the church outing to Hemyock there will be no Scrabble Club during August.
Monday 10th	2.30pm	Missionary Prayer Meeting
Sat 15th to 29th		Darrell, Lucy & family on holiday.
Wednesday 19th	12.30pm	Contact Lunch in <u>Village Hall</u>

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd		Helpers Meeting for Alpha Course in Axminster
Saturday 5th	7.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Connie's
	2.00pm	Scrabble Club at the home of Barabara Jolley
Sunday 6th	10.45am	We return to Kilmington Village Hall for morning services, up until the end of December 2009. Darrell will lead and John Karmo will preach in All -Age Service. Service will include communion - servers Chris & John.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Leslie & Biddie Leppard, who are selling their cottage in Dalwood and moving up to live with their daughter in Norwich, on 1st September.

Ruth & Bill Wall still need our prayers as Ruth seeks to gain strength again & together they try to manage at home. It's good to know Seaton Baptist Church are giving them both some help.

OTHER NOTICES

- ❑ **Axminster Christian Fellowship Hampers** - contributions of Beans / spaghetti would be welcome for the month of August.
- ❑ **Thank You card.** A couple who visit us regularly - Alma & Ian MacGregor - & stay in a caravan in Musbury have written to say thank you for 'another warm and Christian welcome to your services'. They appreciated our Cream Tea, Contact Lunch & homegroup barbecue. They have booked their holiday here again for next year, and pray that we will be led to all the right decisions in finding your new premises' !! If you want to read the card - it's on the Notice Board.
- ❑ **St Petrocks** - the Summer issue of 'News from St. Pets' is on the Notice Board for your reading.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Parliament is now in recess and after all the MP's recent troubles, maybe they sigh with relief! However, we cannot afford to stop praying for them and the Lords and for the on-going work behind the scenes, the Civil Servants, the Committees and others who 'oil the wheels'. For ideas for prayer - see the suggestions from CARE that are weekly on our Church board. Better still, join the work of this highly recommended Christian organisation either by emailing or writing to them or ask Liz to put you on their mailing list. Remember that although we need to get a break, the Lord's work continues and so does Satan's!