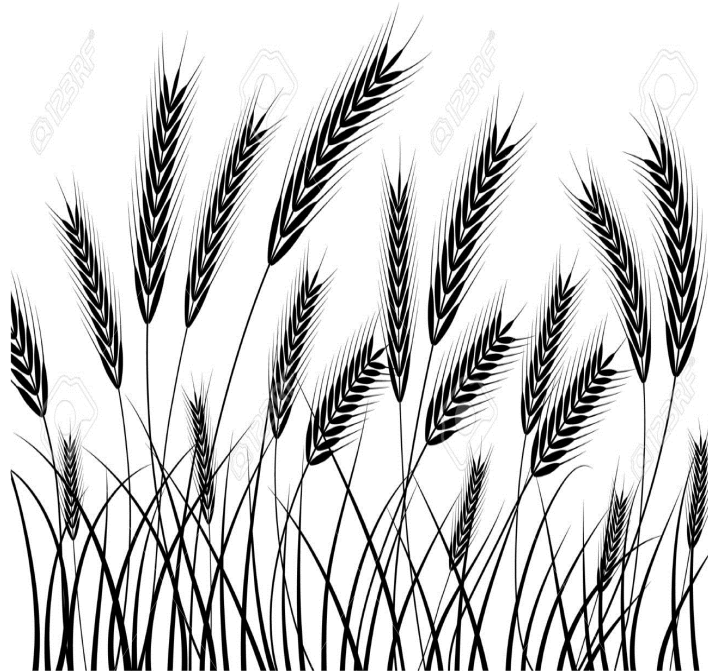


Magazine & Newsletter



It's Harvest Time!

*Morley Community Church
October - November 2020*

**A warm welcome every Sunday at 10.00 am
in Newlands Chapel, Albert Drive, Morley, LS27 8SE**

Worship Services October - November

<u>Sun 4 Oct</u>	<i>Worship Service</i>	Dr Joe Olutayo
<u>Sun 11 Oct</u>	10.00 am HARVEST FESTIVAL	
<u>Sun 18 Oct</u>	<i>Worship Service</i>	Michael Morfin
<u>Sun 25 Oct</u>	<i>Deputation Service</i> (Soldiers & Airmens' Scripture Readers Association) (End of British Summer Time - clocks change today)	Major Andrew McMahon RA
<u>Sun 1 Nov</u>	<i>Suffering Church Action & Awareness Week</i> – <i>The Persecuted Church Overseas</i>	Rowan Taylor
<u>Sun 8 Nov</u>	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	MCC Team
<u>Sun 15 Nov</u>	<i>Worship Service</i>	To be arranged
<u>Sun 22 Nov</u>	<i>Worship Service</i>	Jos McLaren
<u>Sun 29 Nov</u>	<i>Worship Service</i>	Leeds City Mission

Directions to Morley Community Church

Newlands Chapel is in Albert Drive, Morley, LS27 8SE
Albert Drive is the road *behind* Newlands Primary Academy School
Buses 65, 200, 201, 201A
Alight at Newlands Primary Academy School, Wide Lane
Turn into Albert Road (side of Newlands Primary Academy School)
Proceed 50 yards up Albert Road
At the bend in Albert Road, turn *right* into Albert Drive
You will see a row of shops on your right hand side.
The church is diagonally opposite the shops - on the left hand side of Albert Drive
The church is very distinctive - it has a ski slope shaped roof.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

WANDERING OFF

Living near cattle ranches as he did, humourist Michael Yaconelli noticed how cows were prone to wander while grazing. A cow would keep moving, always looking for the fabled “*greener pastures*.” Near the edge of the property, the cow might discover some cool fresh grass under a shade tree. Just beyond a broken-down part of the fence was a tasty clump of foliage. Then the cow might push far beyond the fence and out to the road. It slowly “nibbled” its way into being lost.

Cows aren’t alone in their roaming problem. Sheep also wander, and it’s likely that people have the biggest tendency of all to stray.

Perhaps that’s one of the reasons God compares us to sheep in the Bible. It can be easy to meander and “nibble our way” through reckless compromises and foolish decisions, never noticing how far away from the truth we’ve strayed.

Jesus told the Pharisees the story of a lost sheep. The sheep was of such value to the shepherd that he left his other sheep behind while he searched for the wandering one. And when he found the one that had strayed, He celebrated! Read the story for yourself in the Bible - Luke chapter 15 verses 1–7.

Such is the happiness of God over those who turn back to Him. Jesus said, “*Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep*” (v. 6). God has sent us a Saviour to rescue us and bring us home.

Bible verse: “*Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.*”

Luke chapter 15 verse 6

A prayer to echo: *Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I see my Saviour's face,
Leave His presence never.*

Morley Matters

Well its harvest time again. But never have we had a harvest time like this before! As the farmers gather their crops from the fields in the open air they are unperturbed by crowds, infected air and regulations. In contrast, we remain under significant restrictions as Covid-19 still impacts our lives. Newlands Chapel is in the Low Moor area and on the edge of the town. Walk around the corner and you are in open farming land. Cattle graze, crops grow. All pertinent reminders that despite the massive challenges we face in this season of our national life, our Heavenly Father provides for our needs in every way.

Our harvest weekend will feature the normal **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 11 October. This will also be streamed on Zoom for those who are unable to physically attend the service. On the preceding day (Saturday evening) we are organizing a special **Zoom Harvest Evening**. This will feature a quiz and other harvest items. We will be endeavoring to raise some money for two projects highlighted by Christian relief agency TEAR Fund - tap twinning and toilet twinning. You can read more about this in the later article in the magazine. Do plan to join us if you can.

We have now resumed physical congregational services at Newlands Chapel - every Sunday at 10.00 am you are welcome to come and worship the Lord. However there are some rules and protocols to follow - please sanitize/wash your hands as you enter the building. Please wear a face mask. Please enter by the front door and exit by the back door. We are unable to

participate in congregational singing - but you can follow the words on the screen as the music is played. A record will be kept of all attendances for track & trace purposes in the event of the notification of a subsequent Covid-19 infection. Stewards/greeters will be happy to provide other relevant information. After being away from church for so long due to lockdown restrictions it has been a blessing to be able to meet again. It's not everything - but it is better than nothing. Of course there are those who are isolating. All services are being streamed on Zoom meaning that the service can be enjoyed over the internet for those at home. Please contact us for the ID number and password so that you can join in too.

Please remember to change your clocks at midnight on Saturday 24 October. You have extra sleep that night because the clocks go back one hour!

Enjoy the article from the International Miners Mission (IMM). We have sent £250 from church reserves to finance the hen rearing/egg producing project coordinated by the IMM pastors in Zimbabwe. We continue to save scrap, sell eggs (supplied by the Newlove farm at Tockwith), jam and other items to reach the sum we have committed to this missions project.

ZIMBABWE - "We now have hope in our lives"

Dear Andy,

I trust this finds you all well. We are fine and praising the Lord in spite of all the challenges.

I thought your church members might be interested in the attached news from Zimbabwe regarding another chicken project. Interestingly, this time it involves egg-laying birds rather than raising chickens for sale at the market. I thought that you might like to print some off and pass them round your fellowship.

Due to the current pandemic situation, Rev. Pardon Chingovo tells us that many orphans are in need of help. A goat-raising project is also now underway. This will require orphan children to care for the goats. It also provides milk and occasionally meat for the orphans. Pastor Pardon says that the situation in Zimbabwe is so difficult and getting worse! People in the mining areas are hungry and need all the support they can get. There is little if any work around.

I am quite aware that you have already a chicken project with the IMM for this year. This one I am sending you is a separate project so I pass it on purely to encourage your fellowship to understand how their efforts are currently bringing benefits to many desperately needy people. Pastor Pardon says he could easily start up half a dozen more such chicken projects, both for orphans and ex-prostitutes!

Wishing you God's richest blessing

David Shillitoe
General Secretary, International Miners Mission



Beauty, Sisasenkosi and Shepherd

You may remember this sad picture that appeared in our IMM 'Safety Lamp' Newsletter earlier this year. These three orphan children living in a mining area near West Nicholson, Zimbabwe had lost their grandmother and simply had nothing. No parents. No proper clothes and little to eat. No funds to pay for school fees. So in response to this need, money was raised by some of our generous supporters. But how to help the children in a practical and meaningful way? Following consultation with the Rev. Pardon Chingovo, who leads up the team of 5 pastors working with the 'Mine Ministry' in Zimbabwe, it was agreed to use the funds to set up a chicken project to benefit the children. The funds were sent off to Zimbabwe and now we are able to report what has wonderfully transpired.



Sisasenkosi, Shepherd and Beauty all happy holding fresh laid eggs

What a transformation! Evangelist Tafadzwa Chikudo reports: The chicken unit I have started with the funds so generously given by IMM supporters is going well! I bought 50 egg-laying hens and we are collecting eggs. The whole project will help the children to grasp skills on how to survive as they take part in feeding the chickens and selling eggs as well.

The children are so excited. They ask me to tell you how much they thank all those who sent the money to do the project. They say, "*Pastor Chikudo is the one overseeing us. We now have hope in our lives even though we have no parents. Both Pastor Chingovo and Pastor Chikudo are giving us guidance. They have also given us food and clothes. We say thank you a lot for your support. May God bless you.*"



Eggs collected for sale in market in order to raise money to pay for school fees

HARVEST QUIZ

Right across the UK countryside it's harvest time, the culmination of the growing season for many crops. Farmers are busy at work gathering the fruits of their labour. So how much do you know about all things related to the harvest?

1. When peas are harvested, how long do farmers have to get them from the field to the freezer to maintain maximum freshness?
 - a. 30 minutes
 - b. 2.5 hours
 - c. 6.5 hours
 - d. 12 hours

2. In a much-celebrated April Fool's spoof in 1957, the BBC filmed "spaghetti crops" being harvested. In which country did it claim the crop was grown?
 - a. Switzerland
 - b. Italy
 - c. Turkey

3. *Crop Over* is the name for the Harvest Festival in which country?
 - a. South Africa
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Barbados

4. What is special about the harvest mouse?
 - a. World's smallest rodent
 - b. Has a prehensile tail
 - c. Can be found only in Yorkshire
 - d. All of the above

5. Many apple varieties are harvested in the UK at this time of year, but why did one apple in Devon make the news?
 - a. Was half red and half green
 - b. Was the world's largest apple
 - c. Looked like it had the face of Jesus in the centre

6. In the Bible the believers of the day had to declare that the Living God was the only creator and sustainer of all life and crops. This brought them into collision with the pagan beliefs of the day. Including harvest. In ancient Greek religion and myth who is the goddess of the harvest?
 - a. Dionysus
 - b. Ceres
 - c. Demeter

GIGGLE IN THE MIDDLE

What's the difference between a well dressed man on a bike and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle?

Attire!

Why do cows wear bells?

Because their horns don't work!

I broke my finger last week
On the other hand, I'm OK

I need a password eight characters long
I picked Snow White and the seven dwarfs!

Got to watching Doctor Who after all these years.
It was about time!

What do you call a small mother?
A minimum!

What does a biologist wear on his first date?
Designer genes!

Why was the robot tired when he got home?
It had a hard drive!

Why is Postman Pat a great stand up comedian?
He has a perfect delivery!
Parallel lines have so much in common.
It's a shame they will never meet.

I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him run faster.
If anything, it made him more sluggish.

Why should you never date a tennis player?
Because love means nothing to them!

What happened when the strawberry attempted to cross the road?
There was a traffic jam!



CHURCH HARVEST CELEBRATION

"He brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers." (Psalm 78:16)

With lockdown, we can't enjoy our usual harvest activities, however we will be holding online events to celebrate the Harvest season over the weekend of October 10th/11th and support the Tearfund Harvest 2020 Covid19 Tap Twinning Appeal.

Saturday 10th October 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom for an evening of light-hearted fun, quizzes and games as we explore the world of water, taps and toilets! Bring your own harvest nibbles and enjoy the company.

Sunday 11th October 10:00am

Some of us will gather at Newlands Church, Albert Road, Morley whilst others join in on Zoom from home. We will give thanks together for the world we have been given to live in and learn something more of the Tear Fund appeal and the people and places who will be helped.

Zoom for both events:

Meeting ID: 963-813-3406

Password: R0mans08

Please note that '0' in R0mans is the numeral zero and not the letter 'O'!

HARVEST RECIPE

Golden Cauliflower Soup

Ingredients

One head of cauliflower
One large potato
One medium onion
Two heaped spoonfuls garlic puree
Approx two heaped tablepoons olive oil
600-900ml (1-1.5 pint) vegetable stock

Directions

1. Preheat oven to Mark 6/200C.
2. Cut washed cauliflower into small sprigs; peel potato and cut into bite-sized pieces.
3. Peel onion and cut into chunks.
4. Place all veg in large roasting tin, add garlic, sprinkle olive oil over and toss lightly.
5. Roast for 40-50 mins, turning occasionally, until beginning to brown.
6. Place veg in a large pan and cover with stock, adding a little more water if necessary.
7. Bring to boil and simmer for about 20 mins until tender. Season to taste.
8. Liquidize the soup in two batches then return to pan to reheat gently. Add water or milk if too thick.
9. Sprinkle portions with toasted almonds or croutons and serve with crusty bread. (serves 3-4)

When we get to heaven, the table the Lord will spread before us will undoubtedly be full of goodness both in physical and spiritual food. But why wait? Now is the time to get a grip on our health, eat sensibly, exercise as far as our condition allows and allow God to speak to us about our spiritual well-being too. Golden Cauliflower Soup is low-carb, rich in nutrients, substantial and delicious. Enjoy it for lunch, share it with friends (good for veggies and vegans) and let God nourish your soul.

Lonely pensioner, 75, puts ad out for friends after wife's sudden death

A lonely pensioner from Alton, East Hampshire who was left isolated following the sudden death of his wife has placed a poster in his window asking for friends.

Tony Williams, 75, says he often goes for days without speaking to anyone after his wife Jo, also 75, died in May. The retired physicist has no children and said he often sits at home willing the phone to ring "but it never does" – and he said he feels "cursed" by loneliness.

With no family nearby, Williams decided to put two adverts in his local newspaper looking for a friend to chat to, but didn't get any replies.

Tony Williams placed a poster in his window to ask for friends.

Tony Williams met Jo, a legal secretary, in a bar more than 35 years ago.

In a bid to find a pal to listen to music with, or sit in the garden alongside, he had business cards made, to hand out when he went to the supermarket or out for a walk.

Chatty Williams handed out dozens without receiving a call back, so has now put a poster up in his window asking for friends as a "last resort".

He said: "I've tried everything to make friends, but it feels like nobody wants to talk to me. Not very many people pass my house, but I was hoping it would spread around the community, and someone might reach out."

"Jo was my best friend and we had a lovely life. But now I'm all by myself. My wonderful wife has just died, and I have nobody."

Williams said he is "not looking for someone to listen to me cry", and just wants a "normal person" he can chat to.

He met Jo, a legal secretary, in a bar more than 35 years ago, and their marriage was "perfect harmony".

Jo Williams died shortly after she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The couple were unable to have any children, and lived in Kempley, in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, for 25 years.

Williams described their relationship as "always so natural", adding: "We had no secrets and we could be totally open with each other – we really were soul mates."

Tony's neighbours said they have offered to help him – but he said he's after a friend his own age to pass the time.

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BIRSTALL

COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Smithies Lane, Birstall

<i>the EFCC</i>	<i>Community Churches are</i>	<i>Morley & Birstall</i>	<i>both affiliated to</i>
		<i>– Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches</i>	
SUNDAY	10.30 am	Worship Service	
MONDAY	2.00 pm	Crafts Group <i>(cancelled during Coronavirus outbreak)</i>	
MONDAY	4.15 pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>(cancelled during Coronavirus outbreak)</i>	

Birstall Community Church have continued their Sunday services in their chapel every week since July. These have been times of encouragement and refreshment. In recent times they have welcomed two pastors to preach and are looking for a new appointment. They have also been encouraged with new people attending their services. However they have had a small section of the plaster ceiling in their rear hall collapse due to rain ingress and are looking to repair this. In addition the gas heaters in the rear hall have also packed up beyond repair. Pray that they will be able to work through these challenges and will emerge from the lockdown to open a new chapter in the life of their church. Remember in prayer the more elderly members of their congregation. Sheila Stone continues to reside at the Priestley Care Home just across the road from the church. Visiting restrictions means that no one can physically visit. However a card, letter or telephone call (01924 440265) will be appreciated. Church pianist Mary Smith is having problems with her balance and so has to be careful when seeking to venture outside. We give thanks that in these difficult times our friends at BCC are still seeking to serve and worship the Lord.

Answers to Harvest Quiz on earlier page

1. Answer b. **2.5 hours.** This is so the maximum sugars and vitamins are retained. Pea varieties grown in the UK include Twinkle, Jaguar, Style, Premio, Gonzo, Novella, Geneva, Markado, Serge and Oasis.
2. Answer a. **Switzerland.** Narrated by Richard Dimbleby, Panorama's now infamous spaghetti-tree spoof showed a family from Ticino in Switzerland carrying out their annual spaghetti harvest. The spoof is considered a broadcasting milestone as it is believed to be the first time television was used to stage an April Fool's hoax.
3. Answer c. **Barbados.** Its origins can be traced back to the late 1700s, when Barbados was one of the world's largest producers of sugar. At the end of the sugar season, there was always a big celebration. It is still a huge event in the country.
4. Answer b. **It has a prehensile tail,** which means it is capable of gripping. The long, hairless "limb" aids climbing. It's Europe's smallest rodent - the world's smallest rodent is believed to be the pygmy jerboa. The harvest mouse is rarely found in Yorkshire, according to BBC Nature.
5. Answer a. **Half red and half green.** Apple grower Ken Morrish from Devon found an apple on his Golden Delicious tree that was almost exactly half green and half red. Experts said it was a very rare genetic mutation.
6. Answer c. **Demeter,** also known by pagans as the goddess of grain, agriculture and fertility. Ceres is her Roman equivalent. Dionysus is the Greek god of wine, sometimes known as the god of the grape harvest

MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Below are the current regular weekly activities of the church. Most of these are streamed on Zoom over the internet for the duration of the coronavirus outbreak. Normal services and activities will be resumed as soon as possible!

SUNDAY	10.00 am	Worship Service <i>During the current coronavirus outbreak a worship service is held at Newlands Chapel observing social distancing and other related safety protocols. The service is also streamed on Zoom for those unable to attend the normal service</i>
MONDAY	11.00 am	Zoom Coffee Morning <i>Join others over the internet or on the telephone for coffee, chat and quiz.</i>
TUESDAY	7.30 pm	Zoom Prayer Session <i>A short prayer session over Zoom interceding for the needs of Morley and the wider world.</i>
THURSDAY	7.30– 8.45 pm	Zoom Prayer & Bible Hour <i>Studying Scripture together over the internet</i>

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