

**Letter from the stewards...****27<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Hello friends,

Another month nearly gone. Won't mention the 'C' word yet as it moves closer, although 'c' could just acknowledge the 'commercial' aspect which moves people away from the true meaning. It is however something for us Christians to look forward to so that we can celebrate a birth.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Bob Kitchin "Bible Sunday"**

Last Sunday we welcomed our good friend and previous minister Bob Kitchin.

It was also lovely to see Graham and several visitors. Everyone always welcome.

Hymns were CMP 64: Break thou the bread of life: CMP 872; Jesus, Jesus holy and anointed one; CMP 590: Seek ye first; CMP 1086; Light of the world you stepped down, which was actually read because Carol couldn't play it! and CMP 1072: In Christ alone.

Readings were Psalm 119: 105 - 112 read by Kathy and John 6: 35 - 40 read by Martin.

Bob's message centred on the fact that it was Bible Sunday. Bible is a Greek word for book and Bob highlighted the multi uses that the Bible provides. He referred to the first translation being the St James version and had a copy belonging to his great grandfather with all the 'thee's' and 'thou's'. Since then, there have been many translations both updating the interpretation and also into many languages. The Bible is a living book and contains many sayings that we use today e.g. 'Salt of the earth' and 'Doubting Thomas'.

It provides many subjects including History, Geography, Stories, etc and answers many of life's questions. The Old Testament points to the coming Messiah and the New Testament gives the Good News of Jesus Christ and his life.

Bob encouraged us all to read something of the bible each day and suggested that as instructed by the bible, we should start on the milk of the Lord before progressing to the Bread of Life which is our spiritual food. He suggested that the Bible is the most valuable thing this world affords.

This was a most interesting and thought-provoking sermon.

Anyone who is planning shoe boxes for Rotary, organised by Lynne, they need to be in this week please.

As mentioned at the Church Council meeting, the SMC website has become rather out of date. Tim, Marcus, Jill and Carol had a meeting to go through it and suggest how to bring it up to date. Not easy as many things have changed, and are still changing. We have had a few enquiries recently so important that we give out the correct message. Thank you to Tim for working on this.

This coming Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, we again welcome our minister Rev Phil which we are all looking forward to.

We are still erring on the side of caution regarding Covid so respectfully ask that the congregation still wear masks, despite us all not liking it.

Do contact the stewards in the first instance if you have any queries or need prayer at [stewards@s-m-c.org.com](mailto:stewards@s-m-c.org.com)

Blessings

The stewards