



October 2021

Changing Seasons

I have been thinking a lot about seasons and how in this country we are fortunate to have four changing seasons. Here at MBC we are about to start a new season of change.

At the end of our garden there is a farmers field. This year it has grown a crop of barley, which has been harvested. Then it has been ploughed in a shallow way and left. The soil needs to be turned over to allow the weeds and stubble to decay, this fertilizes the soil and also brings fresh nutrients to the surface. The cold weather will come and break down some of the hard parts of the soil and after a while the soil may be harrowed to help it break down further. Sometimes fields are planted quickly, at other times planting takes place after several months of lying fallow. All these things help to prepare the soil to receive new seed and to ensure healthy good growth and eventually harvest. All these processes are important.

Jesus spoke many times about nature to illustrate spiritual truths. He spoke about soil, seeds, fruit and vines. He

spoke about preparation, nourishment and growth from small mustard seeds to large trees.

We can think about ourselves at the moment, both individually and as a church being a bit like the field, which is being cultivated and broken down and in a process of change. Covid started the process and now Phillip's departure is continuing it. For some of us this can be uncomfortable and unsettling, for others it is exciting, refreshing and hopeful. For some there is loss and emptiness, for others opportunities to fill the emptiness with something new. God will be at work in all of us in different ways and each way is important. Preparation, fresh nourishment and change will be happening.

We are all being prepared to receive new seed and our desire is to then sow new seed in others.

The Leadership Team are so grateful for the faith we share together, for the love and support you give to us and to each other. We value the many different talents you use in your service of Jesus. We pray that God will help us all to worship and work together to prepare and plant a new field and to harvest a crop for Him in the coming years.

God bless,

Rosemary Salmon

Deacon

Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community

What's On—October 2021

Friday 1st

10.00—12noon MBC Café
in the Church Hall

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Communion Service
with Jon Salkeld

Friday 8th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills
See Ruth Kieran for more info.

Saturday 9th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service
followed by a members meeting
with Jeremy Bottrill

Friday 15th

10.00—12noon MBC Café

Saturday 16th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service
with Richard Palmer

Saturday 23rd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Service
with Andy Godfrey

Sunday 31st

10.30am Children & family
Service
with Alex Davie

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