

HARVEST

For the gifts of heaven in the fields of earth,
My soul will sing to the Lord.
For the fruitful lands as they yield their worth,
My heart gives thanks to him.
We may plough the soil, we may plant the seed,
But God will make it grow,
And the harvest comes from the tender goodness
Of the Father's hand.

As the trade winds blow over thirsty plains,
My soul will sing to the Lord,
And the storm clouds pour with reviving rains,
My heart gives thanks to Him.
Every season whispers the mystery,
The glorious rhythm of life,
Till the harvest comes from the boundless goodness
Of the Father's hand.

When the crops have failed and the fields are bare,
My soul will cry to the Lord.
When the hungry know only death's despair,
My heart will look to Him.
For the call goes out from the heart of God
To share with those in need;
As we feed the world we reflect the goodness
Of the Father's hand.

(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty & Matt Bronleewe)

OPENING DOORS

Give
thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

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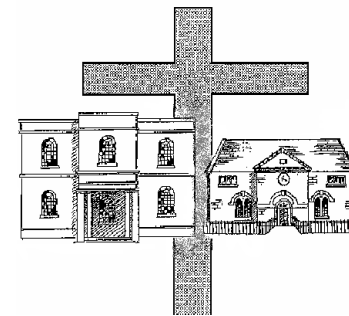
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"See I have placed before you an open door" Rev 3:8



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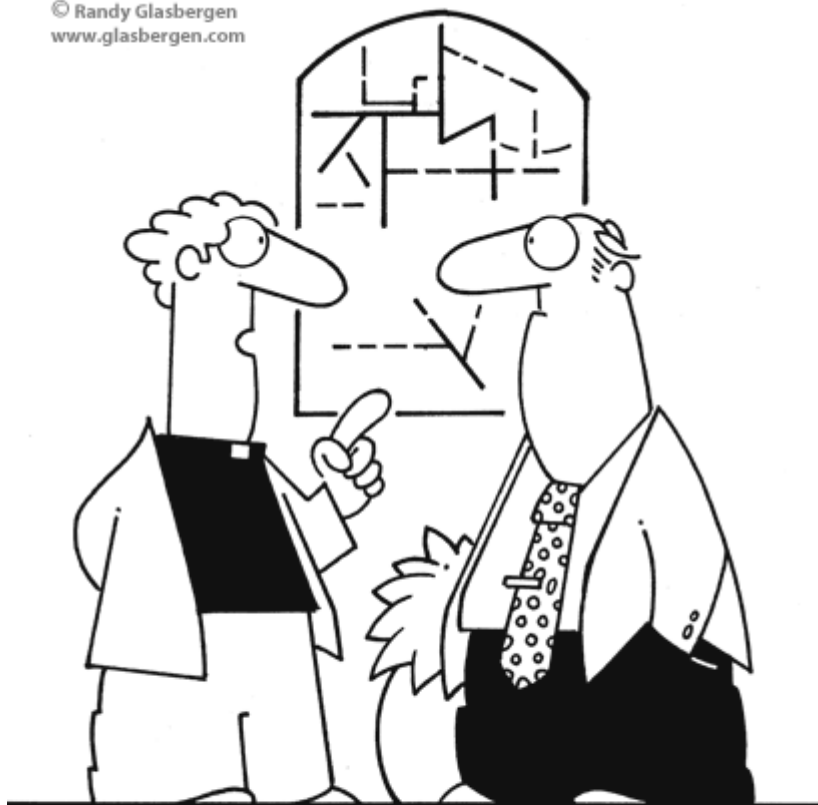
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**“Give a man a fish and he’ll eat for a day.
Teach a man to fish and you can sell
him all of your old gear on eBay!”**

Friends,

“O LORD, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures...They all depend on you to give them food as they need it. When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hand to feed them, and they are richly satisfied.”
(Psalm 104:24, 27-28)

Harry and I were playing the alphabet game this morning. Just in case you’ve never played it, it is a game where you begin with the letter “A” and then take turns to go through the alphabet and for each letter you need to think of a type of food that begins with that letter – so A was Apple, B was Beetroot, C was Carrots and so on. I will admit we had a bit of a problem with Q, U, V, X and Z but, with a bit of help from Google, we did manage to complete the food alphabet and this reminded us of the great variety of food that God has provided for us to eat! There are so many different foods of different colours, textures and tastes to enjoy that we need never run out of new things to try or favourite foods to savour.

Harvest is the time when we especially thank God for his provision to us again. As we watch the crops being taken in from the fields and the tractors towing trailers full of vegetables off to the stores, we should take a moment to remember the great gifts that God gives us in our food.

We know it has been a difficult year for farmers with the hot dry summer and yet nature has a wonderful way of recovering even in the face of difficult weather conditions and, while we may have to pay a few more pennies for our groceries in the coming year, we are unlikely to starve this winter. Let us bear in our minds, and in our prayers, those people around the world who will be impacted because of failed harvests this year, where this might lead to famine and death. May we all do what we can to share our plenty with those in need. We need to be ever mindful of how we use our resources and not waste the wonderful gifts that God has given to us.

So, this harvest let’s remember not only to say thank you to God but to ask how it is that we can help to make sure that those around us in our community and our world will also have enough of what they need to enjoy their lives fully too.

With Christian Love

Catherine XX

Harvest Moon

My grandfather had a small farm where he raised beef and some grain for feed. He also worked diligently as a factory labourer and country pastor. He was a good neighbour and well respected for honouring his word.

When harvest-time came, he'd piece together his old one-row corn picker and oil it up for the season. He pulled it behind a little Ford 9-N tractor with a wagon hooked on the back. It was a noisy contraption unlike the modern machines you see these days devouring the golden armies of grain in wide gulps.

His whole operation was like that. Basic. In fact, his life was like that, too. He worked hard, helped others and you could count on him to keep his promises. That's what made it so hard one autumn when difficult circumstances closed in on him.

He had promised to harvest a few ribbons of corn that wound around the hills on a friend's farm, but after harvesting his own corn, Grandpa's little corn picker coughed, sputtered and quit. It would be out of commission until a particular part could be ordered, but that would take far too long to help this year. Then the odds of being able to help out his neighbour got even worse; the factory where grandpa worked began to require overtime. In order to keep his job there he had to leave the farm before dawn and didn't get home until well after sunset.

One autumn night, while harvest time was running out, he and his wife sat at the kitchen table sipping bitter black coffee trying to figure a way out of their dilemma.

"There's nothing you can do," said my grandma. "You'll just have to tell him that you can't help with the corn this year." "Well that just doesn't sit well with me," said my grandpa. "My friend is depending on me. I can't exactly let my neighbour's harvest rot in the field, can I?" "If you don't have the equipment, you just can't do it," she said. "Well, I could do it the way we used to do it. I could harvest it by hand," he said. "When do you think you'd have time to do it?" she asked. "With the overtime you've been working you'd be up all night...besides it'd be too dark."

"I know one night that I could do it!" he said running to the bookshelf. He grabbed the Farmer's Almanac and started flipping through the pages until he found what he was looking for. "Aha! There's still one more full moon in October." As it happened, the harvest moon had yet to pass. They say it's called the harvest moon because it gives farmers more light and more time to collect their crops. "If the Lord gives us clear weather, I think I can do it," he said.

And so a few days later, after a long shift at the factory, my grandpa made his way to the field where my grandma met him in the truck with dinner and a steaming thermos of strong, black coffee. The weather was cold but clear, and the moon was brilliant. He worked through the night to keep his word.

I know this story well, because I've spent hours on that old tractor's fender talking with my grandpa. We've even suffered through some of that

Useful Phone Numbers

Charities

Age Concern	0800 00 99 66
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 769 7555
Alzheimer's Society	0207 306 0606
Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)	0844 499 2375
Child Line	0800 1111
Crime Stoppers	08800 555 111
Samaritans	08457 909090

Emergency

Electricity (Emergency/power cut)	0800 056 8090
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GP Surgeries

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North Street, Ashby	01530 417415
Measham Medical Unit, High Street	01530 270933
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Local Hospitals

Coalville	01530 467400
Glenfield	0116 287 1471
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Queen's Burton	01283 566333
Derby Royal	01332 265500

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Ashbychurches.org	412339/413511
Ashby Youth for Christ	01530 560940
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	07790 542041
CAP National Debt Line	0800 328 0006
Fair2all	01530 417286
The Haven	01530 560921
Ashby Library	0116 305 5917
Social Services	01530 275200
Ashby Town Council	01530 416961

Others

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by - still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however. He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil - he so wanted the seed to grow. A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened.

Jim felt sick at his stomach. It was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful--in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed. A few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the financial director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed. Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Here is your next Chief Executive! His name is Jim!" Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. How could he be the new CEO the others said?

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead - it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. "When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive!"

Moral:

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.

If you plant hard work, you will reap success.

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

same bitter coffee together. I'm proud to say that my parents named me after him.

Sometimes, when I'm tempted to cut corners or to put off responsibilities, I think of my grandfather with his scythe cutting wide arcs of corn in the light of the harvest moon. I hear the ears of corn hit the floor of the wagon and the music of geese crossing the cold October sky. The chill autumn morning darkness envelopes my mind and I see my grandpa, his work finally done, crawling into the seat of the old tractor and making his way home. Behind him in the pale moonlight, row after row of corn shocks stand at attention in respect for a man who keeps his word.

By Kenneth L. Pierpont



THE STORY OF THE TROUBLE TREE



I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tyre made him lose the first hour of work and his electric drill broke, his ancient van refused to start. As I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he had undergone an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do at the little tree.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my family; my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Moral of the Story: Always be firm in our belief, have full trust in God. Whatever He sends our way is always for our good, and that He will also show us a solution for He wants us to turn to Him for help.

Harvest in Malawi

Probably most of us do not depend on what we can grow to feed ourselves and our families, but in other parts of our world it is very different: Last year Tearfund focused on the stories of two amazing women from Malawi.

Polly and Sylvia live just 70km from each other, but their lives were very different. Sylvia endured a daily struggle to provide for her four children and elderly mother – her husband had abandoned the family. ‘All my life I have struggled to feed my children,’ said Sylvia. ‘I am desperate for change.’

In contrast, Polly – farming the same soil in the same weather conditions – was harvesting enough to feed her husband, three children and disabled grandmother, with two bags left over to sell.

The difference was the training and support she received from Tearfund partner Assemblies of God Care (AG Care). They offered Polly and her community expert advice about how to farm abundantly even in drought conditions – an innovative technique known as Foundations for Farming.

Thanks to funding from Tearfund supporters, AG Care started working in Sylvia’s community last year. She joined the church-based self-help group and started using the new farming techniques. Her first harvest with Foundations for Farming provided enough food to feed her whole family for a year.

Sylvia’s abundance

Despite drought conditions last year, Sylvia has cultivated 1.5 acres of maize and another acre of groundnuts. She is expecting to harvest three times more than she did the previous year. Alongside this, she has branched out into poultry farming, with 15 chickens.

‘I would like to thank AG Care for teaching me new farming skills and knowledge,’ says Sylvia. ‘My life has changed so much. Thanks to using organic fertiliser, I have enough maize to feed my family. This year I plan to sell my harvest of groundnuts and build a better house – just like Polly.’

Thanks to the many good harvests she has enjoyed over the last three years, along with income from her pig-rearing business, Polly has now built two brick houses. One she lives in with her family, the other she is using as a nursery school for local children. Polly’s kindergarten welcomes 12 pupils, and is a vital service for local children, many of whom cannot read or write.

Hunger-free

This year Malawi is expected to have a reasonable harvest, but the impacts of prolonged dry spells and pest infestations are likely to lead to a lower than average yield. So, please keep praying for timely rain so that families like Polly’s and Sylvia’s produce enough food to last the year.

Tearfund supporters’ prayerful support has enabled thousands of families like Sylvia’s to secure a hunger-free future. All around the world, local churches are leading their communities out of lives devastated by hunger and into lives filled with dignity, opportunity and strength.

her self-help group. They’ve been going house-to-house to find the people in greatest need, giving them food, bedding and help with medical expenses. One local villager was particularly touched by their generosity: ‘When I saw what the group were doing I got saved and joined their church,’ he says.

News of its success has reached the local government. ‘This group is helping people overcome poverty,’ says one official. ‘People are expanding their businesses. Paying health insurance was a problem before. Now it’s not. ‘When people had problems they used to go to community leaders, but now they go to the church self-help groups. We are proud to see Marie’s bags for life everywhere.’

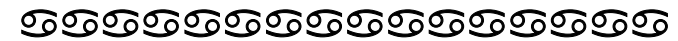
Prayer Focus

- Thank God for Marie and how her life has been transformed, and how she is now encouraging others.
- Praise Him for the impact of self-help groups and how they are helping many people in Rwanda to overcome poverty.
- Pray for the number of self-help groups to increase and for more resources for this to become available.

I hope you also find Marie’s story an encouragement. Although Fair2All does not actually stock her bags; the sale of so many of the products we stock enables the transformation of the lives of some of the poorest people in our world enabling them to have the dignity of earning their own living.

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THE SEED

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his directors or his children, he decided to do something different.

He called all the young executives in his company together. "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO," he said. "I have decided to choose one of you."

The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a seed today - a very special seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Every day, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seed and the plants that were beginning to grow. Jim kept checking his seed,

18 the rest of my life, because nothing is ever going to change in this field. Life is good, and I have it made."

The next day was a beautiful sunny day in the cornfield. The sky above was clear and there was no wind at all. That afternoon as the spider was about to take a nap, he noticed some thick dusty clouds moving toward him. He could hear the roar of a great engine and he said to himself, "I wonder what that could be?"

"In the last days mockers will come, following their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'" 2 Peter 3:3-4

"The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but He is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9



I Put My Hopes In a Bag

Life at Fair2All is even busier than usual with the imminent launch of our new website, rebranding the exterior and I am trying to increase my 'mastery' of Social Media! When I am so tied up with my own busyness I find it helpful to reflect on other peoples' and how God has helped them overcome their challenges.

Marie's husband died in 2007 and hard labour was her only choice to provide for her children. For many years she toiled, shifting bricks until her hands were red raw. But despite her efforts, Marie's six young children still went hungry. 'When I lost my husband, I was shocked and felt hopeless,' she says. 'I'd never had a job before – I relied on his income. I feared it was going to be the end of my life.'

Bag to the future

Her lifeline came when she looked around the building site, and noticed something for the first time. Marie started thinking about the thick rubble sacks. They were strong, made of woven material that kept its strength even when the sacks were no longer needed. Marie thought about how they could be used again...

But Marie's inspiration had begun long before that moment. It started three years ago when she joined a church self-help group supported by a Tearfund partner. Each group member saves RWF200 (20p) a week, so that – as the money increases – they can offer loans to start small businesses. Marie took out a loan to buy a sewing machine, which she uses to stitch the sacks together to make reusable shopping bags. Her bag for life sales bring in RWF112,000 (£100) a month. With the money she saved, Marie has bought another sewing machine for one of her daughters.

Life sewn up

'I am no longer lonely,' Marie says. 'Jesus has done great things. I used to be extremely thin. Now I've started putting on weight and feel good about myself. I can afford to buy what I need – even good shoes. I used to wear dirty, torn flip-flops.'

Marie plans to buy an electric sewing machine and teach more women in her community to sew. Her innovation is a huge inspiration to

If you are not already a Tearfund supporter, why not, as part of your harvest thanksgiving, consider a one-off gift or regular support if you are able. But whatever you are able to give your prayers are very gratefully received.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank God that thousands of people like Polly and Sylvia have been freed from hunger. Pray that they will continue to flourish.
- Please pray for an end to the droughts that have been affecting Malawi. Pray for the right amount of rain at the right time so that families can enjoy an abundant harvest.

One in seven people around the world still go to bed hungry every night. Ask God to continue raising up local churches who are empowered and equipped to lead their communities out of hunger.

For more information www.Tearfund.org/ or have a chat with me Mandy McIntosh



A Prayer For Love

Teach me to love, Lord, as You love,
Make it unconditional, honest, and kind,
To ask nothing back in return, Lord,
To encompass the whole of mankind.

May I offer my love without speaking,
May it radiate as it shines forth from me,
May it be seen in my face and my eyes, Lord,
May it be simple, sincere, and shame free.

Show me how to forgive, Lord, as You do,
To not burden another with guilt,
To not play the role of the martyr,
To be a rock on which trust may be built.

Make my love for others be greater by far
Than any love that is offered to me,
Led by the Spirit, Inspired of God,
As forgiving as Jesus...and free.

by Virginia (Ginny) Ellis

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

You will see from the photos what an amazing year we had at the “**Teambuilders**” holiday bible club this year. We had a great number of youngsters joining us – our own junior church and lift-off groups were, as usual, very well represented!

All the children really engaged in the week and took part in an enthusiastic way. We had our usual mix of craft, prayer, story, games and refreshments, as well as our all-together time which included songs, drama, memory verse learning, praying and fun! Our theme of being part of God’s team meant that we looked at a variety of stories from throughout the bible – stories about Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus and Paul.



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We were reminded through our memory verse that **“Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together.”** (Ecclesiastes 4:9) and that, we pray, will be something that the youngsters will learn to live by – and something we can all take on board as we remember the importance of team work too.

The adults

and young leaders showed a wonderful level of the necessary teamwork as they slotted in to cover areas that needed a bit more help. Our young leaders took an important part in the club - Jonny and Noah did a great job on the technology and sound and even stepped up to lead the prayer zone on the last morning whilst Kimberley was part of the drama team and was very good in her role of “Doreen the dangerous”.

Thanks go too to the adults from our wider church family who were involved – Carolyn and, her sister, Rachel on craft, Margaret on refreshments, Rachel did a day in the prayer zone, Lucy (Margaret’s daughter) did a couple of days storytelling, Elaine who



Ashby's early summer series -
 'Be Still and Know that I am God'
 posed a challenge to our young people as we looked at
 some of the lesser known Bible stories.

The Harvest

There was once a spider who lived in a cornfield. He was a big spider and he had spun a beautiful web between the corn stalks. He got fat eating all the bugs that would get caught in his web. He liked his home and planned to stay there for the rest of his life.

One day the spider caught a little bug in his web, and just as the spider was about to eat him, the bug said, "If you let me go I will tell you something important that will save your life." The spider paused for a moment and listened because he was amused. "You better get out of this cornfield," the little bug said, "The harvest is coming!"

The spider smiled and said, "What is this harvest you are talking about? I think you are just telling me a story." But the little bug said, "Oh no, it is true. The owner of this field is coming to harvest it soon. All the stalks will be knocked down and the corn will be gathered up. You will be killed by the giant machines if you stay here."

The spider said, "I don't believe in harvests and giant machines that knock down corn stalks. How can you prove this?" The little bug continued, "Just look at the corn. See how it is planted in rows? It proves this field was created by an intelligent designer." The spider laughed and mockingly said, "This field has evolved and has nothing to do with a creator. Corn always grows that way." The bug went on to explain, "Oh no. This field belongs to the owner who planted it, and the harvest is coming soon." The spider grinned and said to the little bug, "I don't believe you," and then the spider ate the little bug for lunch.

A few days later, the spider was laughing about the story the little bug had told him. He thought to himself, "A harvest! What a silly idea. I have lived here all of my life and nothing has ever disturbed me. I have been here since these stalks were just a foot off the ground, and I'll be here for

Bride who lost leg defies killer bug to walk down Aisle

When Pat Haywood's granddaughter Amy Jenkins lost a leg through meningitis, she doubted she would ever walk down the aisle as a bride.

So her wedding to fiancé Matthew was an emotional day for all the family, who were initially told that she had only a 10 per cent chance of surviving the killer disease.

Amy, 26, said: "When I first had my prosthetic leg fitted, it was so hard, I thought I was going to end up in a wheelchair, unable to walk again. I never thought I'd be able to walk down the aisle on my wedding day, so to do that was a wonderful feeling."



The NHS administrator was struck down in January 2011. her mother Shauna found her collapsed at the family home at 5am. Amy said "I had gone to bed feeling poorly but got up at midnight to get on the sofa and lay there drifting in and out of consciousness. I had a rash all over my body. Mum could see I was seriously ill and rang 999."

Amy, of Church Crookham, Hants, was taken to Frimley Park Hospital where doctors put her onto an induced coma. She was on a life support machine for two weeks.

She said: "When I first woke up, I couldn't move, I was so weak. My fingers were black but doctors managed to save them. My leg wasn't so lucky. It was devastating but at least I was still alive, so I had to think myself fortunate."

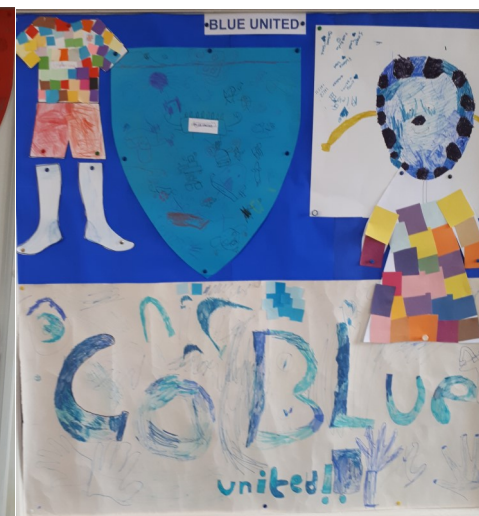
Matthew, a construction worker, proposed while they were on a weekend away in Wales.

They were married in May this year at Highfield Park in Hampshire in front of 80 guests.

Matthew said: "It was amazing to see Amy walk down the aisle towards me. It made me very proud of her."

Amy added: "It was such an emotional day - all the guests had a tear in their eye during the service. It felt amazing to be able to walk down the aisle."

The family are raising money for the Meningitis Research Foundation



Our 4 team group boards made as the children arrived



In the Prayer zone we made the cross of prayers & the team pitch

10 Elaine who helped when she could with a team.

I would ask you to pray for all those who were part of the club this year – that seeds that were planted will come to fruition in due course and that as we look to the future of the club for 2019 God will guide us as to how it should develop in the future so that it continues to bring glory to him.

Watch this space for more information...



Awesome games !



Brilliant drama !



Energetic songs



More craft

Special Prayers are needed for :-

- Muriel Boshell; Anne & Terence Perry;
- Deborah Thorpe;
- Judith, Anne Perry's friend;
- Elaine Read's friends Ian & his wife Susan;
- Sue Golightly & family as they mourn for her brother, Brian;
- Rich & Debbie as they mourn for their brother, Paul;



Give Praise and Thanks for :-

- Families helped by Ashby Food Bank this Month;
- For the amazing week at Holiday Bible Club where we welcomed 61 children over the week. Pray that seeds planted will come to fruition in God's perfect timing.
- Adam Mitchell, Margaret Howlett's grandson, who started work in London

Please continue to pray for friends who need our prayers

Celebrating our Birthdays

Please Pray for those who have Birthdays in **September**

- 2nd - Jonny Eccersley aged 17
- Sue Golightly
- 6th - Eleanor Poole aged 6
- 12th - Beryl Evans
- 13th - Nikki Eccersley aged 50
- 24th - Rachel Aucott



A happy birthday to you, A happy birthday to you,
May each day of the year, may you feel Jesus near.
A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you
May you know God is there with you.



ASHBY CAR SERVICE

The car rota will now run as an 'on request' service. Please ring

Margaret 461774
 Carolyn 467929
 or David 07732372472



if you would like a lift to any of our services."

ASHBY FLOWERS

September

2nd Mrs C. Manning
 Mrs M. Dennies (Corner Table) IN MEMORIAM
 9th Mrs P. Botham IN MEMORIAM
 16th Mrs E. Read
 23rd Mrs A. Perry
 29th Mrs M. Fletcher IN MEMORIAM
 Mrs P. Haywood (Corner Table) IN MEMORIAM



October 7th Mr J. Tate IN MEMORIAM

OUTREACH - Please remember in prayer the following
 who have preaching engagements in



Rev Catherine Booton

Sun 2nd Baptism of Paula and Alexander Goodwin at Ashby
 Thanksgiving service at Newton
 Thurs 6th Assembly at Heather school
 Assembly at Newton school
 Fri 7th – Sat 8th Integrated Training Course at Nottingham
 Tues 11th Minister's meeting
 Weds 12th Street Pastors management meeting
 Thurs 13th Speak at Guild Fellowship
 Fri 14th Assembly at Ashby C of E school
 CIPT Management Board (Integrated training course)
 Sat 15th Lift-off
 Tues 18th Foodbank referrers lunch
 Weds 19th Foodbank 5th anniversary party
 Thurs 20th Assembly at Heather school
 Assembly at Newton school
 Sun 23rd Harvest at Ashby
 Weds 26th Assembly at Willesley school
 Foodbank meeting
 Thurs 27th Assembly at Woodcote school
 Sat 29th Wedding blessing for Gemma and Lee at the National
 Brewery Centre, Burton

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service
 on Sunday 7th October at 4pm.

We are asking for donations of tinned items for
 Ashby Foodbank as Harvest gifts again this year.

Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Rachel Aucott



Christian Aid 2018

The Ashby and District Christian Aid Group expresses a big thank
 you to all our volunteer collectors, givers, and helpers for the house to
 house collection during Christian Aid Week in May. The amount raised
 this year totalled £6,775. This was £751 less than last year but still an
 excellent result, bearing in mind that last year's total included a single
 donation of £1,000.

Other fund -raising events this year included a barn dance, a quiz
 evening, coffee mornings by the Congregational Church, Baptist Church
 and St Helens, lunch by the Methodist Church, cards and crafts by the
 Methodist Church, quiz sheets, collecting boxes, and miscellaneous
 donations, raising a further £2,993, making a total of £9,786.

Thus, the house to house collection once again raised almost 70%
 of the monies we were able to provide to Christian Aid. This to support
 their work in responding to humanitarian disasters the world over to get
 people the help they need straight away, and working in partnership to
 support communities and tackle the root causes of poverty so that
 peoples are strengthened against future knocks.

In addition, this year we were given the opportunity by Tesco to
 carry out a collection at the Ashby store on 11th August. This has enabled
 us to raise an additional £740, which was an excellent result, and grateful
 thanks go to Tesco, our volunteer collectors and all who donated on the
 day. We have learnt from Christian Aid's Regional Coordinator Martin
 Gage that this can be paid into the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal.

The European Union will then add four times to the amount, so the
 £740 becomes £3,700. This will be used to fund life-changing projects in
 Burkina Faso, Honduras, Malawi and Ethiopia.

Frank Bedford

On Behalf of Ashby & District Christian Aid Group

