

Diary of Services and Activities

Sunday	Prayer Meeting	8.00am
	Morning Worship*	10.30am
	Key Club (Children aged 4-11)	10.30am
	Evening Worship	6.30pm
<p>Holy Communion follows the first morning and the third evening service each month *A fully supervised crèche for young children is run in the church side room during the sermon.</p>		
Tuesday	Second Tuesday (monthly)	10.15am
	Making and Thinking (for ladies – monthly) venue as announced	7.30pm
	Men's Fellowship (3rd Tuesday monthly)	7.45pm
Wednesday	Tots' Club (term-time)	1.30 - 3.00pm
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7.45pm
Thursday	Thursday at Two (senior citizens – fortnightly)	2.00pm
	Followers' Prayer Group (fortnightly) at 68 Moseley Wood Walk	7.30pm
Friday	Good News Club (Children aged 5-11)	6.00pm
	Friday Youth Night (Ages 11-16)	7.30pm
	Missionary Prayer Group (monthly) at 1 Tinshill Mount	7.45pm

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ROTAS

Week ending		Cleaning		
June	7	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Anne Sellens
	14	Ruth Holder	Rosemary Hilton	Carole Brearley
	21	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
	28	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Ann Mountain
July	5	Natalie Sellens	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	12	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Anne Sellens
	19	Ruth Holder	Rosemary Hilton	Carole Brearley
	26	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
August	2	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Ann Mountain

For Sunday		Flowers		
June	8	Eva Ng	15	Carole Brearley
	22	Angela Mathers	29	Colette Hickman
July	6	Kathryn Hibbard	13	Anne Sellens
	20	Rosemary Hilton	27	Christine Crossley
August	3	Ann Mountain		

Sunday		Library		
June	8	Mavis Mathers	15	Nigel Hibbard
	22	Rosemary Hilton	29	Christine Crossley
July	6	Angela Mathers	13	Mavis Mathers
	20	Nigel Hibbard	27	Christine Crossley
August	3	Rosemary Hilton		

Thought for the Month

Christian fellowship builds us up and binds us together.
Believers stand strong when they don't stand alone.

Pastoral Letter – June 2014

Letting the Light in

As I sit typing this letter at my desk I can see the computer screen a little better than I had been able to, until recently. Since the start of spring, the tree close to our bedroom window has exploded into life, with fresh green leaves all over and many small flowers in clusters. This had several effects: the tree looked nicer, of course, and also the flowers attracted so many bees and wasps – with the nearest branches almost within reach of our window – that there was a constant tapping on the bedroom window as a bee or wasp hit it every couple of minutes! (It took me a while to figure out what the tapping was!) Perhaps the greatest effect that the new covering on the tree had was to block out the light from our window. In fact, it wasn't until some men came from the council last week and chopped off a number of the branches closest to our row of houses that we realised how much light we had been missing out on. It felt like we had skipped forward a few weeks into the summer, and like the light had been switched on!

Hopefully we will get to see plenty more sunlight in the coming months, but it's striking how often Scripture uses language related to "light". One of the most common metaphors in the Bible for becoming a Christian and following Christ is to be "in the light". In predicting the coming of Christ, Isaiah 9: 2 says "*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.*" This sets the pattern for the frequent description of those who do not know Christ as being "in darkness". One of the aspects of being in darkness is that you don't know what you are missing. It's not until the light has shined upon you that you fully realise exactly what position you are in, and what the world around you is really like. With the veil of leaves covering our window, we were missing out on the good gift of light that God had for us.

Paul picks up this “light” imagery in 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6: *“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them... For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* For those of us who have received God’s grace, the light was “switched on” for us once God revealed to us who His Son Jesus Christ was. This knowledge of Jesus, as we see Him as He really is, is crucial for anyone to be saved, and for the darkness to be scattered. No wonder then, that Jesus said *“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”* (John 8: 12). So, knowing and following Jesus is to be “in the light”, and to leave the darkness of unbelief and sin which we knew before.

Perhaps it’s no surprise then, that in following Jesus as the perfect light and guide in the spiritual darkness of a sinful world, we too are called to shine brightly. Jesus even says *“You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5: 14, 16). In other places we are encouraged to *“Walk as children of light”* (Ephesians 5: 8) and *“shine as lights in the world”*, (PhilipPians. 2: 15). As well as “letting the light in”, (recognising Christ, listening to His teaching and following Him), we should be always willing to “let the light out”, as we stand as guides to the lost people of this world, who are stumbling about in darkness.

We’ve been privileged to have a (short) spell of good weather recently, for which we are very grateful. Yet, as many of us enjoy the sunshine and maybe even head off for our summer holidays, we are far more privileged to have the “light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” shining on us. May we seek to share that privilege with others, and carry the light of Christ with us wherever we go, shining brightly for the Lord.

Joseph Cresswell

Sat 28 10-12am Prayer for the outpouring of God’s Spirit
at Christ Church, Crossgates
4pm Church BBQ

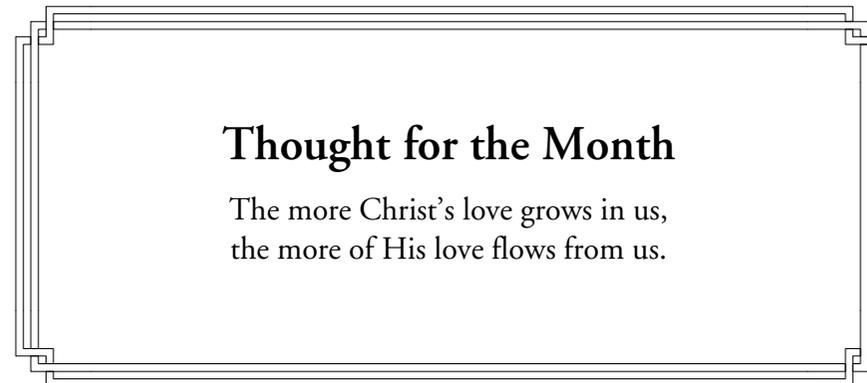
July

Thu 3 7.30pm Followers’ Prayer Group
Tue 8 10.15am Second Tuesday
Thu 10 1pm Thursday at Two Meal Speaker: Graham Heaps
Sun 13 2.30pm Cookridge Court Service
Tue 15 7.45pm Men’s Fellowship
Thu 17 7.30pm Followers’ Prayer Group
Fri 18 7.45pm Missionary Prayer Group
Thu 24 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Colin Mountain
Thu 31 7.30pm Followers’ Prayer Group

Also note:

The children’s meetings break up for the Summer Holidays mid July. The last Tots Club before the summer break will be July 9th. There will be no Men’s Fellowship in Junedue to the Bible Exhibition.

The next edition of The Magazine (August/September) is due out for Sunday August 3rd and so the deadline for items will be Wednesday 23rd July – all contributions to Martin Sellens please.



Bible Exhibition 2014

The Bible Exhibition this year on the “Life of Christ” takes place from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th June. The timetable is as follows:-

Monday 16	9.45am	Holy Trinity School
	1.15pm	Holy Trinity School
Tuesday 17	9.45am	Holy Trinity School
	1.15pm	Holy Name School
Wednesday 18	9.45am	Cookridge School
Thursday 19	1.15pm	Holy Name School

Do pray for the children and their teachers as they come to the church that week. There will be daily prayer meetings on Monday-Wednesday at 9am and on Thursday at 12.40pm. Pray also for the team involved in staging the exhibition.

DIARY

June

Sun 8	2.30pm	Cookridge Court Service
Tue 10	10.15am	Second Tuesday Subject: “What will it be like in Heaven?” Speaker: Joe Cresswell
Thu 12	2pm	Thursday at Two
Mon 16 –	am/pm	Bible Exhibition for local schools at the church
Thu 19		
Weds 18	7.45pm	Deputation Meeting – Douglas Young (Open Air Mission)
Thu 19	7.30pm	Followers’ Prayer Group at 68 Moseley Wood Walk
Fri 20	7.45pm	Missionary Prayer Group at 1 Tinshill Mount
Tue 24	7.30pm	Making and Thinking for Ladies at Church – “Knit for Need”
Thu 26	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: John Almond
	7.45pm	Elders/Deacons Meeting at 25 Holtdale Fold

Remembering Mum

My mum, Betty Smith, went to be with the Lord on 21st March 2014 and her Thanksgiving Service was held at Tinshill on Tuesday 1st April. Glyn took the service for his mum-in-law and we were thrilled that the church was so full for the occasion. We would like, through the pages of The Magazine, to thank everyone in Leeds, Leicester and the family of God in other places, for such support and love shown both in attendance at the service and in many letters received expressing appreciation for Mum. Our family in Leicester gave faithful and consistent practical support and love to her all through her time in Leicester, but I am so thankful that we were able to bring her ‘back home’ to Leeds for the last 3½ years of her life. It was amazing how many details fitted together to make that possible.



The following is taken from the Tribute which Glyn gave during the service.

“How do you cover 95 years?! Betty was born on 16th March 1919, 2nd daughter of William and Emily Goodall, the first daughter died in her mother’s arms on her first birthday from an infection. The third daughter was Joan, the beloved wife of Pastor Harry Sutton of Wigston, Leicester, both now with the Lord in Heaven.

Betty was brought up in her first years at Hanover Square, Leeds, and in her teenage and early twenties lived in Station Road, Armley. Though there was little money in the family, her parents put much store on sending both Betty and Joan to piano lessons and both became accomplished pianists – this gift was greatly used as both served the Lord faithfully playing for services for many years in their respective churches. In her late teens a friend took her to a special meeting at Ventnor Street Methodist Mission where the daughter of General Booth of the Salvation Army was speaking. Betty was greatly influenced and became a real Christian on that day. She filled in, and signed a card marking her trusting Christ as her Saviour and

kept that card to the end of her life. She continued at Ventnor Street and met a young man called Ernest in the youth group. Love blossomed. They bought a tandem and had many happy days of courtship travelling round the Yorkshire Dales covering many miles together in all weathers. The tandem was eventually superseded by motor bikes, increasing in power (no prizes for guessing who carries this family tradition on!). They married and had one child, Margaret, and the powerful Panther motorbike was exchanged for the first of a series of motor bikes with sidecar. Betty gave up her work as a tailoress to be a mum at home. Sadly she had a miscarriage two or three years later and Margaret remained an only child.

Again, sadly, Ernest died very suddenly at the young age of 42, taking his own life though he was a Christian. What a shock and a blow! She had always been a timid person who needed much support, but as there was no money and she was too young to get a widow's pension, she hit the ground running to find a full time job immediately. This she did with courage and determination and the Lord quickly placed her in Carlines supermarket on Armley Town Street where she was put in charge of the fruit and veg stall. No bad tomatoes or apples were allowed on her stall and she polished the fruit and set it out beautifully. She got an excellent reputation and drew in customers to Carlines. At church she was church pianist as well as 'flower lady'. Every week for years she would go down to Leeds market where a stall holder got the best flowers for her. She loved playing the piano and even in her latest years, after she went almost blind, she would ask to be brought round here to Tinshill when no one was in the building and play well known hymns by ear.

She took great delight in her grandchildren, Matt and Tom and was our much used baby-sitter in our early pioneering years at Tinshill. Then, when our boys were older, for the benefit of Betty's mum, Gran Goodall, the two were offered a double flat in Bethel Flats, Wigston (purpose built for older Christians at the church). Betty took time to settle, but came into her most productive years in a spiritual sense. Being the youngest in the flats she cared for older Christians, visiting them daily, shopping, fetching pensions, cooking meals for them. Cards sent at her passing speak of her 'cheerful presence', a lovely kindly lady who seemed to have been around for ever (!).

PREACHING PLAN

		Morning	Evening
June	8	Glyn Williams	Joe Cresswell
	15	Joe Cresswell	Joe Cresswell
	22	Joe Cresswell	Martin Sellens
	29	Joe Cresswell	Luke Jenner
July	6	Joe Cresswell	Joe Cresswell
	13	Glyn Williams	Martin Sellens
	20	Stephen Emmott	Stephen Emmott
	27	Joe Cresswell	Joe Cresswell
	August	3	Joe Cresswell

We welcome Luke Jenner, Pastor at Halifax Grace Baptist Church, for the first time in the evening of June 29th.

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

Do pray for our men as they minister outside the church as follows over the next couple of months:

Glyn Williams

June 22nd am/pm Bethel, Armley
 June 29th am Thorp Edge, Bradford
 July 13th pm Roundhay Evangelical
 August 3rd am Bethel, Ripon

Martin Sellens

July 27th am Garforth

Do pray for Joe and Glyn as they give a joint paper at The Yorkshire Reformed Ministers Fraternal on Monday 21st July entitled "Handing on the Baton".

Officer Jill Vine asked Sam Tsapwe, a local evangelist, if she could come along and arrange a picnic for people living in a local slum.

Sam said yes and the MAF team willingly agreed to help fund and fly in a catered picnic for 180 people.

‘After being flown in by MAF,’ Jill says, ‘we were taken to the slum. As we pulled up, hundreds of children ran towards us screaming joyfully.

‘Led by Sam, the pastors and children began singing and praying as we walked up a hill to picnic in a farmer’s field.

‘After eating, we prayed together, played games and then climbed further up the hill to see a stunning view overlooking blue water and sky, with eagles flying above.

‘Later, a game of football erupted with the new ball the Danish team had given the children. We shared in something that day that very much resembled heaven.’

A member of the Denmark team says he was so affected by his visit to a school in the slum area that he wants to return later this year to help build proper dormitories for the children. It’s yet another example of how MAF seeks to serve Uganda’s people.

A spot of humour

Proverbs 17v22 tells us that; “*A merry heart does good, like medicine*”.

In a certain church one of the church officers was well known for being austere and stern. On one Lord’s Day morning a little boy had taken a toy steam engine to church and was moving it along the book rest with the accompanying “shuh, shuh, shuh-a”. This so irritated the church officer who was sitting in front, that he turned round impatiently and said severely “shoosh”. The little lad, in all the innocence of childhood, looked up so sweetly and said “Do you play trains too?”

(Submitted by John Lewin)

For a person who was often fearful this shows the grace and strength in her which came from Christ alone. We give God the glory for how He uses the humble in His service.

At the age of 70 she met Albert Smith through church. He was 80! They got married and enjoyed each other’s company for the few years until Albert passed away. After 30 years in the flats, and now aged 91 her health required her to have full time care and she came back to be near Margaret and the family in Leeds. By a remarkable providence the funding for Cookridge Court, one mile from here, was arranged by a helpful social worker in Leicestershire County Council. Matt, Tom and Deborah, plus folk from the church here visited regularly and faithfully to the end. Matt did many a crossword with her on Saturday mornings to help keep her mind stimulated, and Tom read favourite readings to her from the Bible as well as Spurgeon daily readings almost every day over her last months when she was too weak to come out.

Though timid and often fearful she often showed courage. At 80 she went on the back of Matt’s big motorbike (no doubt with many happy memories). At 82 she went on a speedboat round Bridlington harbour, screaming with laughter, with Margaret and me holding her at either side. My purpose is not only to remember someone so loved, but to give God the glory for what He has done in her life. She is “With Christ, which is far better”.

Mum is now present with the Lord, but her earthly remains were laid to rest in Otley Cemetery to await the glorious moment of the resurrection of the dead when our triumphant Lord Jesus Christ will unite the resurrected bodies with the souls of all who have trusted in Him. When my Aunty Joan died in Leicester (after serving as an utterly committed pastor’s wife all her life) my Uncle Harry wrote on the flowers card which accompanied her earthly remains “Goodnight my darling, morning will come!” It most surely will. I could do no better than write on my mum’s card “Goodnight Mum, morning will come” What a moment that will be, and we children of mercy, all believers from all ages together in the presence of our dear Lord Jesus will praise Him forever for Calvary’s pain.

For yonder a light shines eternal,
Which spreads through the valley of gloom;
Lord Jesus, resplendent and regal,
Drives fear far away from the tomb.
Our God is the end of the journey,
His pleasant and glorious domain;
For there are the children of mercy,
Who praise Him for Calvary's pain.

(from "I saw a new vision of Jesus" – W. Vernon Higham)

Margaret Williams

Gospel lessons from the fig tree

The fig tree is mentioned throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It provided the first covering for man and woman (Genesis 3: 7) and is often mentioned in the Old Testament as a sign of blessing with the vine (e.g. Deuteronomy 8: 8). It is not surprising to find the fig tree used by the Lord Jesus in His ministry and teaching.

(1) Parable of the Barren Fig Tree – The need for fruit – Luke 13v6-9.

The patient owner comes looking for fruit for 3 years in this parable and finds none. The barren fig tree is a waste of space in the vineyard as it was grown for its fruit – usually 2 crops a year – and it produces nothing. The keeper of the vineyard gives it every opportunity to fruit-bear by digging round its root and fertilising it. If it produces nothing still it will be cut down.

The message of the parable is in its context in Luke 13 – unless you repent you will perish. If we are in God's vineyard then fruit is expected. This was pertinent for the Jews – God's chosen people – at the time of Jesus and it is pertinent for the church today. We must respond to the message of Jesus and His gospel and show fruits worthy of repentance to begin with and then fruitfulness in our Christian lives – growth and spiritual fruit in our character and influence.

"By this My Father is glorified in that you bear much fruit; so you will be

plagued by rebel activity and insecurity have been opened up, preventing vulnerable communities from being cut off when the roads become impassable.

Finding mercy

During the rainy season, MAF plays a crucial role in flying staff from Mercy Uganda quickly and safely to the Karamoja region where they offer practical support to the one million nomadic Karamajong people who saw 21% of their population die from famine in 1980.

Today, 34 years later, the Karamajong still rely on food aid.

To relieve some of the suffering, Mercy Uganda has dug wells and trained local people in farming techniques and handling livestock.

With the help of MAF, the organisation also serves vulnerable communities by helping women to earn an income through sewing, running a pregnancy care centre, operating a sponsorship programme that enables local children to receive an education, showing the Jesus film, and organising Bible studies.

A full day's flying

Apart from enabling Christian NGOs to serve people living in isolation, MAF flights help people in remote areas to receive primary healthcare and emergency medical airlifts.

One flight took staff from the Christian Counselling Fellowship from Kajjansi to Gulu, then picked up a passenger at Kaabong and took him to Kotido, where nine others boarded the plane for the flight back to Kajjansi — the day finally ending with Pilot Greg Vine leaving Kajjansi, airlifting two men injured in a car accident in the Democratic Republic of Congo, then flying them to hospital in Entebbe to receive urgent medical help.

A busy and fulfilling day!

Tasting heaven

MAF personnel also get involved in other ways.

When an MAF Denmark team flew to Bukasa Island, MAF Information

into a care home, and we are thankful that, in the final months, God blessed His trusting child with good, clean, wholesome care and company. She endured much pain and hardship with courage and patience but said several times “she was asking Father to take her home”. And so He did in His grace and mercy.

*Margaret Williams
(also using some extracts from Martin’s Tribute)*

A consistent Christian

Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew
My secret thoughts and failings and everything I do?

Oh could they see the likeness of Christ in me each day
Or could they hear Him speaking in every word I say?

Could I be called a Christian if other folk could know
That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?

Oh could they hear His echo in every song I sing?
In eating, drinking, dressing – is Christ in everything?

Could I be called a Christian if judged by what I read?
By all my recreation, and every thought and deed?

Could I be counted Christ-like as I now work and play –
Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others every day.

(Submitted by John Lewin)

MAF News to Share — June 2014

Planes, patients, picnics and passengers

MAF began flying in Uganda in 1987 in response to the needs of agencies seeking to rebuild the country after the devastating presidencies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote

Thanks to MAF aircraft, large areas of the country which have been

my disciples.” (John 15: 8 – see also vi6)

By our fruits we will be known – good fruit or bad fruit. What will be our legacy when our lives are over?

(2) Lesson of the withered Fig Tree – The need for faith – Mark 11v12-14 and 20-24.

This takes place the day after the triumphal entry to Jerusalem and is the week before Calvary and the cross. Jesus is hungry coming from Bethany and sees a fig tree but it has no fruit only leaves. Whilst it was not the time for gathering the fruit there is no sign of any fruit being set at all. The Lord curses the tree and it withers straight away from the roots. Peter remarks upon it later and Jesus’ response is *“Have faith in God”*. Here we see the outworking of the power of Christ in judgement and not blessing. Here is a picture of barrenness and a warning for us. We must not be hypocrites saying we believe and follow Jesus but have no fruit. We are not to be surprised by what God can do as the disciples were here – nothing is impossible, everything is possible. We are to have faith and not doubt. Doubt affects and spoils the success of our faith. Believing faith leads to powerful prayer.

(3) The Parable of the Fig Tree – The need for patient trust – Mark 13v28-31.

Jesus speaks here privately to His disciples and speaks of the destruction of the Temple and the End Times and what will happen. We are to learn from the parable of the fig tree – when its branches are tender and leaves come forth then summer is near. So likewise when we see things predicted and foretold coming to pass we know Jesus is close to returning. Heaven and earth will pass away but His words will remain and not pass away. God has ordained what has happened and will happen and given us signs. We are not to fret and worry but to be aware and watchful/prayerful. We need to have a godly view of world events and history and wait patiently for God to work out His eternal purposes. There were three listening to Jesus who did see the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem in AD70. We can have confidence in God’s Word and His timings.

Finally there is a very personal connection with a fig tree for Nathanael as

recorded in John 1. Jesus says to him *“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you”*. Nathanael acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God and King of Israel and Jesus told him he would see much greater things. The Lord knows us, and everything about us, before we know or acknowledge Him – our past, our present and our future, He deals with us personally and individually and there are greater things to see and know of Him as we trust and follow Him in this life and look for His coming again.

Martin Sellens

Remembering Irene



On the 20th May 2014 the Thanksgiving service took place at Tinshill for the life of Irene Harrison. Joe took the service and spoke from Psalm 103. When Joe had visited Irene she had spoken of her love for the Psalms so it was appropriate to speak from one at her Thanksgiving Service. Martin gave a very fitting tribute to Irene. She had trusted in the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour many years ago, and although she had many difficulties and trials in life with family and health issues, in her later years especially she came to a very peaceful and settled position trusting totally in her Heavenly Father for strength and grace. She passed peacefully into her Lord's presence on May 2nd at St James's University Hospital.

Irene was born Irene Hathaway on 26th May 1933 in Madoc, Ontario in Hastings County, Canada. Both Irene's father – Edgar, and mother – Violet were born in Otley, near Leeds at the turn of the nineteenth century/the early 1900s. Their ashes were scattered at Rawdon Crematorium where we also scattered Irene's ashes on May 23rd on the same plot called Daff Hill. In her notes for her funeral she said "I'd like to be 'near' them and 'useful' (ashes fertilise the earth, right?) at the last". Irene's grandfather had emigrated after the first World War to Canada and so it must have been by the early 1930s that Edgar and Violet had also

gone, before returning back in later life. How long Irene was in Canada before coming to England is not clear. She was certainly back in England by the mid 1950s, when she was in her early 20s.

Irene was a strong-willed, emotional, intense woman; warm and friendly. She had a sharp, inquisitive mind. She was straight talking with strong opinions on many topics. She was a keen crossword puzzler, she loved films and books, wrote copious letters and notes, and with her independent spirit had buzzed around on a motorbike in younger years.

Having worked as a telephonist/ receptionist and insurance clerk, she retired in the late 1990s. (One of her jobs had been telephonist/receptionist at Cookridge Hospital where Anthony Hilton met her when he first went to work there. Mary Smith had also known her when she worked at the Lawnswood Government Buildings). She had lived with her husband Harry for many years in Tinshill Lane and when she was widowed she moved to a smaller flat in Bedford Mount. It was around this time that she came to Tinshill and settled with us and came into Membership. She was already in poor health, her main difficulty at that time being chronic systemic osteo-arthritis due to missing spinal vertebrae, which was increasingly taking away her mobility. She walked to church for a while, then had lifts, but her independent spirit was pleased when she was able to get a motability scooter and get herself to church, which she did with regularity and gladness.

Her condition worsened, coupled with severe leg ulceration problems and high blood pressure and soon she was confined indoors. She loved the service of communion – Glyn and Martin would take it in turns (and most recently Joe), accompanied by 2 or 3 ladies, to hold a small communion service in her flat every few weeks. She loved those times – as did we – she anticipated them eagerly and was thankful for what mercies "Father" showed her and was keen to know what was happening in the church family. It was clear the Lord was with her in that flat.

In the years we have known her she was always cheerful and never complained. She regularly told us that "God's good". We were grateful that earlier this year, after spells in hospital, she was finally persuaded to move