

**UPPER TROSNANT
BAPTIST CHURCH**



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

GIVE THANKS

to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever!
1 Chronicles 16v34

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Letter from Pastor Richard

A "Jaws Moment"

Do you remember the 1970s film "Jaws"? It was about a shark that came to a beach and, understandably, terrified those who were there. As part of the action there was a group of people who went out into the ocean to look for this shark. At first, they did not find it, but as they were making their way back to the shore, suddenly it appeared. And the people on the boat responded in awe and amazement. Here was the shark!



At this year's Evangelical Movement of Wales Conference in Aberystwyth, the main speaker, Ian Parry, made reference to this incident in the film. He said that what we need as Christians is a "Jaws Moment", when we see God and all that he has done for us, and our response is similar to those who saw the shark in the film – one of awe and amazement. Over four sessions, he spoke of The Plan of the Father, The Glory of the Son, The Presence of the Spirit and the Freedom of the Church. I would thoroughly recommend watching them – go to YouTube and search for "Evangelical Movement of Wales". You will find videos there for "Aber 2023". These are the morning sessions.

I am sharing this because I was challenged and encouraged that what I need in my Christian life is a "Jaws Moment" to be amazed once again all that God has done in the Lord Jesus Christ by his Holy Spirit. And I would suggest that this is what we need as a church too. And, very importantly, when we have such a moment, it is not just something that happens, and we forget about it. It makes a real difference to the way we live our lives.

And so, I invite you to consider carefully all that God has done. The Bible is very clear that he has planned our Salvation from before the world was made. That was all fulfilled in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, by his life, death and resurrection. Then the Holy Spirit came to apply it to our lives. This then gives us what we need to be the church as he has called us.

I am aware as I wrote that last paragraph, that it may not sound all that exciting. But a “Jaws Moment” will make it so. When God comes by his Holy Spirit, what is ordinary becomes awesome and amazing. One of the verses that was used by Ian was Joel 2 v 28a:

And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

That was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. And it continues to this day. The presence of the Holy Spirit is vital in our lives as individual believers and the church. So, we will have a short sermon series on the Holy Spirit, beginning on 1st October. I am aware that this a big subject and that we will only be scratching the surface. But my prayer is that all of us will know his presence giving us a “Jaws Moment.”

*Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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Love in Jesus,

Pastor Richard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

On Sunday 8 October we will be celebrating our Church Anniversary – it will be 247 years since Christians started worshipping here at Upper Trosnant! Our guest preacher for the day is Tim Howlett from UFM Worldwide, and we will also be giving thanks to God for the faithful believers who founded our church, and for the many generations that have followed.

Please join us for praise and worship in the morning service, and for a Mission Special at 4 in the Hall. There will also be cake!

Doreen's Page: The Colour of Love

As we enjoy the colour of autumns leaves and berries, this lovely piece in Doreen's book A Benediction of Bluebells is a timely reminder of God's wonderful love.

Amongst the debates, discussions, deliberations and denials concerning the creation of the world, the one undeniable proof, for me, is that the world is full of colour! It is bright and beautiful, admirable and amazing. We are in the season of autumn, when green leaves turn amber, ochre, saffron, copper, bronze, and rust. Twilight skies are often a delicate shade of green. When Noah and his family left the ark, we read that God curved a rainbow over them as a sign of His love. Maybe He presented His love in every colour of that rainbow to reassure them that whatever happened next, He would bring light into each emotion and need.

We use colour to describe emotions. When life goes well, we declare that we are "in the pink!" When things do not work out as we expected, we feel "blue." We describe being "green with envy," or "red with rage." We call cowards "yellow." Special events are "purple patches!" The ultimate accolade is to be "as good as gold." However, when we speak of "black depression", we indicate that the light has gone out of our lives.

The good news is that God specializes in bringing light into our darkness. There is an old prayer that affirms this truth, "Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and darkness of this night." And He certainly will, when we ask him to. In light, every colour of the rainbow is held in perfect balance. Light does not contain black. Black is the absence of light. Faith switches on the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the fact of Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world.

In my classroom, we were arranging a collage of Autumn pictures. When it was gloriously finished, and we were admiring the combination of colours – lemon, primrose, mustard yellows; crimson, scarlet, ruby reds; navy, royal, kingfisher blues; emerald, lime and pea greens – I asked the children, "And which do you like best?" Noel (renowned for naughtiness!) spoke up first, "Them poisonous toadstools, Miss!" Undaunted, I asked, "Why?" With surprise, he replied, "The colour is so beautiful!" In our drab, doleful, and often dangerous world, look out for the colour of God's love.

Ask the Pastor



This is an issue that is very much in the news, and it provokes passionate responses in many people. I do not want to get into the details of Government or Opposition policies, but to find out, most importantly of all, what GOD thinks of this issue. From the time of Abraham in the Old Testament, God was calling out a nation for himself. They would worship and obey him and live under his rule and reign. God gave them a number of laws, which you can read in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These were specifically applied to God's people, and other nations did not necessarily abide by them. God was very clear that his people should stand out from the others, and not adopt their laws and practices.

However, and this is important to realise, the other nations were not outside of God's love and concern. His people were to live in the way they did in order to show God and his ways to others, so they too would come to worship him. And so, even though the people of Israel were God's people, he always had a heart for all the nations of the world. When the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world, he was born into Jewish culture and society. But what is clear in his ministry is that he was concerned to reach those who were from other nations as well as his own. Indeed, at the end of his life Jesus gave this commission to his disciples: *Go and make disciples of **all** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28 v 19 – 20)

In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of the way the Gospel went to many different nations. The essential principle to remember in the immigration discussion is this: God has a heart for ALL the nations of the world. We as Christians must also have a heart for ALL the nations of the world.

Over the decades, people have become much more mobile – moving around the world rather than staying in the country in which they were born. We have seen much of this here in the UK. Some believe that there are too many people coming into the UK, and that there should be more control on that. At its extreme, there are those who think all immigration should stop. It is worth considering that many who were born in the UK have an ancestry that comes from a variety of places. At some point, for nearly all of us, one of our ancestors will have been an immigrant into this country. And so, there has been a history of people coming to live here. This, then is nothing new. Maybe, in some people's mind it is the scale of immigration that is of concern. I would also point out that (as far as I am aware) there is no political party advocating an absence of any immigration control whatsoever. Obviously there has to be proper planning. There are also different opinions on how this should be done.

When the question is asked, "is it OK for Christians to oppose immigration", though we can be in favour of some level of control, we must as God's people remember that those who come are like us, human beings, made in the image of God. They are entitled to their dignity and must be treated properly. We certainly should not be in favour of any policy that leads to the mistreatment or demeaning of those wanting to enter the UK. We need to remember that God has a heart for all of these people, and so should we as his children. We should want the best for them, we should want them to meet with Jesus.

The question also referred to the fact that some immigrants do not share our culture or faith. I would say that we should not consider this a threat but rather an opportunity. We are to show them the love of Jesus. Our prayer is that we will continue to have the freedom to worship God, and share the Gospel, as others also have freedom for their religions.

To draw all this together, consider these words from Psalm 146 v 9:

*The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.*

If that is God's heart, ours as his people should be exactly the same.

Pastor Richard

Harvest Sunday 2023



On Sunday 17th September we celebrated Harvest, thanking God for his blessings, both of food and of salvation. The Church was beautifully decorated with colourful foliage and berries by Rhoswyn.

Thank you to Lorraine and Annmarie and everyone who donated food for such a beautiful—and useful display in the church.



All the food was shared between the Pontypool Food Bank and Vision of Hope.



During the service Keith sliced and served the harvest loaf which was much enjoyed by all.



Some people enjoyed fellowship over a picnic lunch together in the hall. The following weekend, a Harvest Tea was held on Saturday 23 September – more news of that in the next Newsletter!

Let us Praise God Wordsearch

These joyful words of praise to God can be read in 1 Chronicles 16, verses 31-4. How amazing to think that they are as powerful today as they were 3,000 years ago when David and his prophets were celebrating before the Lord. Find the words in bold below and the letters you have left will spell out one of the names of Jesus.

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D	R	E	V	E	R	O	F	L	R	U	E	C	O
E	O	T	N	I	N	O	R	T	O	R	C	A	F
H	L	H	N	D	E	D	H	S	Y	V	S	N	E
S	R	A	E	A	U	O	E	T	H	C	E	N	B
I	E	N	M	O	L	R	H	Y	R	I	Y	O	J
L	I	K	A	I	E	I	E	I	R	F	P	T	S
B	G	S	N	J	N	L	B	S	C	O	M	E	D
A	N	E	O	G	P	E	B	U	D	A	L	G	L
T	S	I	N	D	E	V	O	M	J	U	D	G	E
S	C	I	E	A	G	N	I	R	E	F	F	O	I
E	R	S	P	L	E	N	D	O	U	R	C	E	F
B	H	E	A	V	E	N	S	N	O	I	T	A	N

Ascribe to the **Lord** the **glory** due his **name**; **bring** an **offering** and **come** before him. **Worship** the Lord in the **splendour** of his **holiness**. **Tremble** before him, all the earth! The **world** is firmly **established**; it **cannot** be **moved**. Let the **heavens rejoice**, let the earth be **glad**; let them say **among** the **nations**, "The **Lord reigns!**" Let the sea **resound**, and all that is in it; let the **fields** be **jubilant**, and **everything** in them! Let the **trees** of the **forest** sing; let them sing for **joy before** the Lord, for he comes to **judge** the **earth**. Give **thanks** to the Lord, for he is **good**; his **love endures forever**.

Food & Agriculture - The Seasons Part 2

Our northern climate is different to Mediterranean seasons, but the following gives an outline of agricultural activity for the Israelites. An essential part of crop growing is the rainfall; high mountains encourage precipitation and the mountains north of Galilee receive most rain. For example the hills of Judea may only receive 20-30 inches per annum whereas Mount Hermon may receive 60 inches. In the southern, part near Beersheba, it may only have 8 inches of rain. The Bible described the fluctuating seasons with famines and drought, see 1Kings 17:1.

Winter

January (Shebat) this is the coldest month, with short dark days and heavy rainfalls.

February (Adar) an alternating month of rain and sunny days. Almond trees begin to blossom and the late barley seeds are sown.

March (Nisan) windy with much sunshine. The Bible calls the rain "latter rains" which encourages the barley and wheat crops. The apricot and almond trees would show off their blossom.

Spring

April (Iyyar) called the month of flowers; considered the greenest and beautiful of all the months. During this time dry desert winds would blow in for days at a time. During this month the wheat harvest begins in the Jordan valley and on the costal plain. The fruit trees are in blossom and show their leader growth. The peach, pomegranate, olive and other fruit trees are in blossom.



Spring

May (Sivan) During this month the heat increases and the rain ceases for about five months. The landscape changes; Jesus said, 'the grass withers and the flowers fade away', The spring fruits are ready, the green almonds, apricots, plums and vines are in blossom. Harvesting begins in the plains.

June (Tammuz) the land becomes parched and barren. Harvesting continues in the highlands.

July (Av) the summer heat is intense and the only respite is the westerly breezes and the commoners are busy on their threshing floors.

August (Elul) hottest month and grapes, figs, peaches, apples and pears ripen.

September (Tishri) summer heat is intensified by the "siroccos"; showers by the end of the month. Farmers dry their figs for winter and make grapes into raisins, syrup and wine. Bananas and pomegranates ripen. A month for ploughing.

October (Heshvan) Wheat and barley sowing. Grape and fig harvests, olives gathered and fattened sheep slaughtered. Sugarcane and dates would ripen. Ploughing would begin and rain would loosen the hard dry ground; these were known in Scripture as "the former rains".

God created the seasons to teach us that he provides our daily bread.



Summer

Autumn

Focus on Mission: Updates from BMS World Mission

Sometimes it seems that there is so much trouble in the world it's impossible even to remember every single humanitarian, disaster or emergency, let alone pray for it or try to do something to help! So it is good to know that BMS World Mission does not stop it's work of doing relief, recovery and support, even after the TV news cameras have moved on. Here are some updates from around the world, showing how our donations, and those from all the other churches in the BMS family have been helping people in the greatest need.

Refugees from Ukraine and elsewhere

"We walk with those forced to leave home, in a time where more people than ever before have been displaced – whether within their own countries or having crossed borders. This unprecedented displacement is a sign of the world's fragility. The United Nations Commission for Refugees estimates that 82.4 million people worldwide are displaced, whether internally or having crossed borders. That number has never been higher. And because of the war in Ukraine, it is only increasing. There are many reasons for flight, including war, conflict, persecution, natural disasters, deep-set destitution, and repression. Our mission workers and partners have seen examples of all of them. Your support is helping refugees from Ukraine and elsewhere find refuge in the face of desperate situations. We aim to counteract this fragility by improving services in their origin countries, establishing partnerships of humanity in places of transit and enabling networks of Christian welcome in destination countries."

Afghanistan

"As part of building up communities in fragile countries, BMS mission worker and agricultural expert Ruby [not her real name] created a 'food forest' in the rural mountains of Afghanistan, before the evacuation in August 2021. In communities where the winter snow melt can mean the difference between having enough to eat in the spring, or utter despair, this forest of apple, pear, plum and walnut trees attracted the attention of families in the surrounding villages, coming to ask about how to look after fruit trees, feed and prune them."

Greece

“As part of our mission to establish partnerships of humanity, we are working with a new partner on the Greek island of Lesbos, home to the Mavrovouni Refugee Camp, which was constructed after the fire in Moria Camp in September 2020. The first project of this partnership is the construction and running of a women’s centre, which includes everything from showers to laundry services, a hospitality area and a “shop” to distribute clothes and hygiene items.”

Lebanon

“After years continued catastrophe, we’ve enabled networks of Christian welcome through our long-standing partners in Lebanon. They’ve been working alongside local churches to help them implement relief projects for vulnerable individuals and families. Families like that of Imane, a Syrian refugee in Beirut. “The food prices are out of this world,” she says. But thanks to the voucher she has received from the church, “I was able to buy many things I couldn’t afford anymore.” The church has also provided Imane, and others like her, with hygiene kits and provisions to help them survive a harsh winter.”

Chad

“Located at the crossroads of north and central Africa, Chad is a tough country to build your life in. Life expectancy is only 52.5 years and one in nine children in Chad die before their fifth birthday. N’Djamena, the capital of Chad, suffers from a lack of power; people are often without electricity for five to six hours a day. Guinebor II Hospital (G2) used to rely on a combination of diesel generators and a small array of lead acid solar panels. When someone required oxygen, a small diesel generator had to power the concentrator and the room would fill with fumes! Drugs went out of date due to fridges overheating, babies were delivered by torchlight and there were no fans on the wards, where the temperature can hit 45 degrees. Patients were choosing to sleep outside, significantly increasing the risk of malaria. A recent project, part-funded by BMS supporters, has enabled G2’s solar capacity to increase threefold, allowing the hospital to significantly reduce its dependence on diesel generators. The array of new solar panels was also installed alongside a Chadian electrician, allowing local staff to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to repair and maintain it.”

Upper Trosnant Update

- Often, this time of year is seen as a “beginning of term”. The work at Trosnant has continued throughout the Summer, and, as we said in the last newsletter, God has been good to us. However, as we move into the autumn it is an opportunity to reset and seek God afresh for his presence with us.
- Pastor Richard and Annmarie have enjoyed two weeks of holiday, visiting Yorkshire and North Wales. It was a restful and refreshing time.
- As this Update was being prepared, we were in our “Harvest” season, including our Harvest Sunday (see page 7) and Saturday Harvest Tea.
- Garden Fellowship and Open House continued through September. They have still mostly been inside due to the weather, but it has been great to have that informal fellowship each week. Monday 25th September is a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. From the beginning of October, we will rename our Monday afternoons “Warm Space”, with Open House on the second week of each month. Come and join us between 2.00 and 4.00 pm in the hall.
- Sisterhood has started again after the Summer break, although some appreciated getting together for informal fellowship during that time. It’s great to be back, and all ladies are welcome to the meetings each Tuesday from 2.30 pm. There is singing, prayer and study of God’s Word, not forgetting refreshments too!
- Work has begun to rectify the damp on one side of our building. This will take a few weeks and should not cause too much disruption. Any necessary changes, we will let you know in plenty of time.
- It is great that we are continuing to work with other churches in Pontypool in corporate witness, including harvest hymn singing in the Market. A number of Christmas events are planned. Please pray for all of these, that we will, together, be able to show Jesus to the people of our town. The monthly Prayer and Praise evenings, which are at different churches continue to be much appreciated.

Another Chance to Hear Christian Williams

As I'm sure most readers of the Newsletter know, Upper Trosnant is in the Gwent Baptist Association, which in turn is part of the Baptist Union of Wales. Each year, the Gwent Baptist Association has a special Autumn Meeting, to which anyone from any of its churches is invited to attend.

This time, it is the turn of us at Trosnant to host the event. It will be in our hall on **Thursday 19th October at 7.00 pm**, starting with a cup of tea or coffee with the actual meeting at 7.30. Can I encourage you to be there. I can assure you it is not simply a business meeting – there *is* some business to do, but that only takes about 15 minutes out of the whole evening. It is an opportunity for fellowship, to worship God together and to hear from his word.

Our speaker is Christian Williams, who has become a good friend to us at Upper Trosnant over the past few years as he has taken us through the CIO process. Please put the date in your diary.

Sunday@4 in the Church hall

From Sunday October 1st Sunday@4 will be held in the hall every week. We are looking forward to meeting regularly again on Sunday afternoons and hope that many of you will join us. The plan is to develop a range of discussions and guests over time, for instance:

- **Fellowship and Facebook Live** – as we do now, sharing a time of fellowship before Pastor Richard goes live on Facebook.
- **Communion** – celebrating the Lord's Supper in a more informal setting.
- **Sermon Discussions** – Bring your questions on the sermon whether about the general themes or specific details.
- **Mission and Ministry focus** – visits from CAP, Messianic Testimony, BMS, Vision of Hope...
- **Special events** – Q&A sessions, seasonal events, guest speakers...

Sunday morning's service of worship and the Word remains our main gathering. If you are only able to come once on Sundays, then please make the morning service your priority. However, can I encourage you to come on Sunday afternoons when you can, for further fellowship, discussion and encouragement.

Pastor Richard

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY SERVICES AND PREACHERS

11.00 am: In the Church building and later on YouTube;
followed by Tea and Coffee in the Hall.

1st	Pastor Richard (Communion)
8th	Tim Howlett – Anniversary and Mission Focus
15th	Pastor Richard – Shoebox Sunday
22nd	Richard Harrison
29th	Pastor Richard

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS @ 4 O'CLOCK

Meeting together in the Hall, with tea and coffee.

1st	Fellowship and Facebook Live with Annmarie
8th	Mission Special with Tim Howlett from UFM
15th	Informal Communion, with Pastor Richard
22nd	Fellowship and Facebook Live with Pastor Richard
29th	Sermon Discussion with Pastor Richard

MONDAY: WARM SPACE – every week 2.00–4.00 pm in the Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to drop in for a friendly chat over a nice cup of tea of coffee and biscuits.

9th – OPEN HOUSE – We play games or share crafts, or just meet for a cup of tea and a chat.

16th – 2.00 pm – SERVICE AT TY CEIRIOS – new faces are always welcome to join us singing with the residents.

TUESDAY – SISTERHOOD 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Hall

3rd	Annmarie Miles
10th	Jill Morley
17th	Sharing Together
24th	Lorraine Breese
31st	Sisterhood Lunch out

WEDNESDAY – PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

4th – 6.50 pm for a 7.00 pm start

11th and 25th – 1.50 pm for a 2.00 pm start

18th – Quarterly Church Meeting – 6.50 for 7.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Church Members, please come if you can, to show your support for our leadership team and take part in making decisions about future events and finance.

THURSDAY

19th – **GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETING**, 7 for 7.30 pm, in the hall. See page 14 for more information.

28th – PRAYER AND PRAISE EVENING

Join with Churches United in Pontypool, at 7.00 pm at Merchant's Hill Baptist Church, Pontnewynydd.

SATURDAY

During the colder months we will be holding a Soup on Saturday lunch every month. The first is on October 14th – see the back page for details.

ROTA for OCTOBER

	Reading	Door	Teas AM	Teas @4	Flowers
1 st	Anthea	Jill	Janet J.	Annmarie	Clare
8 th	Tim Howlett	Anthea	Rhoswyn	Jill	Barbara
15 th	Ena	Clare	Clare	Anthea & Janet J	Annmarie
22 nd	Richard H.	Lorraine	Lorraine	Annmarie	Lorraine
29 th	Tony	Ena	Jill	Clare	Sandra
Communion: 1 st : Barbara			15 th : Annmarie		

Prayer Pages

Praying through the Years

Have you ever stopped to think how much prayer there is in the Bible? The prophets in the Old Testament were frequently talking to God – that is prayer. King David wrote and sang Psalms and played his harp to express his emotions before the Lord – that is prayer. Jesus often went to a quiet place on his own to pray, and at the Last Supper he prayed for his disciples – and also for us, as future believers. You can read that prayer in John 17.

As we celebrate the 247th Anniversary of Upper Trosnant, it is good to look back and thank God for our Church, which most certainly would not be open today if not for the countless prayers of generations of Christians all the way back to 1776. We can be sure that only with prayer did they decide to meet together, to call the first pastor, and to raise money for the first building. Our current building dates from 1820: did people pray that it would still be open for worship 200 years on? Older members of the congregation will remember the prayers that were raised when our wonderful Hall was rebuilt on the foundations of an old tin hut in the graveyard – and how marvellously those prayers were answered in terms of finance and workers. And just as we, the fellowship of today, sought God's help and guidance during the Covid pandemic, so previous generations prayed their way through the Napoleonic, Crimean, and two World Wars, and sought the Lord in times of national and local crisis, including food shortages, industrial turmoil and pit disasters. Surely they also praised God together at times of rejoicing, such as births, marriages, baptisms – and what about during the Welsh Revival of 1904?

As we look forward to the months and years ahead, let us follow the example of those who went before us, and, as Paul said to the church at Thessalonica, 'rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances...'

Prayers for our Church

Let us rejoice that so much is happening at Upper Trosnant in October, and thank God especially for our Pastor and Annmarie, for our faithful and hard-working leadership team, and for the uplifting singing each Sunday. Let us pray for the preaching of the word in services, and thank God that

we can meet in freedom and enjoy praising God in music and song.

Then let us pray for all midweek meetings, asking that we will learn something new at Bible Study or Sisterhood, or that we can be a blessing to strangers who might come to the Warm Space.

Pray too for the future of Upper Trosnant. Ask the Lord to raise up a new generation of families and young people who will be the members of the future. And as John McCoy and his team work to protect the side wall of the church building from rain, let us pray that in another 200 years from now it might still be standing firm with a congregation meeting regularly to praise God and preach the word.

Let us pray too for our town and our local area, and the other churches in Pontypool and in the Gwent Baptist Association.

Prayers for our Church Family and Fellowship

Remember our missionary friends working overseas: Margaret and Roy Collins-Reece in Toulouse; and for David and Sue Verwey in Japan. Ask the Lord to guide our church as we seek a new BMS mission worker whom we can support and partner in prayer.

Continue to lift up Dale Norman in his final year of ministerial training at Cardiff Baptist College, as he and Naomi wait on the Lord as to where they will serve him in the years ahead.

As the colder weather of autumn takes hold, let us lift up one another in prayer. Remember especially all those who are ill or frail, or recovering from illness or accidents, or in need of a special touch from the Lord: Val Attwell, Emma Attwell, Barbara's sister Brenda, Beryl from Blaenavon, Dave Breese, Pam Charles, Doreen Dixon, Lindsey Firth, Liz Harris, Doreen Harrison, Audrey and Eric Jones, Jean Miles, Helen Norman, Jeff Parry, Judith Parry, Janet Pollard, Ann Price, Ron Saunders, Ann Stephens, Alan Stephens, Linda Swires-Hennessy, Greta and Derek Wagg, Marion Webb.



Hello
October

**You are
invited**

**UPPER TROSNANT
BAPTIST CHURCH**



**Soup on
Saturday**

**14th of October
at 1.30pm**

**Please let us know if you are coming
via the contact details below.**

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