

## My Bible-My Story



‘School has been a cause of stress for me, meeting deadlines and doing exams. I feel the stress in my stomach. I feel dread that something is going to come, some sort of punishment. It used to stop me sleeping.

‘The pandemic has definitely been weird. It’s been much harder to work from home because that’s the place where you relax.

‘But, during the pandemic I read Ecclesiastes. It’s about a man who says that life is useless. I found it useful, because it made me see that God is in control and that he knows everything that will be, so you should be able to go with what’s happening.

‘So, if I get any anxiety, I remind myself that he is in control and then I can leave things in his control. I try to do that as much as possible.

Sometimes it’s not as easy as other times! But, I have got much better at it. I talk to him and I say, “I need help with this, and I know you can deal with it”.

‘I have definitely seen God dealing with stuff and I feel thankful for that. Some of the things that I worry about have gone away. That’s so nice.’



*A Life of Grace* will provide a lasting opportunity to remember Queen Elizabeth from a Christian perspective. The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity and HOPE Together have joined with the Bible Society to produce this new book in commemoration of our late Queen’s long life and deep faith.

You can pre-order *A Life of Grace* from [HOPE](#).

What made Queen Elizabeth II so admired, respected, and loved by so many across the globe? Across 10 chapters, this beautiful book explores Elizabeth’s own answer to that question, highlighting how her dynamic Christian faith shaped her vision for her role, and empowered her to be the inspiring servant and example she was, and remains.

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# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday September 25th 2022



**Harvest Thanksgiving led by**  
**Adam Stacey**  
***All Age Family Worship***  
**WELCOME!**

## **What's on this week:-**

**Wednesday** Morning study group 10.30  
at Barry/Sandra Jackman's

**Saturday Oct 1st 3pm**

**Induction of Robert Savoii**

**Sun: Oct 2nd** Robert Savoii preaching

**Sun:** 4pm All Hallows Forest Church.  
Millennium Meadow.

A family orientated fun afternoon so all  
families more than welcome!

## **Speakers during October.**

**2nd Robert Savoii**

**9th David Choules**

**16th Robert Savoii**

**23rd Robert Savoii**

**30th Bob Smith [Basingstoke]**

## **Saturday October 1st 3pm**

Induction to the Ministry of WBC of  
Robert Savoii led by Rev Colin Norris  
Area Minister.

**Guest Speaker** Rev John Macaulay  
recently retired from  
Foleshill Baptist Church. Coventry.  
*[the church Robert was associated  
with!]*

Refreshments provided afterwards and  
you are sincerely welcome to join us.

**Please note:** If you are planning to  
attend please indicate that on the form  
on the Notice Board. **PLUS** if you are  
able to provide a cake let June know!



**For our Harvest Project this  
year we are donating food and  
other items to Andover Food  
Bank.**

If you can bring your donation  
on Sunday morning 25th they  
will form a Harvest display and  
then will be donated to  
Andover Food Bank.

## **Items needed:**

**Tinned soup. Tinned fruit.**  
**Pasta Sauce. Long Grain Rice.**  
**Cream Crackers/Ritz biscuits.**  
**Tinned rice pudding.**  
**Tinned Custard. Biscuits.**

## **Cleaning Products:**

**Dish cloths/sponges.**  
**Washing Up Liquid.**  
**Laundry Liquid/ Powder soap.**  
**Soap. Shampoo.**  
**Frying Pans.**

## **The story behind**

**'Come ye thankful people come!'**

This hymn was originally written for  
a Harvest Celebration by Henry  
Alford who was born in London in  
1810 and whose mother died dur-  
ing his birth. He was led to faith by  
his clergyman father and nourished  
in the faith by him. During his life  
he was known as a poet, preacher,  
painter, musician and critic and was  
reminded of Exodus 23 'Thou shalt  
keep the feast of harvest'. Harvest  
is a time of great joy when we real-  
ise the fulfilment of God's promise  
to supply our needs and it is this  
thought which is emphasized in the  
first verse. We gather in Gods tem-  
ple to raise the song of Harvest  
Home and to thank Him for His  
smile on 'mans industry'. 'Come' is  
one of Gods favourite words!  
From the idea of the material har-  
vest we pass to the spiritual, and  
verse two highlights Matt 13 and  
Mark 4. Through the sowing of the  
eternal seed in our lives by the  
Holy Spirit we become wholesome  
and pure grain for His garner. The  
final verse deals with Christ's Har-  
vest Home and His return in glory.  
The hymn concludes with the  
thought that in His presence we  
shall be 'free from sorrow, free  
from sin'. Even the last judgement  
is touched on with sheaves being  
burned and it is surprising it is so  
popular given the fundamental  
truths contained. So maybe we can  
sing it more meaningfully!

Give thanks to God for the public  
display of our faith with the bap-  
tisms! Also for the very positive  
and widespread testimonies from a  
variety of sources regarding the  
Queen's deep faith and love of the  
Bible. Give thanks that none was  
'watered down' and her trust in  
Jesus and dependency on the Bible  
as the Word of God, was explicitly  
evident in every aspect of her life.

