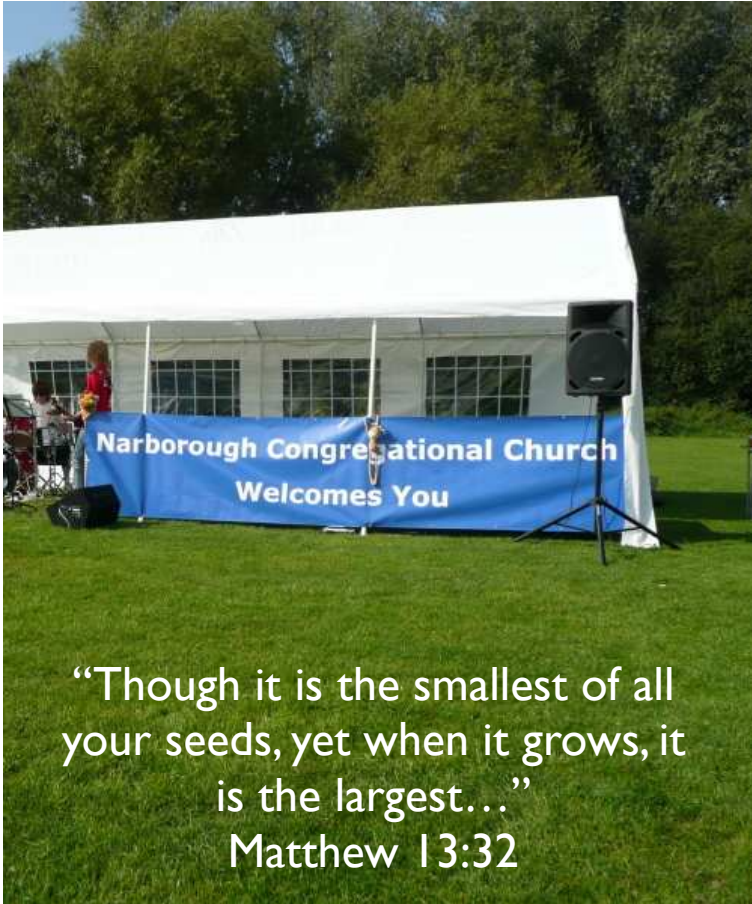


# Narborough Congregational Church



“Though it is the smallest of all  
your seeds, yet when it grows, it  
is the largest...”

Matthew 13:32

*October 2008*

## **FRONT COVER PHOTO**

The photo on the front cover this month is of our Fun With The Son event on Littlethorpe Park. This event went really well and the photographs from the day can be seen in the centre of this magazine!

We went out to make people feel welcome to come to our church but more importantly to come to our God. That is why I chose this photograph in particular.

Matthew 13:32 discusses the growth of our smallest seeds. Even if we did not have any immediate response from our time on Littlethorpe park I'm sure we helped God to plant many seeds into people's hearts.

## **CONTACT FOR MAGAZINE**

Any comments or articles for the magazine can still be sent to me via e-mail. But there is now a page on our website from which I can be reached!

-Gemma Wilkinson

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all our church friends and family for three lovely days as we celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary which everyone helped us to celebrate. We would also like to say thank you for the lovely gifts and good wishes for the future. Thank you Mick & Deb for the lovely photographs which we can look back on and remember our 60 happy years together.

-George and Audrey Price

## BREAD AND WINE

Be gentle when you touch bread  
Let it not be uncared for,  
Unwanted.....  
So often is bread taken for granted.

There is so much beauty in bread...  
Beauty of pain and toil,  
Beauty of sun and soil,  
The winds of the air caressed it....  
Christ often blessed it.  
Be careful when you touch bread.

Be loving when you drink wine  
So joyfully shared,  
In the spirit of Him who cared,  
Warm as the flowing river,  
Deep as the soil,  
Of human toil.  
The winds of the air caressed it....  
Christ often blessed it.  
Be loving when you drink wine.

This poem was taken from the Grace Magazine. Its author is unknown. I'd like to thank Peggy Hall for bringing it to me for this magazine.

## GRAPEVINE

Grapevine was the most amazing experience. One of my favourite talks was from Tommy Cannon on Saturday afternoon... He talked about how God romanced him, kept knocking on the door waiting to be let in...

That's just how I felt, when on Saturday night, having been going to Church for 5 years now, I actually felt the Holy Spirit, and it was the most amazing feeling!

On the Saturday morning both myself and Mark went to service and felt so moved we cried for some time. I believe it was the last barrier to feeling the Holy Spirit breaking down, and boy was it worth it.

That evening, while listening to Dwayne White speak, I felt it! I feel I have been baptised all over again, but this time I GET IT! Now I understand the closed eyes, the hands in the air, and even the Hallelujahs!

Tommy Cannon was romanced and so was I, HE's been knocking at my door for years, and at Grapevine I let him in! Bobby Ball told us to tell everyone we know that Jesus loves them... and this week I have been doing just that! I have and will continue to invite friends, family and neighbours to church, and tell them the Good News (now I understand why it is soooo Good)!

I can't wait to see our church so full it's standing room only. Grapevine gave me the most amazing gift....sight! And my husband is seeing it too, after 5 years of trying to get him to

church, he now invites himself, and that wasn't just Grapevine, but also how great everyone was who was there!

So, thanks to Debs, Mick, John, Ann, Gemma, Lesley and Frank, you made the weekend for me and my family and brought us all closer to GOD!

**Hallelujah!**

-Katie Johnson

*“Trust the past to God’s mercy,  
The present to God’s love  
And  
The future to God’s providence...”*

Quote from St. Augustine

*And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9

***“I see a Generation....  
Rising up to take their place.  
With Selfless Faith...”  
-‘Hosannah’ Hillsong***

On Sunday 14th September we sang ‘Hosannah’ in our church for the first time. During the song Mick made a point of how much the song had affected him the first time he heard it. On that Sunday it greatly affected me too,

This however wasn’t the first time I had heard the song. In fact I have the song on my iPod and it is a particular favourite of mine when I’m travelling! I was at Grapevine and as the lyrics “I see a generation, rising up to take their place” were sung I felt a connection. I was connected to a ‘new’ generation.... Even if I’m not part of a chosen generation I want to be a youth worker—so I will hopefully support this generation!

However when we sang the same lyrics in Church that Sunday I really and truly heard them. Most importantly I realised I’d overlooked the line- “With Selfless Faith.”

Mick then shared his experiences. He focused on the very simple fact that sometimes we can be so caught up with Church that we forget about God.

When I first heard the song ‘Hosannah’ I was full of excitement for living my life; doing work for God. I had looked at so many different youth work course and youth ministry internships that my head was spinning. I was so eager to get on with it!

In my rush to make a commitment to God I had completely ignored what commitment God wants me to make!

Luke 22:42 says simply- "Yet not my will but yours be done.."

Occasionally we can be, I definitely have been, selfish in my faith. Hoping for answered prayer for my own purpose. Being busy doing things in the knowledge of God. Not doing things WITH God.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

I do still want to be a youth worker and do desperately want to see my generation changed and in turn change the nation. But anything I do I pray will only be done through God's will. I will try to make sure it is also done with 'Selfless Faith.'

-Gemma Wilkinson

## **THANK YOU!**

Everyone at Narborough Congregational Church would like to thank Viv Laxton for putting together a lovely Harvest meal for us.

Thanks of course to Lesley Sanders for helping Viv with this too!

## FUN WITH THE SON

On Sunday the 21st of September we went to Littlethorpe Park for Fun With The Son. A very different day than we have had before, but one that went really well!



God Blessed us with fantastic weather!



Also with a large number of visitors!



The children all loved the bouncy castle!



Outreach to our community shows our heart for this area. By expressing this we are sowing seeds for the future and helping bring God's glory to our villages!

**Creation**  
**12.09.08 5a.m.(!)**

Two days ago scientist from around the world met in Geneva to try and recreate the moment after the 'big bang' occurred. A 27km circular tunnel was built at a cost of £5billion.

There is nothing wrong with science; God did not create intelligent minds for us not to use them. Surely though if God created us out of love, we should be using our intelligence and energy to share that love, to bring others who don't know that love, to experience and know it; that when our time on this earth ends as we know it now, we will be able to live the way that God intended, to remain together in that love, forever.

God created and ordered the galaxies for his purpose, how could there be such order in the vastness without reason. To say that it 'just happened' surely requires more faith than to believe God is behind this great order of happenings. God is love and he created this world to express this love. Because of sin in the world though, life does not exist as God intended, we need to reach out in faith for that love and learn to live as he intended.

God bless you all

-Elaine Taylor

# THANK YOU!

**Wow!!!**

What can I say, and where do I start?

I want to thank Lesley my wife and all her little helpers for the work they put in to preparing the Rob John Hall, the food, the music, and serving the drinks for my birthday bash.

I want also to thank everyone who gave up their time and turned out to help me celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Not only did you give of your time, you gave gifts and then sang to me as well, and if that were not enough; some of you then chose to entertain me. What a great night.

A night shared with good friends is always special, but the night of September 26<sup>th</sup> was very special because so many chose to share their night with me.

Thank you all for you gifts and love; thank you for a birthday I won't forget.

-John Sanders

## MEETING GOD

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his

mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone who came to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

We had some fantastic cakes baked and we raised £23.50 on the day, with a little more money rolling in. Kleeneze, whom we work with, are aiming to raise £85,000 during this appeal between the 7,000 active UK distributorships....so it all helps!

-Katie Johnson

# ALF

ABOUT LIFE & FAITH

ALF returned with the schools on the 4th September. With it came the introduction of a new group for the ages 11-14: Xtreme. After a slow beginning Xtreme is going well. Aimed more at discussion with a youth club feel the children seem to enjoy it greatly.

ALF is going really well too. Currently the children are looking at Creation, day by day. They're enjoying the activities— especially finger painting!

-David Wilkinson

## **Birthdays!**

We at Narborough Congregational Church would like to wish a very happy birthday to-

Peggy Hall on the 2nd October

Enid Neish on the 19th October

And to George Price on the 21st October

Hope you all have brilliant days!

## Services

**Start time 10.00am unless otherwise stated**

**5th October**

**Communion**

John Moore

Nehemiah Chapter 4

**2nd November 4.00pm**

Simon Mathews

Nehemiah Chapter 9

**Please note change of time**

**12th October**

Enid Lee

Nehemiah Chapter 6

**19th October**

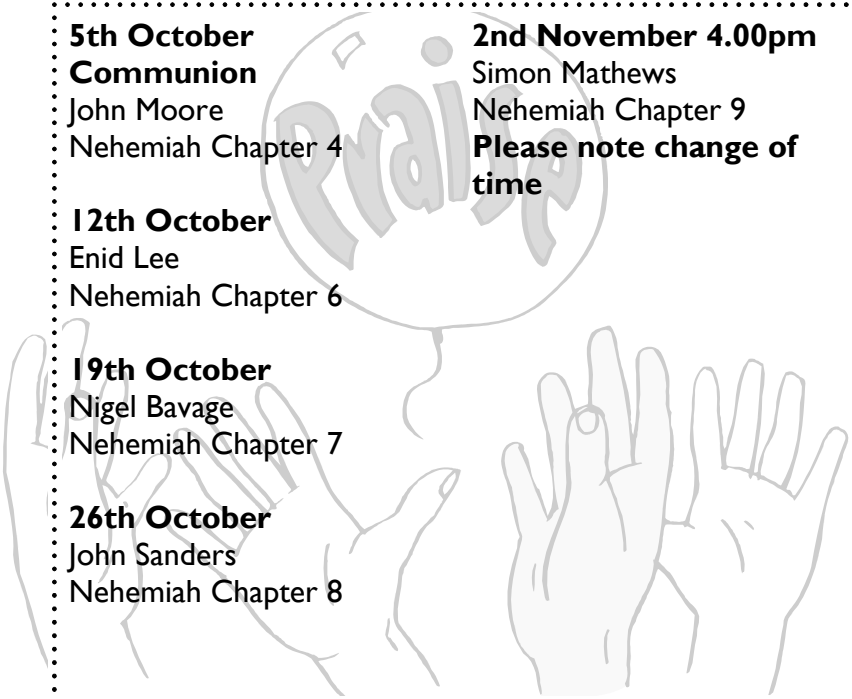
Nigel Bavage

Nehemiah Chapter 7

**26th October**

John Sanders

Nehemiah Chapter 8



## Flower Rota

**18th October**

Elaine Taylor

**25th October**

George and Audrey Price

**1st November**

Lesley Dryell



### Normal Weekly Activities

Family Worship:	Sundays	10.00am
Church open for prayer:	Sundays from	9.00am
	Mondays from	7.30pm
	Thursdays from	10.15am
8 O'clock club:	Tuesdays	8.00pm
Freedom in Christ	Wednesdays	1.30pm
First Steps	Wednesdays	7.30pm
Pete's Coffee Bar:	Thursdays	11.00am-12.30pm
Freedom in Christ	Thursdays	7.30pm
Church Cleaning And Gardening	Every Second Saturday	

### Forthcoming Events

Prayer Meeting	Monday	6th October	7.30pm
Leaders Meeting	Tuesday	7th October	7.30pm
Pumpline Leaders Meeting	Thursday	16th October	12.00pm
Huntingdon			
Church Meeting	Monday	20th October	7.30pm
Songs of Praise	Monday	27th October	7.30pm
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday	9th November	10.00am
Leaders Meeting	Tuesday	11th November	7.30pm

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