



Message from Sarah Bingham

So, summer has come – no, it really has, despite the rain! School is out, Mend-It has shut for the summer, people are coming and going for vacations and days out. It would be very easy to think of the summer as a ‘lazy’ time, yet taking a break is right at the heart of God’s plans for all of us. ‘Six days you shall labour, and on the seventh, rest.’

The idea of Sabbath is instilled throughout the Bible; God made the world in six days (metaphorically) and then paused to reflect. The land in Israel was to be planted and harvested for six years, and then allowed to rest for a year. God established the concept of ‘jubilee’, too. After 7 rounds of 7 years, in the 50th year land ownership reverted to families who for economic reasons had been forced to sell it. People who had sold themselves into slavery to save themselves from starvation were to be liberated – whether they had been slaves for 49 years or 1!

Jesus came along and upset the legalism of the Sabbath – redefining it as for our benefit, rather than as a master with rules to be slavishly followed. Why is Sabbath – regular rest – important? We need time to pause, to reflect, to look back. We need time to grow and develop. We need times of quiet to dream dreams and plan plans. This summer, take the opportunity to rest in God as well as resting physically. Examine your walk with God and spend time getting to know Him better. Examine your relationships with neighbours and take time to have a cuppa and a chat. Examine your relationship with yourself and seek peace and healing from God where you feel tired, weary and heavy-laden.

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28-30 (Message translation)

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Tribute to Linneth Scott

Linneth first came to join the fellowship at Green Lane Baptist Church in 1982 when the church she had been attending, Vicarage Walk Baptist Church ceased to be a Baptist Church and she became an active Church Member.

She regularly attended Bible study sessions and prayer meetings during the ministries of the Rev. Ron Mason and the Rev. Bob Morris.

She became a staunch supporter of the women's guild and was also a member of the committee. For many years she was this church's representative for the women's World Day of Prayer.

When we needed to raise money for a new roof in 1988 Linneth assisted Gwen Mason for many years, and later Pam and John Archer, on the household store at the Christmas Fayre. She also helped to sell items of clothing and bric-a-brac at the Thursday coffee mornings with Ron Mason, Dough Haigh and Dilys Evans. In later years she always endeavoured to support the Saturday coffee mornings and gave a generous donation if she were unable to attend in person.

She was elected to the diaconate in 2002 and took her responsibilities as deacon very seriously for the rest of her life.

She interviewed many candidates for church membership and could be relied on to give a full and comprehensive report to the Church Members Meeting.

Linneth possessed many qualities in the life of the church. She was a very hard worker and also available to attend meetings and carry out her duties. Many people loved her and looked up to her for her ability to always be there to listen and give advice.

She will be greatly missed by all those who loved her.

Linneth had a great trust in her Lord and was a devout Christian.

One can imagine her Heavenly Father saying to her “Well done thou good and faithful servant”