



October 2023 Newsletter

A Good Cause

Every year we donate to the work of Operation Agri. We believe it is a good cause. Yet as we only receive three copies of its magazine, many of us know very little about what it does. Here are some examples taken from the current magazine.

OA supports fish farms in Mozambique. This enables fishermen to get a more regular supply of fish in cultivated ponds. This protects them when cyclones destroy other ways of fishing. It also revives local economies.

Many pastors in Africa do not have regular stipends. OA supports their wives who have begun small agricultural projects to give their husbands more opportunities for preaching and pastoral work.

In Nicaragua, in Central America, health projects are improving the lives of rural communities that have few resources.

In Tanzania, Farming Partnerships have enabled farmers to work together and improve their working practices and work together.

Empowering Girls, in Bangladesh, and Growing Greener, in Malawi, add to this list, small scale projects involving local people and their skills, all done in the name of Jesus make OA a very good cause and now which we should support to the full.

Fred

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Alpha – Stay Curious?

Alpha began at a church called Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) in London in 1977, led by Nicky Gumbel as a series of talks on issues of faith, hope and Christian living supported using video presentations. GLBC has chosen to present Alpha using the Handbook Guide to ensure all attendees are valued and receive a copy to facilitate timely reading and pace of seeking to find Jesus and relate to each talk. Please do join with us each Sundays at 10.30am. The talk is followed by open questions and answers then fellowship and hot refreshments. All are welcome – all is free and I hope to see you soon.

Maxine

Prayer Breakfast Saturdays

There will be more breakfast meetings led by Pastor Mike. We were very encouraged at the relaunch having not had much in person group prayer for a long time. This was followed next by a refreshing and blessed Harvest Sunday service on Sunday 24th Sept and a feeling as Mike told us, "There is a sense that we have a future at GLBC. God is doing something here."

The next Prayer Breakfast dates are:

Saturday 21st October

Saturday 18th November

Saturday 16th December

Guest Preachers

1st October: Jackie Humphries

From: Tipton Christian Church

8th October: Debbie Hardiman

From: GLBC

15th October: Jackie Humphries

From: Tipton Christian Church

22nd October: Mike Buck (Our Moderator)

From: Londonderry Baptist Church, Oldbury

29th October: Maxine Chamberlain

From: GLBC

Saturday 29th October: Clocks Go Back An Hour