

Notices Extra – Oct. 2018

This is our monthly update highlighting one group or activity from our church and one group / organisation that we support as a church. Please use the information as a focus for your prayers.

Hawthorn Corner Senior Citizens Club

We meet at 1.30pm on Thursdays. Our key objectives are the building of relationships with love and care and reaching out to the community. We have a membership of 30 to 40, a crowd of happy enthusiastic people, both male and female. We start our afternoon with a hymn and short gospel message, a prayer, remembering those in need and asking for prayer requests.

Light entertainment is provided by musicians and singers, we also have quizzes and keep fit sessions. The list of suitable participants has built up over the years, many recommended by the council. They are very talented and everyone really enjoys it! Several day trips are arranged, as well as meals out and birthday parties, all of which are well attended. Families see the benefits and encourage their loved ones to attend. We have a good team of helpers for which we thank God. We are blessed when we see the many ways that friendships develop especially as many of the people who come now live alone. Looking back over the years we have enjoyed the love and friendship of so many dear members, it hurts when we say goodbye, but we thank God for each one. It has been a pleasure to have known them and to have felt their love for us.

We have enjoyed our time using the church during the church hall refurbishments, but we are also looking forward to moving back across the road.

Thank you for your prayers, our hope is that Hawthorn Corner will continue to be a blessing to those in need of love, friendship and help in the evening of their lives, and that they find that prayer changes things.





We celebrate Harvest this year in our morning service on 7th October, and once again we will be supporting the work of Operation Agri.

Operation Agri (OA) is a Baptist development charity which supports Christian-led rural and urban development projects in three continents, showing the love of Jesus in action by attacking the basic causes of poverty amongst some of the most disadvantaged people in the world, regardless of their religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

OA supports sustainable development work such as agricultural centres to assist farmers, and irrigation schemes for rural communities. OA also supports projects that bring lasting improvement to people's lives, such as basic health clinics, and women's empowerment groups in urban slums.

THIS YEAR'S APPEAL

Our appeal for 2018 is **Sowing Success in Malawi.**

Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries, has suffered floods and drought, devastating harvests. OA's partner the African Pastor's Fellowship is teaching farmers new ways to sow, nourish and protect crops. One of them, Ruth, says "Now I have enough to feed my family and send my children to school"

More information and envelopes to support financially the work of OA will be made available on the day and can be put in the offering bags or given to our treasurer Steve Dunkerley