

# **CHURCH NEWS**

The lovely picture in the last issue of Window showing our Editor Hazel and Thomas 's efforts at the Malvern Autumn Show deserve a comment. I am amazed at her consistency of wins over the lasts few years and now Thomas is being successful. Well done both of them.

Whilst on thoughts of harvest thank you everyone for your donations to the food bank and we received their grateful thanks. Also thank you to Janet for the lovely display on the alter table.



The Rev. Dave Faulkner officiated at the funeral in our church of Norma White, who with her husband Edward, who died quite a few years ago, and their family have been associated with our church for many years.

Norma's mother was Scottish, so her family wore Stewart tartan ties, her brother wore his kilt and there was also a piper. Her daughters Jo and Rebekah read the eulogy in the form of a moving letter of memories and Debs read an equally moving poem she had composed. There were tributes from the grandchildren and a montage of photos shown to the congregation while Abba's Dancing Queen was played. A well attended funeral remembering a unique lady.

Thank you to everyone who stayed behind after our service with Rev. John Illsley and contributed to the discussion on mission in our church. It was very helpful to have your comments and the leadership team will discuss the suggestions that were made. The first decision is to hold a Bring and Share Lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> January after the service with Rev. Dave. Maybe you have a friend who would like to join us for just for lunch. Lunch will probably be ready around mid-day.

Thank you to the brave people who stood outside our church in the cold on Carnival Night to serve soup, tea and coffee. Also thank you to Sue who had made the soup it was all much appreciated and by 8.30pm it was all gone. We had a good view of the recreation ground fireworks as we cleared up.

Again the church meal at the Anchor always held on the third Wednesday of the month was well supported.

The Bible Study course on the third Thursday of the month has started well with a format of video and discussion always starting with tea and cake.

