

# Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

## October 2009

### Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)

**Our speakers this month are :-**



- 4th October**      **Mr. David Locke of Baptist House, Didcot**  
**11th October**    **To be confirmed**  
**18th October**    **Mr. Tony Valente of Abingdon Baptist Church**  
**25th October**    **Mr. Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church**  
(This service supports the work of BMS World Mission)

### Everyone welcome

Here's a question for you. What's the biggest construction company in the world?

The answer is MONOPOLY. The manufacturers of the famous board game produce a hundred million houses each year. MONOPOLY has become a worldwide success and there's a lot of money in the game. They print about 50 billion dollars of Monopoly money each year. But it's never known inflation. MONOPOLY property values are the same today as they were in 1935! Ah, if only real life was like that...

I always get a bit troubled by the game when I play it. It seems to bring out the worst in me. I like to think I'm a generous sort of person, but Monopoly makes me very competitive. I like to think I'm quite gentle, but I get aggressive playing Monopoly. And I like to think I'm fair and honest but I can find all sorts of ways to cheat at the game when the chips are down.

If only real life was like that?! What troubles me is that maybe this is real life, that Monopoly brings the real me to the surface. A not very pleasant person who will stop at nothing to make sure I get more and better than those around me.

Or is it that this is the person I would have been, if I did not know Jesus as my Lord and Saviour? In the Bible, the Word of God, we read these words: ***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may do the good, acceptable and perfect will of God*** (Romans 12:2)

What can I do about this? Maybe take up Ludo instead...

**B. Pilgrim**

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