



## Church Family News

This weekend we will be remembering those who have given their lives, not only in the two world wars but in other and more recent conflicts. We can never repay the sacrifice that not only they, but their families have made in pursuit of peace and freedom and yet, throughout the world today, there are thousands upon thousands of people who do not and may never have known the freedom we here in this country enjoy. We have so much to thank God for. I pray we will never take our freedom for granted.

Closer to home this month, we have lost two of our faithful, elderly friends. **Bob Gardner**, who worshipped here for many years and served in recent years as senior church steward, passed away following a long period of illness. His funeral was held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and our thoughts and prayers have been with his wife and daughters at this sad time. At the grand old age of 100, our dear friend, **Reg Cheshire** passed away in the nursing home where he has been a resident for some time. Reg was a Local Preacher well into his eighties and regularly led Bible studies here at Marshside Road. His commitment to his Lord and his faithfulness in prayer right up to the end of his life are an inspiration to us all. Again, we remember Reg's two daughters and their families in our prayers.

We are pleased to hear that **Freda Wood** is home and recovering from her recent knee surgery. Take care Freda and we hope it won't be too long before you are out and about again. **Ron Rimmer** is still awaiting surgery since his operation had to be postponed last week. Hope you will not have to wait too long, Ron & that you will soon be feeling the benefit of your operation. Awaiting surgery for a hip replacement is Jane Biggs. We are thinking of you and praying for you, Jane, that all will go well so that you will find your mobility a little easier.

**Fred Mitchell** is suffering at the moment with a painful shoulder and we were sorry to learn that our dear friend, **Betty Andrew** had had a fall. Our love and prayers are with you both.

On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, it was a joy to welcome babies **Ella May (Woodward) & Elsie Nicola (Williamson)** into our church family. It was a great occasion and lovely to see so many friends and family supporting these little ones. On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, baby **Madelaine Caslake** will also be received into the church family in infant baptism. Please pray for all these little ones and for their homes and families, that they will grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus.

We send our very best wishes to **Kathleen Wright**, mum of Elaine Evans, who will be celebrating at 90+ birthday on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen isn't able to get out these days but we want you to know, Kathleen, that you are always in our thoughts.

Finally, our young people are very special to us and we are always pleased to hear of their achievements. At the end of October, **Scarlett Aspinall** took part in the Liverpool & District swimming gala. She was competing against girls up to the age of 17 (Scarlett had only celebrated her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday two days before)! She was 'crowned' Regional Champion and brought home a shield which she holds for a year. Well done Scarlett. We are very proud of you.

As I conclude almost every Family News page with the same words, I make no apology for saying again – please keep me informed of all family news to share. Everyone in our church family is special.

God bless.

**Dorothy Simpkin.**

### **Next Issue**

The next edition of **The Link** will be published on the **Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2015**. Therefore, items for inclusion in the next edition need to reach me by **Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November**. Thanks, Mike ([MikeOwen10@aol.com](mailto:MikeOwen10@aol.com))