Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages of that area announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, ***"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."***

Matthew 9: 35-38

Dear Friends,

Ludlow Methodist Church needs workers.

We need at least two Stewards and a Property Steward. Is it possible that you are being called to one of these roles? The Stewards are welcoming and work well together in consideration of each other's needs. The Property Steward is actively supported by the Property and Finance Committee and by Sarah, our Administrator. If you cannot help in this way then please pray for more workers. However, this doesn't mean that we can abrogate our responsibilities – we have all been given gifts and graces to be used in God's service.

Jesus travelled through towns teaching and healing people. He felt deep pity for the large crowds because they looked lost and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus compared the people who needed spiritual help to a ripe crop ready to be gathered (the harvest). There were not enough followers (labourers) to help share the message and care for the people. Jesus told his disciples to pray to God (the Lord of the harvest) to send more workers into the fields (church and community).

But this passage isn't only about workers in a church setting. It's about going out and stepping up to the plate about sharing our faith and love of Jesus with other people. Most scholars agree that this passage means many people are open to hearing about faith, but very few believers actively step up to share it. It serves as a call to action for people to participate in spreading a message of hope and helping others.

With love and blessings,

Denise