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“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31
NIV

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Editorial

We are hoping that we will have a sunny summer to enjoy all the activities we have planned.

There are two Garden Parties you may like to join. Do read of how to attend these special days and how you can join in the fellowship with other friends. A warm welcome will await you.

Encouraging news for those of our friends who may be looking for an answer to prayer. If you are looking for help with any elderly relatives, Little Compton may be your answer.

In these Summer months we also have a special day when Tunes and Tea can be the order of the day.

So much to find out about! Our Youth Pastor has been very busy, so I do encourage you to find out what our Young People have been have been doing.

There is a special review of a book which could solve your Holiday reading problem. We do wish you all a relaxing time and we wish Keith, our Minister well whilst on his Sabbatical.

With every Good Wish and prayerfully we hope that our Magazine is Good News to you all.

Anne

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Dear friends

We are officially in the season of summer, a time when flowers bloom, vegetables grow and fruit appears on trees. It is also a time that many take a break travelling far and wide to take in new scenes, learn new things, or simply having a restful time, perhaps eating a cool ice cream on a hot sunny day; yet as I write this with rain battering the study window I am not sure I will be heading to the beach on my day off this week.

However, although not at the beach I won't be in my study either for much of the next 3 months, and I will be less likely to be spotted in church or around the village. Instead I will be on my sabbatical and exploring the connection between churches and uniformed youth organisations, spending much of the time being under canvas (or rather some form of polyester), so I do hope it dries up a bit both here and in France.

Paul, whose first letter to the Church in Corinth we are exploring, made a living as a tent maker. This gave him an opportunity to share the gospel in his daily trade with people who were travelling further beyond the apostle's own missionary expeditions, and so the Good News of Jesus Christ would be spread even further afield.

Tents are still used for the spreading and teaching of the gospel, but less so by evangelism in the camping shop.

I understand in the past the church has sometimes had its weekend away as a camp – though of course next year we will be indoors at Pilgrim Hall - but those who attend Big Church Day Out still camp, and tents in the form of a big top or marquee are used at events like Spring Harvest and the Keswick Convention, we ourselves used a gazebo to promote our church on Village Day, in May, and the three village churches had the joint tea tent.

The first ever Boys' Brigade camp, which was actually in a hall rather than a tent, took place 130 years ago in 1886; some of the Glaswegian mums were reluctant to let their little cherubs attend, but it proved a success and went some way to promote the idea of camping as a leisure activity. I wonder how many of us have since enjoyed a night camping? Though I guess there may also be those among you who have spent a night camping and not enjoyed it too!

Whether you are staying at home or travelling afar (be it with a tent or not), I pray that you may have a happy summer and I look forward to being with you again in October.

Your Minister

Keith

Family News

Gone home

Two of our more senior Church members have journeyed home to their Lord this past month.

Anne Morgan died peacefully in Compton House, after several years there, her failing health being cared for by the wonderful staff, for which she was always so grateful.

Back in the distant past Anne had served as an Elder at LURC, and was Prayer Coordinator at that time. She will also be remembered by some as the Housekeeper at Abbeyfield (now Little Compton). When Anne retired she moved to Haywards Heath so she transferred her membership there, where she served the Lord for as long as her health would allow.

On moving into LCCH she again joined us in membership, although sadly was never well enough to attend worship. Anne had a very firm faith, and she frequently referred to the blessing of having the Lord in her life, helping her through every stage.

Janet Marlow has been Anne's mainstay of support and help for many, many years. We extend to Janet and her family our love, prayers and sympathy at this time.

Joyce Chalcraft died just four days before her 90th Birthday! Despite ever increasing frailty and several spells in hospital, she was able to remain in her own home (something she really wanted to do) thanks to much help and support from her neighbours and professional care.

Joyce joined this Church in 1971, at which time she was still working in London. However, once she had retired, Joyce served the Lord here in various ways. I especially recall her taking the Elders' Meeting Minutes, and I believe she served as an Elder for a short while. Joyce bravely coped with cancer and various health issues resulting from that. She had a very dry sense of humour, was always cheerful and she was pretty keen on long conversations! Please uphold her family in your prayers, and we also want to assure Nicola Saunders of our thoughts and sympathy at this time, as she did so much to help and support Joyce over this past year.

I will really miss visiting both of these dear friends, but I can also rejoice that they are out of their suffering and home with their Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Fiona Tingley

In Touch

A Reminder to In Touch folk that we will be meeting in the Church Lounge on Tuesday 26th July, Janet Wade will be leading that evening, starting as usual at 7.45pm. In August we plan to meet in a local garden. Details will be available nearer the time in the notice sheet. Lets hope for some late summer sun.

Sue Waller

Family News

Missions Group

Missions Lunch July 10th.

On Sunday July 10th there will be a 10.00am service at which Paul Hellyer will be speaking to us about the valuable work of Mercy Ships.

After the service there will be time for coffee, before Paul shares more information about the floating hospital and its team of amazing volunteers who dedicate their skills and talents to transforming lives.

This will be followed by a two course lunch.

There will be no charge, but Mission Group members will be issuing tickets so that we know how many to cater for.

There will be collecting baskets for those who would like to contribute.

After covering costs, any surplus will go to Mercy Ships which is to be our mission for July and August.

If you'd like to learn more before the 10th July there will be a display on the Mission board. You can donate throughout the two months using the special envelopes.

Mission Group

The Fellowship

Our summer garden party has come round once again and will be held on Wednesday, 27th July at 2.30 pm.

At this meeting we do NOT have a Bring & Buy stall. All who come to the garden party may be sure of a warm welcome.

Please note that there is no meeting in August – our September meeting will be on the 28th.

Pat Phillips

Tunes and Tea

2016 A SPECIAL YEAR
30th July at 3-00pm

Our augmented choir will perform music, song and verse in a cavalcade of some of the remembrance and celebrations that are occurring during 2016. Added to that we will encourage the audience to share in many of the songs.

Admission is free, tea and cakes will be provided. Any donations received will be shared with the Air Ambulance and the Church.

The choir has recently sung at Rookwood, Burgess Hill and locally at Summerlands.

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Art Group

The Art Group paid a visit to Bexhill Methodist Church to enjoy the Flower Festival on Bank Holiday Saturday. The arrangements were beautiful and we appreciated the Artistry and colours of God's Creations.

Once again we were made very welcome.

Doreen Fowler

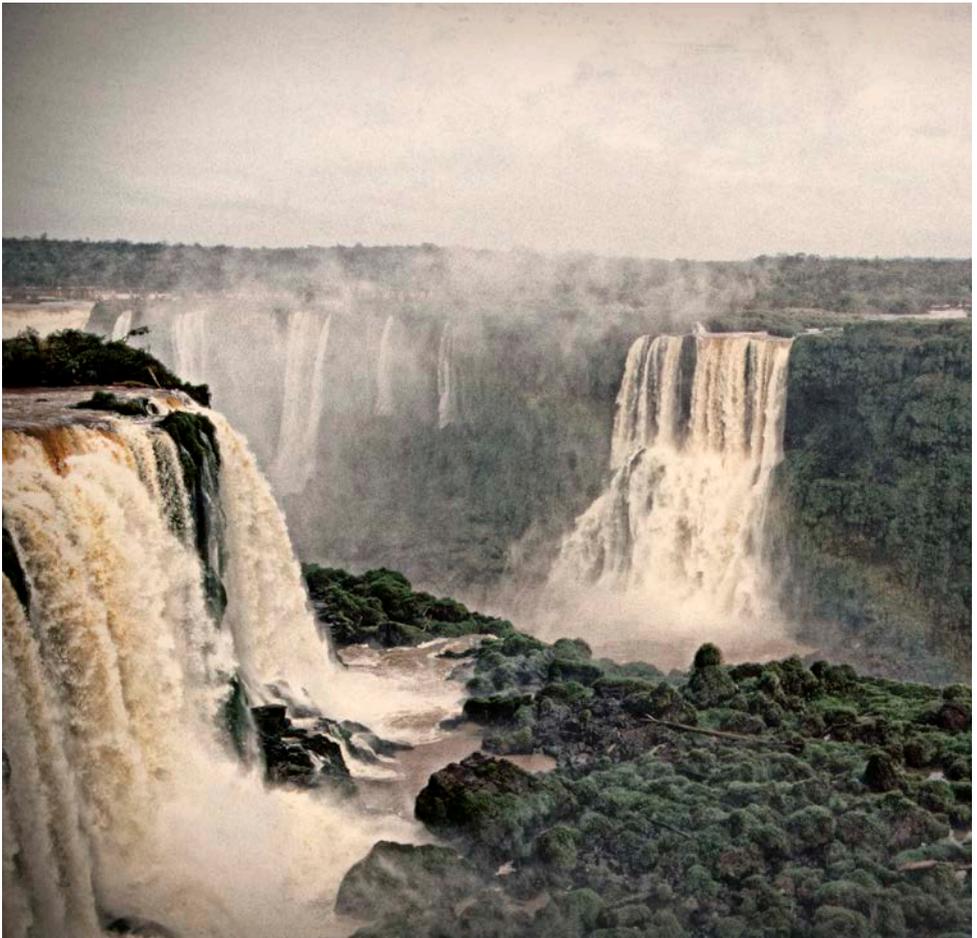


Big and Beautiful

Brazil , bigger than Australia, and so beautiful it takes one's breath away. The brilliant light and the dazzling blue sky hurt one's eyes . The tantalising smells of coffee and mouth-watering barbecues attack one's nostrils. The warm, sympathetic, friendly and fun-loving Brazilians invade one's heart and emotions forever.

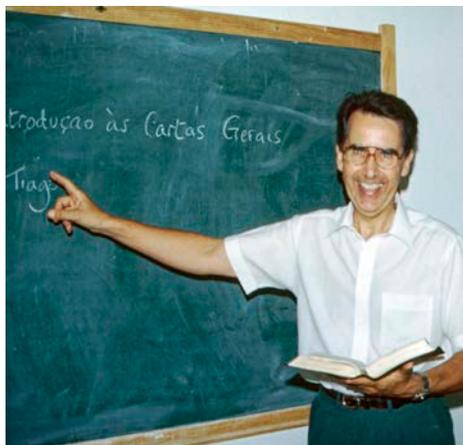
Yes, Brazil is hosting the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. This vibrant city full of rich people, full of poor people, a city full of joy, a city full of tears. The Games will be unforgettable.

I wish that I were there.



However, my husband Mike and I were privileged to have worked in Brazil for ten years. Although it seems a long time ago now our memories are as sharp as ever. These memories are unforgettable because it was a time in our lives when we were totally dependent upon God, seeking His help and His guidance. The promise that helped us so much is found in the Bible, a letter that Paul, the apostle, wrote to a Church at Philippi. Paul discovered, what we discovered too, that we can do all things through Christ. 'I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength'. Philippians 4.13

So, what were we doing in Brazil? Mike and I had felt called by God to work overseas. Our Church, Bookham Baptist, confirmed our calling and we were accepted by the Baptist Missionary Society to work in Brazil. It was an exciting and challenging time. We had to leave our jobs, leave our home and leave our three children. (23,21 and 15).



We arrived in Brazil in January, 1987. We left behind the freezing weather in the UK and revelled in the glorious hot sunny weather of Campinas where we entered language school for 9 months. During this time we practised our Portuguese as much as we could and Mike was able to preach in local Churches.

The Baptist Missionary Society asked us to care for missionaries' children in Sao Paulo. So for two and half years we were Auntie and Uncle to 10 children. We learnt a lot about teenagers! During this time we were involved with outreach on the favelas and with the International Christian Women's Association.

We were then asked to teach in a small Bible College in Cuiaba in Mato Grosso. A city in the wild west of Brazil, 1,000 miles from the Atlantic and 1.000 miles from the Pacific. A hot, dusty, poor city. We started work immediately, and found time also to pastor a small Church.

We loved working with the poor people. People who were poor in things but rich in soul. I loved leading the Sunday School which grew from 6 children to 100.

In Cuiaba, Bible students studied in the evening, so, as teachers, we were soon involved in Seminary life. Mike

and I taught many subjects including Geography and Archaeology of the Bible, World Religions, New Testament Studies and Pastoral Studies. Mike eventually became acting Dean and then Principal of the Seminary. We loved our students, they became like sons and daughters to us.

Life was full with our Church and Seminary involvement. However, there was more! I was asked to take on the job of Co-ordinator of Religious Education. This meant being responsible for, and overseeing, all the Sunday School work in Mato Grosso. My 'parish' was one and half times the size of the UK. Mike and I travelled during the seminary holidays, they were exhausting times but we had thrilling times teaching and encouraging Churches tucked away in the Interior. They were precious times when we received the generous hospitality of poor folk. (Although we did tire of eating rice and beans at every mealtime).

Some vivid memories that still remain.



We showed the film of 'The Cross and the Switchblade' in the open air in a poor district. Crowds gathered and so did the clouds! An enormous storm broke and had us all running for shelter. We remember too taking 19 youngsters to Rio for a Conference, the 'bus journey took 36 hours. Our youngsters had never seen the sea and skipped the conference for time on the beach! Another time, a baby was almost born on the back seat of our car

How can one put into words the incredible moments of seeing God at work as He enabled us to do 'all things through Christ'. The heat and the tropical storms, the tears and the laughter, cockroaches and mosquitoes, rice and beans, beautiful beaches and flowering trees, coffee and barbecues, this was Brazil for us. And unforgettable? The joyful loving people.

Brazil has many political problems and the sad problem of the Zika virus in babies which is devastating family lives. As you watch the Olympics will you pray for Brazil?

Seaside Memories

When I was a child I lived in East London, so I rarely went to the seaside.

When there was a Bank Holiday Monday my parents would take me by coach or train for a day to the seaside.

My painting shows the memories of my trips to the seaside.

Pat Waller



Freewill Envelope Offering Scheme

As Christians we commit ourselves to do all we can for the health and prosperity of the church; not only for its spiritual growth but also for its financial growth. Through regular giving we continue to support not only the church, and its infra-structure, but also for its work in the local community and its wider mission.

There are several ways in which you can help provide us with the financial resources to assist the church for this purpose. Namely:

- 1 Through your bank, as a regular Standing Order*
- 2 Loose offerings, through the offertory bowls at the entrance to the church*
- 3 As one-off donation's, by whichever means is best for you*
- 4 Through the Freewill Envelope scheme.*

The Freewill Envelope scheme has been in existence for a good number of years whereby you can make regular gifts to us through a less formal process than, for example, through a bank.



The church provides you each year with a box of unique numbered yellow envelopes, dated for each week of the calendar year (usually from October to September), so you can donate as much as you feel able to each week. These envelopes can then be placed in the offertory bowls at the rear of the church at the start of each service.

Through all of the ways of giving mentioned above, your gift is worth an additional 25% to the Church if you are able to use the HMRC Gift Aid scheme. If you currently pay income tax almost certainly the scheme will apply to you. If you pay tax at a higher rate then, in addition, you would also be able to claim a personal tax relief!

We are therefore very grateful if you allow us to claim Gift Aid on your donations. Please try to use the scheme if at all possible.

Bible Verse

If you are eligible then making use of the scheme is very straight forward. To set it up we would simply need you to sign a Gift Aid Declaration form to allow us to do so but this only has to be done once and we then provide those details to HMRC for future reference. Thereafter each time you make a gift we will need to be able to identify who has made it (which happens automatically if you give through your bank or the Freewill Envelope Scheme).

Many church members have already made this possible and for that we are thankful.

If you would like details of this scheme then please do not hesitate to contact me, or our Treasurer, Terry Ward, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Similarly, if you would like to change the way you regularly give to the church then please contact Terry or me and we will provide you with the necessary information.

Paul Bloxham

“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

God is great and has made many great promises to us. Each time we read or meditate on them they are there for us to take in anew, with an unending store of guidance, inspiration and hope.

This verse has been particularly inspiring to our family in recent years and we have experienced several “God-incidences” when this verse has been presented to us – even in very unlikely circumstances.

I pray that, as you read this verse today, you will experience the strength, hope and peace that can come only from Him who lavishly shares His unconditional love.

Amen.

Helen Hall

Service Times

Please take careful note:

From the **26th June** (Sunday before Keith's Sabbatical begins) the Sunday Service times will be :

10.00am and 6.30pm

up to and including the 9th October.

Refreshments will be served following that 10.00am service when it is hoped there will a time for fellowship to be had together.

As usual Holy Communion will be on the 4th Sunday at 10.00am and 2nd Sunday at 6.30pm . When there is a 5th Sunday the evening service will combine with the Evangelical Free Church.

If you have any queries about these arrangements please do not hesitate to speak with an Elder who will be pleased to help.

July

2nd Saturday 8:45am Prayer Meeting, URC

3rd Sunday
 10:00am Family Service
 David Walters
 6:30pm Evening Worship
 Rev Daryl Sinclair
 Hassocks URC

9th Saturday 8:45am Prayer Meeting, URC

10th Sunday
 10:00am Mission Sunday
 Paul Hellyer
 Mercy Shios
 followed by Lunch
 6:30pm Evening Worship
 Rev Mike Gardiner

13th Wednesday 1:15pm Lunch Fellowship
 Outing to Haskins
 Garden Centre

16th Saturday 8:45am Prayer Meeting, URC

17th Sunday
 10:00am Family Service
 Jon Fernandez
 6:30pm Evening Worship
 Canon James Clarke

23rd Saturday 8:45am Prayer Meeting, URC

Church Diary

24th Sunday	10:00am Communion David Walters	13th Saturday	8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church
	6:30pm Evening Worship Rev Robert Bushby HH URC	14th Sunday	10:00am Family Service Rev Mike Gardiner
26th Tuesday	7:45pm In Touch		6:30pm Evening Worship Stephen Mills Christ Church, HH
27th Wednesday	2:30pm The Fellowship	20th Saturday	8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church
28th Thursday	8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting	21st Sunday	10:00am Family Service Rev David Bedford
30th Saturday	8:45am Prayer Meeting, URC		6:30pm Evening Worship TBC
31st Sunday	10:00am Family Service Rev Mike Gardiner	23rd Tuesday	6:30pm In Touch - To Be Advised
	6:30pm Joint Service with Evan free at URC	25th Thursday	8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting
August		27th Saturday	8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church
6th Saturday	8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church	28th Sunday	10:00am Communion David Walters
7th Sunday	10:00am Family Service Rev Michael Davies		6:30pm Evening Worship Rev David Goodenough
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YOUTH

Hello!

At the end of May, I took the youth group to Big Church Day Out. We camped there from Friday to Monday, and had a great time together. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, before the event began at mid-day, I organised a time to spend together.

I split everyone into two groups and they planned and led a small focused session, one looking at love and the other focusing on young people having a voice in the church.

The sessions were great, and at one point, we sang a few songs – led by Lydia McCleery on the guitar. Those who were walking by stopped and joined in with us, and there were loads of us singing along in the end!

I will let those who went describe their experiences to you!

Danny

PAGES



Big Church Day Out was such an amazing weekend! The highlights being: David Crowder Band, Tim Hughes, and late night falafel with my Jesus squad!

Lydia McCleery

Big Church Day Out this year was as good as the last with great acts such as Toby Mac, Matt Redman and Tim Hughes.

I went and visited the MAF stand and had a go on the flight simulator, which Kieron successfully landed. I, however, had a hard landing and broke half its landing gear! It was a great experience!

Alex Harfield

Big Church Day Out was amazing! We had artists like Toby Mac, Jesus Culture, Tim Hughes, Phil Wickham and Matt Redman.

During Matt Redman, I experienced something amazing. I thought to myself that I wanted to be filled with the Holy Spirit, so I stood there, opened my arms and prayed.

I don't remember much of the experience but I do remember falling to the floor crying, to then laughing my head off! Harry then came over and prayed for me, which was when I felt a physical weight off my shoulders.

I will never forget that amazing weekend!

Jo Harfield

Big Church Day Out was great, the weather improved throughout the weekend. My favourite acts were David Crowder, Paul Bell, Matt Redman and enjoyed the atmosphere being right at the front of the huge crowd! I also beat my brother at the MAF flight simulator they had there and I enjoyed spending time with Danny, Ruth, Joe, Freya, Jo, Alex, Lydia Allan, Harry and Peter over the few days. I feel like my enthusiasm has been boosted.

Kieron Harfield





Big Church Day Out (or should I say weekend out) this year was as positive and enjoyable as last year – certainly a welcomed break from the stress of exams! From the outset, prospects looked bleak. Torrential rain through the first night and morning left us tired, bored and very wet! Miraculously though, the rain cleared up at mid-day, just in time for the start of the music!

From then on it was a sun-drenched weekend of great food, fantastic music and amazing faith! (although interrupted by Freya's accident). The weekend was a great experience; one I would gladly repeat!

Joe Goodchild

Haikus are poems
Five, seven, five syllables
Describing my trip.

Big Church Day Out – Brill!
Such an amazing atmosphere
Best Church is whole Church.

I burnt my forearm
On a hot cup of earl grey
I left my skin there!

Every evening
Gospel, Pop, Rock, Soul and Rap
Beautiful music.

Toilets overflow
It rains with little shelter
Still, God is with us.

Freya Goodchild

Holiday Club



Hello, Many of you may be aware of our recent enquiry and our appeal for assistance in the case of the missing Jesus of Nazareth. We were very pleased with the public response as we had the help of 18 young people with this case!

We made exhaustive enquiries into this case following three lines of enquiry on how the body of Jesus may have vanished from his tomb.

Firstly, we considered the possibility that he may have been taken to the tomb unconscious and revived later escaping from the tomb himself.

Secondly, we reviewed the suggestion that the body may have been stolen from the tomb by his disciples.

Finally, we considered the possibility that the whole suggestion of the missing body may have been a result of errors and hallucinations on the part of the followers of Jesus.

Our evidence suggested strongly that none of these could be accurate.

It was highly unlikely that any man could survive the type of execution carried out and Jesus was confirmed to be dead by Roman soldiers who had carried out significant numbers of crucifixions and knew how to test and confirm if a prisoner was in fact dead.

Boys' Brigade

We found that there was strong evidence that the story of the stolen body had in fact been started by the chief Priests and religious leaders to deal with the concerns over the missing body and we also found over 500 witnesses who confirmed that they had seen Jesus alive and well in the days after he was crucified and the body placed in the tomb.

Superintendent Camembert was just about to close the case, when Inspector Clueless raised the question of 'why?'

If Jesus died, and then came back to life again, why did he do it? Inspector Clueless simply could not close the case here, when such an important question had to be answered.

Therefore, we began to research why Jesus came, why he died, and why he came back to life.

The results we found were astonishing. Jesus did all this for us! He died in our place to forgive us for all the wrong things we have ever done or ever will do. If we follow him, we can have eternal life!

I thought this case was going to be a simple 'find the missing body', but it has turned out to be much, much more...

Inspector Clueless and Sergeant Second

We are now in our Summer programme and subject to the weather we spend as much time as possible on Hickmans Lane playing games. Unfortunately we do not have any Company Section Boys' going to the Battalion Camp this year. Our session finishes at the end of July and we are already preparing for the new session with some changes in staff and programme.

Earlier in the session the Junior Section took part the International Team Games Competition. Companies from all over the world take part so we found ourselves competing with Companies from New Zealand, Denmark, Australia Ghana, even Scotland!

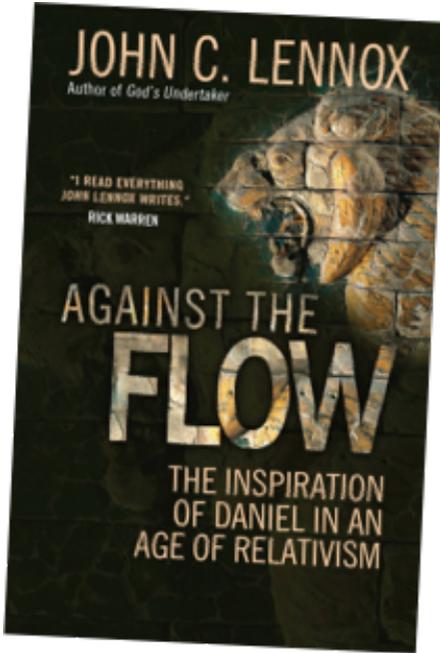
Sadly we didn't have to visit the Countries but each team did the games in their own premises then sent in the results. There were 184 entries and we came 54th

David Walters



Book Review

Against the Flow by John Lennox



John Lennox masterfully sets the historical scene to enable us to unpack the biblical book and see the themes running through it and how it addresses many contemporary issues facing the people of God in our 21st century, pluralist, post-modern society.

In the opening scene of the book of Daniel, we read:

“*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.*”

Daniel 1 v.1-2 ESV

For John Lennox, these ‘vessels of the house of God’ take on great significance throughout the whole book. In essence they are a story in miniature of how Nebuchadnezzar ‘relativizes the absolute, and absolutises the relative’. He takes the holy things of the God of Israel and puts them in his trophy room to show the Israelites that their God is actually just another ‘god’ that the mighty Nebuchadnezzar has had victory over. He tries to show that all ‘gods’ are relative and none are absolute.

I first heard about this book whilst listening to a lecture on the book of Daniel by the venerable Professor Lennox. I was so enthused by the lecture that I made the whole family listen to it on a long car journey – yes, really. For those who have not come across John Lennox before, he is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Emeritus Fellow in Mathematics and Philosophy at Green Templeton College. Most of his books deal with the relationship between science and faith but this most recent book is an exploration of the Old Testament book of Daniel and why it is so relevant to our lives today.

He then sets himself up as the (absolute) supreme being who all must worship upon pain of death.

John shows us that:

'At the heart of postmodernism lies a patent self-contradiction. It expects us to accept, as an absolute truth, that there are no absolute truths' (page 39 of 'Against the Flow')

This is the challenge of our age, the world tells us that we are free to believe whatever we choose to and that what is right for you may not be right for me. In essence it tries to tell us that truth is subjective and all choices are valid. There is no 'absolute truth'. Whilst this may be true for some areas of our lives (some of us like pink and some like blue...), it is not the case with God. God is not a subjective relative concept, He is an absolute truth.

This shows us that Postmodernism is not a new phenomenon. It is a philosophy that existed in Nebuchadnezzar's time (around 600BC). Daniel and his friends lived distinctively for God in this alien culture, serving Him and not compromising to Nebuchadnezzar's or his successor Darius's philosophy despite the consequences of a fiery furnace and a lion's den.

The 'vessels of the house of God' make a return appearance later in the book of Daniel. We read about them in the story of Nebuchadnezzar's son Belshazzar and his feast:

“*King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.*”

Daniel 5 v.1-2 ESV



The writing on the wall by Rembrandt.

This concludes with the miraculous 'writing on the wall' that signals the end of the Babylonian empire.

John Lennox has an easy to read style despite going deep into complex and detailed subjects. The book is quite long at 400 pages and contains lots of philosophy, history and no small amount of humour. It is a wonderful resource for those wishing to learn more about this fascinating book from the Old Testament. If anyone would like to borrow it, just let me know.

David Goodchild

Wider World

Iran

An Iranian Christian has been allowed out of prison to receive medical treatment just days after an urgent prayer request went out for her.

A few weeks ago, Middle East Concern said it was worried about the well-being of Maryam Naghash Zargaran and called on Christians to pray for her.

She's currently serving a four year jail sentence which began in July, 2013, for her work in an orphanage and was charged with 'acting against national security'.

The Muslim convert has a history of heart trouble and was suffering from severe headaches and ear problems and it was reported that the Evin Prison in Teheran was not recognising the severity of the problem.

Middle East Concern is asking Christians to pray that 'Maryam will receive proper treatment, and will be restored to good health. That the Lord will bless Maryam and her family during this time they will have together, and that she will be released from prison soon'.

India

An Indian bishop has donated a kidney to a Hindu in need, in 'the spirit of the Church'. Bishop Mar Jacob Muricken from Kerala gave his kidney to an impoverished, lower-caste Hindu, becoming the first serving bishop to do so whilst still alive. He said, "It is only a simple sacrifice for a fellow being".

The thirty year old recipient, Sooraz Sudhakaran had been on dialysis for the past year after suffering the failure of both his kidneys. He has been unable to work to support his family and Bishop Muricken said, "It's in the spirit of the Church. I believe this should be a strong message for people around me, to be open to donating organs.

He learnt about Mr. Sudhakaran from the chairperson of the Kidney Federation of India, Fr. David Chiramel, who himself donated one of his kidneys almost a decade ago.

Carol Marsh



Village Day

The Common was packed on a dry, warm and (almost) sunny Saturday for this year's Village Day. As well as the three Churches' tea tent this year each church also had their own stall.

Lindfield URC ran a lemonade stand, serving over 500 cups of fresh lemonade to the thirsty crowd. As well as liquid refreshment the stall also dispensed several hundred copies of the Servant Queen, GoodNEWS and Try Praying material (both the adult and youth versions)

It was a great opportunity to meet, serve the whole village and to share the gospel.

While we gave away the lemonade many chose to make a donation helping us to raise a couple of hundred pounds for the King Edward Hall who organise Village Day.

All in all the day was a great success.

Dan McQuillin



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Distributing

July

3rd Carol Walters Nick Bingham

10th Betty Billins Liz Cantwell

17th Gladys Porter Sue Tester

24th Fiona Tingley Jo Bloxham

31st Anne Parker Janet Sanderson

August

7th Betty Billins Lesley Sparks

14th Mies Campling Iris Bingham

21st Carol Marsh Heather Swann

28th Serena Nathan Fo Tingley

September

7th Zoe McQuillin Nick Bingham

14th Mac Turner Liz Cantwell

21st Meta Orchin Sue Tester

28th Audrey Saunders Jo Bloxham

If anyone would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact Heather Swann

Around Lindfield

Saturday 9th July

2.00pm Horticultural Society Summer Show
Flowers & Produce in King Edward Hall

Wednesday 13th July

12.15 pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in Lindfield URC
1.00 pm Concert : Mark Baigent (Oboe) & Helen Sharp (Harp)

Wednesday 10th August

12.15 pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in Lindfield URC
1.00 pm Concert : "Celestia"
Katharine Collett (Soprano) & Margaret Watson (Harp)



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