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The LORD
remembers us and
will bless us
Psalm 115:12



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Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may spread abroad. *Song of Songs 4:16*

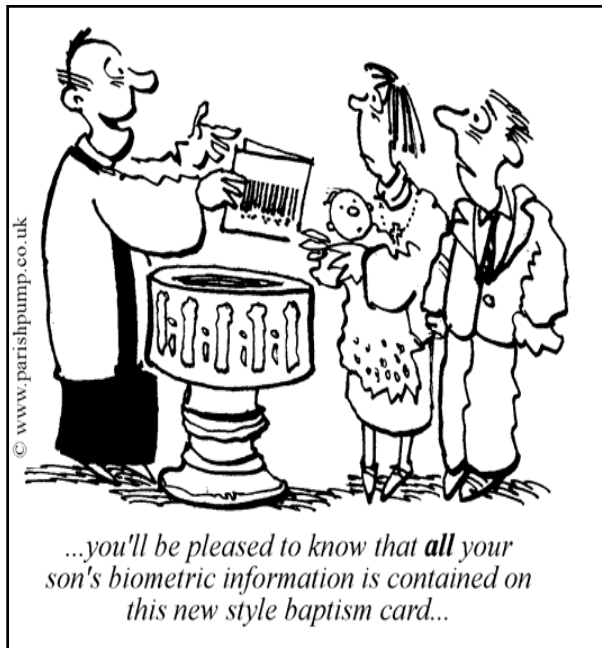
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ARREST

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" Without hesitation he replied: "Call for backup"



| Date & Time | Title | Reading |
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| 05.11.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm | "Understanding Matters" "God Speaks" | Mark 12:28-34 Job 38:1-21, 40:3-5 |
| 12.11.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm | "Follow" "Job Restored" | Mark 1:14-20 Job 42:1-17 |
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| 26.11.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm | "Decide" "Gabriel and Mary" | John 18:33-37 Luke 1:26-38 |
| 03.12.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm | "Trust" "The Host" | Luke 21:35-38 Luke 2:8-14 |

SOLOMON ROAD

by Scott Lincoln



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I've recently started a new job and one of the motivational quotes of the office is:-

"If you always do, what you've always done

You'll always get, what you've always got."

It's about personal expectation and daring to step out and try something different. For Christians that can mean a huge difference in the way we live and experience God.

In Dorothy's letter she talks about daring to give friends and strangers hugs and encouragement. Jiff Coffey describes in her article about the Ladies Weekend of how they were challenged to look at people the way God does and being prepared to personally change. Lewis Benn discusses the 8 characteristics of the Beatitudes God desires to see in us.

If we remain as we are and don't step out of our comfort zones how can we ever expect to grow, learn and experience God's love in new and exciting ways. Our lives and more importantly the blessings God wants to place on us will remain the same as they have always been. To quote Dorothy "Love reaches out", remember God always goes before us and will surely be there with His loving landing net to safely catch us.

Eric and Linda Stone

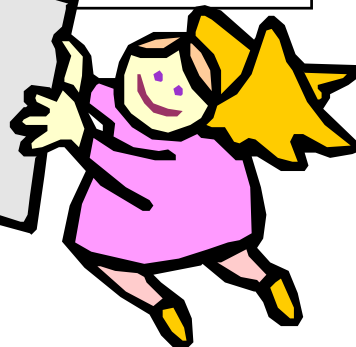


Now that I'm older

Here's what I've discovered

It takes only 84 days for the average schoolboy to outgrow a pair of shoes

**Deadline
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next issue is
Sunday
03.12.06**



Page 2 - DAVID'S LETTER



Dear Family,

It's amazing how quickly we get used to things, isn't it? Only a few short months ago we were used to dry, rainless weather – and now we are used to miserable downpours! We soon got used to worshipping in the hall while the builders repaired the church – and now that we are back in St George's, it's as if we've never been away (well, almost).

The way that human beings adapt is both a blessing and a curse. It's a blessing because we rise to a challenge, and, in spite personal of discomfort, get on with life. What we think of as the 'blitz spirit' is never far from the surface. The curse of it, though, is that we can quickly get used to injustice and wrongdoing – and just put up with it. That's why human history is littered with wonderful, self giving sacrifice along with the most terrible, selfish repression of others.

So we're back in church – almost back to normal; but the scaffolding is still up. There is more work to be done in the porch and on the roof and until then, we live with the scaffolding. And that's my point; when it comes to our lives, our community, our society or even the world, whatever we get used to (and however quickly) there is always more work to be done. Whether we think of ourselves, our neighbourhood or international politics, we should try to remember that the scaffolding is always up, because the builder has never, actually, completely finished.

*With love,
David.*

We're back in church. Part of this process was the cleaning preparation under the watchful eye of the forepersons S and C Kilpatrick. My due task was to clean behind the altar, or to give it its technically correct term, table. If we think about it the altar is a major focus of our services. The congregation sit facing it, money is dedicated at it and that is where we receive communion or a blessing and where prayer can be received. Indeed the journey of a communion service is directed to taking the congregation to that place. In some churches clergy bow towards the altar. When I was a teenager the vicar at my local church used to rise up from behind it quite dramatically, which looked rather bizarre.

Whilst on cleaning duty I thought I'd have a look at what was underneath the table. Goodness me what a surprise! There were altar cloths, candle lights, Christmas card boxes and a bottle with some alcohol in it with a cobweb on it. There was even a saw. In one sense I was at a place which has brought me much comfort in my faith walk, in another I was at a table with junk underneath it. This caused me to reflect on a sermon we recently had which explained some of the meaning of religious practices.

In Old Testament times church for God's people was the temple in Jerusalem. It too had a sacred place in it called the Holy of Holies which the Priest went in just once a year. It had segregated areas for example, for gentiles, or women. Part of temple life was the sacrifice of animals to atone for sin.

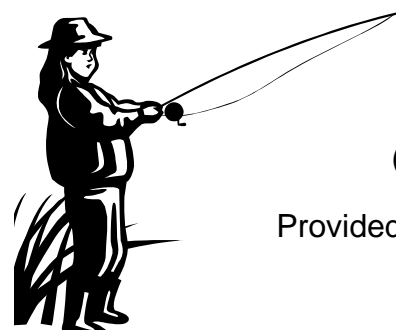
The fulfilment of these practices is to be found in Jesus. Instead of animal sacrifices, he himself became the sacrifice for sin (Romans 3:25) Instead of the law coming from the Priest to the people, he himself became the law. Instead of a segregated temple God is accessible to everyone equally because of Jesus (all can come in) and those who follow him are described as the "body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12 12:31.)

It's good to be back in the building and to use the facilities it provides for both worship and fellowship, yet it's not so much a case of being back in church but rather again having use of our regular building because we are the church

Philip Ashworth

THE ANGLERS PRAYER

God grant that I may live
To fish until my dying day
And when it comes to my last cast
Then I most humbly pray
When in the Lord's safe landing net
I'm peacefully asleep
That in His mercy I be judged
As good enough to keep



(from an old scrap book)

Provided by *John Bradberry*

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The Christian Motorcyclists Association are taking part in the Manchester Toy Run organised by the Salvation Army on Saturday November 11th.

The event sets off at the Salvation Army in Manchester and will finish at the Trafford Centre, where all the toys will be put on the stage in the dining area followed by a short carol service.

The toy run is well attended by 700 plus bikes, which consists of an organised route which includes riding through the centre of Manchester, with a police escort.

If you would like to donate a new toy, which the Salvation Army distributes to needy children. Please let me have your gifts, which have to be wrapped with a note stating the age and if it is for a boy or girl ASAP for me to organize transport.

Thank you
Glen Knight

I hope you have all had a good rest over the Summer. We have had a lovely holiday, we are lucky enough to have spent a month in Tenerife at a place called Costa del Silencio near Los Christianos. We stayed there two years ago and we liked the complex (Westhaven Bay) so much that we decided to go again.

I also wanted to go again to worship at the Christian Fellowship, which has a lot of members, most of whom live in Tenerife, sometimes visiting England and they also have one Spanish family who worship there, when I went about 50 other people also attended. The Fellowship is led by a Pentecostal Pastor, Billy Jeffery, during one talk, as part of a series on faith, we looked at Joshua and the wall of Jericho. He said that faith is based on knowledge and belief and also involves and act of will. He said that we need to wait on the Lord and read the Bible to find out what God wants us to do. Just as there were walls round the city of Jericho we also build walls around ourselves to keep other people away. He said we need to be willing to let these walls come down and be open with others. Bill said that faith is not wanting something inappropriate, but believing in something that God has already decided. So we need to find out God's purpose for us.

Another Fellowship member called James had been on a course and listened to some tapes and gave us some teaching on the beginning of John's gospel which also inspired me. He talked about the word of God (the Bible) and Jesus Himself being the same thing. Meaning that Jesus is the living word or the living manifestation of God, while the Bible is the written word or the written manifestation of God. This is based on the Greek for "Word" which is "logos" both when referring to Jesus and referring to the Bible.

I looked forward to my weekly visit to the Fellowship and back at home I am reminded of them when I receive their magazine.

Jill Coffey.



St CECILIA
22nd November

St Cecilia's singing was said to be so sweet that the angels came down to earth to hear the beautiful sound.

St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians but we're not really sure why. Legend says that she sang when she was killed and she is always shown in paintings and sculpture as playing a lute or carrying a portable organ.



Statues and pictures of saints usually have them holding something that relates to their life or death, these symbols or attributes make it easy to tell which saint it is.

SAINT SPOTTING

These are the symbols for certain saints. Have you seen these symbols in your church?

St Peter's symbol is crossed keys because of what Jesus said to him. (read St Matthew, chapter 16, from verse 15).

St Agnes is usually shown with a lamb which stands for her sacrifice.



If you think of fireworks you can guess St Catherine's symbol - yes, a wheel.

St Dominic, founder of the preaching order of monks has a dog as his emblem because his monks were called 'the watch dogs of the Lord defending the Church'.

St Lucy carried a lamp that looks a bit like Aladdin's lamp, as a symbol of light and the Word of God being a lamp to those who believe.



What musical instrument do you have in your ears?
Drums.

What musical instrument can be used for fishing?
A cast-a-net.

What musical instrument never tells the truth?
A lyre.

during World War II. Responsible for nearly 300 patents, the first in 1923 at the age of 34 and the last in 1965 at the age of 77, he was the designer of heavy-duty earth moving equipment, huge off-shore drilling platforms, "jungle crusher" machines and the electric-drive wheel.

For over thirty years he traveled across the U.S., Canada and other foreign countries sharing his testimony about the satisfaction and joy of serving Jesus Christ. Each time he spoke he began by saying, "Friends, I'm just a sinner saved by grace. Just a mechanic that the Lord has blessed, and it seems He wants me to go around telling how He will bless you too."

Probably his most significant ministry will prove to be the school he and his wife, Evelyn, established in Longview, Texas. While flying over the area in 1946 to select a manufacturing site, Mrs LeTourneau saw the sprawling complex of a vacated Army hospital. When told that it was no longer in use, she asked about establishing a school to serve the many GI's returning from the war. The site was secured and LeTourneau Technical Institute was established, both Robert and Evelyn remained closely connected to the school until their deaths.

Before his death in 1969 at the age of 79, LeTourneau said, " Everything considered, I've had my share of ups and downs, but thus far my life has been a miracle of God's grace all the way through."



R.G. at the controls of a "trade show" display of his electric wheel

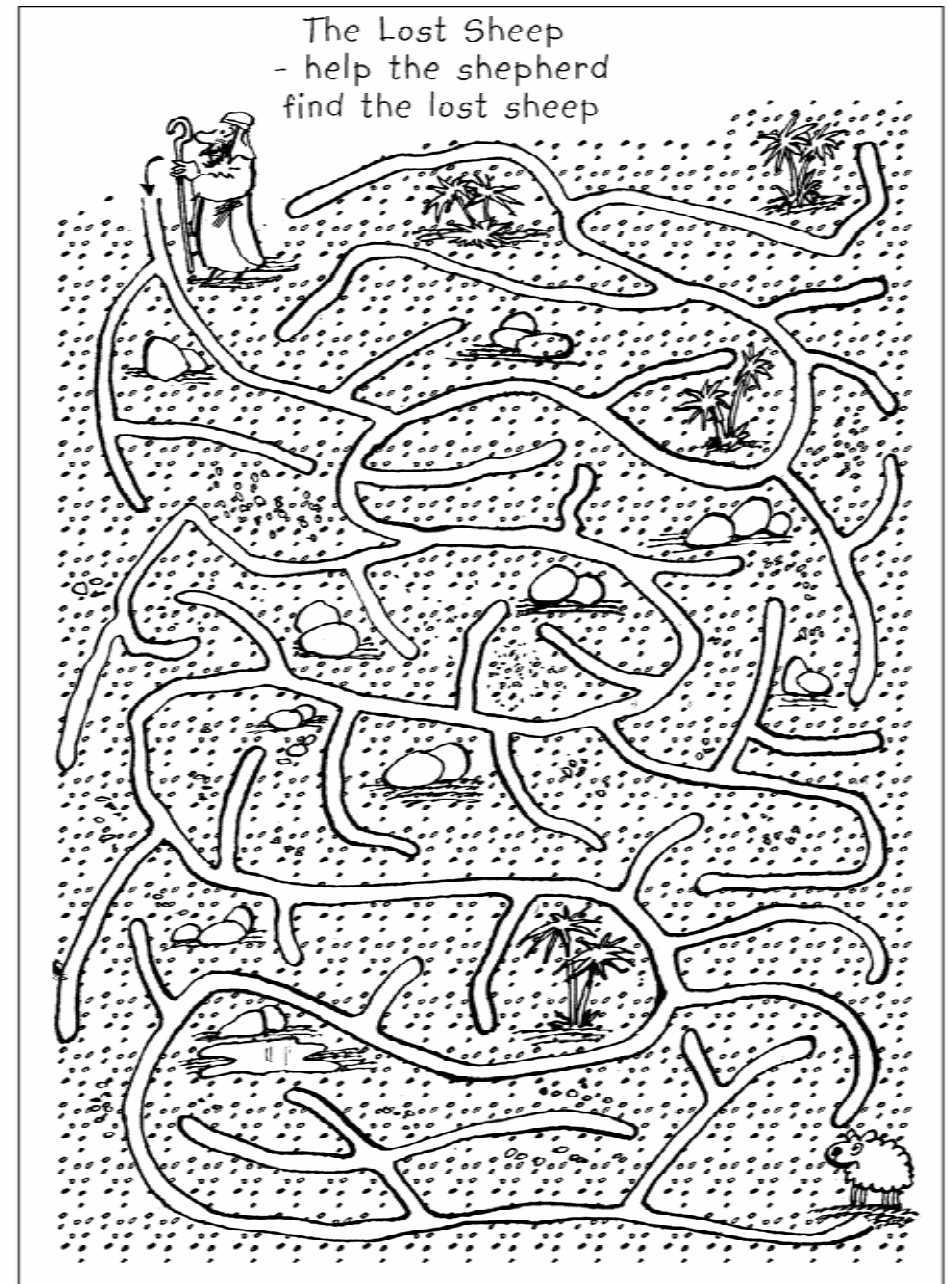
Robert Gilmore LeTourneau was born 30th November 1888, to godly parents and from infancy he heard the Gospel. LeTourneau dropped out of school at the age of 14 and went to work shoveling sand and dirt at an iron works factory in Portland, Oregon. By sixteen, he had grown into a large, muscular young man. And though these two years of labour with street-savvy men had educated him in the ways of the world, they had hardened his heart to the things of God. What he didn't know was that his devoutly Christian parents had been praying for his salvation daily.

The week before Christmas in 1904, the city of Portland had a crusade, and LeTourneau decided to attend. "What terrified me was that after a week of concentrated singing, and listening to sermons, I didn't feel even a tremor of response." That concern led to a humble plea for God's help. "No bolts of lightning hit me. No great flash of awareness. I just prayed to the Lord to save me, and then I was aware of another presence."

He felt he was clearly called to be a "businessman for God". But his business efforts—although incredibly successful—never deterred him from what he felt was his reason for existence: to glorify God and spread the Gospel message. He demonstrated his concern for the Gospel witness by establishing regular chapel services and by employing three full-time Chaplains in his manufacturing plants.

For many years, he lived on ten percent of his income and gave away ninety percent to Christian work, especially missionary efforts in Africa and South America. Even when his business was in financial jeopardy, he continued giving his sacrificial pledges to Christ's work. "The question" he said, "is not how much of my money I give to God, but rather how much of God's money I keep for myself."

A prolific inventor in the earthmoving industry, his machines represented nearly 70% of the earthmoving equipment used



Page 7 - WHO'S IN THE PEW

NAME:

Kathleen Rawson

Who are your family?:

Husband, Alf and our children Richard, Simon, Susan and Julian, also our 3 Daughters-in-law and our Son-in-law and our eight grandchildren.

Which service/s do you attend?

10.00am and 6.30pm

Are you a member of any church groups?

John Bradberry's Revival Group

Which country would you most like to visit and why?

Canada, because it's big, beautiful, clean and different.

Other than the Bible what is your favourite book?

"Knowing God" by J I Packer.

Who would you most like to meet?

A man named Alan Vincent who spoke many times at our son's church in Edinburgh. I learned so much from him just after I became a Christian. I still listen to his tapes when baking or ironing.

What is one of your ambitions in life?

To have those I love and care about know the Lord.

Any Hobbies of Favourite Pastimes?

I love reading and pottering about in our very small garden also I enjoy baking and meeting friends for coffee on Wednesday mornings.



Page 16—BOARBANK HALL

In my room I had my own telly and phone and from the window I could see some of the grounds and somewhere in the distance was Morecambe. Since I was a long way from home and didn't get many visitors I used the phone a lot and one day when my post was brought up I was asked if it was my birthday because there was quite a few that day.

Sister Michael, one of the nuns who worked there, would help me to take a shower, setting the shower to the right temperature and helping me to wash my back (lovely).

At dinner I sat with Ruth a 90 year old from Sheffield, Elsie from Lancashire who had had a bypass 20 years ago, Margaret who was in a wheelchair and lived at Boarbank, and Laurence a retired priest who helped out a bit when he visited.

On Friday we had a Male Voice Choir from Barrow singing to us in the Chapel (which was as big as a large church), their repertoire included a few Beatle's songs, there was also a female soloist who sang arias.

The following Tuesday I went for a trip out with Margaret, an elderly nun, a carer and John the driver. Our first stop was in Grange Over Sands where some of us got out of the minibus to wander around a few shops. Next we stopped at Arnside, by this time the weather was very wet so we didn't get out but were treated to a scone, a bun and a cup of tea inside the minibus.

Wednesday evening was music night, held in a lounge downstairs and organised by another retired priest. We were asked what we wanted to drink and also if we wanted any crisps after we had sat down.

My stay was enjoyable (I hardly had to do anything). The staff were friendly and helpful, they really wanted to make your time there enjoyable. The few residents I met were also friendly. If anyone ever needs to be looked after for a while (e.g. after an illness or an operation) consider Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite, Grange Over Sands. Telephone 01539 532288.

Joyce Wilcock

Page 15— DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th December 2006 – 10:00am until 4:00pm

We have invited Malcolm Duncan – leader of Faithworks, a Christian organisation committed to helping churches become more involved with their community – to come and spend a part of a weekend with us. He was due to come earlier this year but he fell ill and was unable to do so.

On Friday, 8th December he will be helping our church leadership to think about what it means in practical terms to engage with our community. On Saturday we will be meeting with him as a church to discover

How do we become an effective and authentic Christian presence in our Community?

We have also asked members of Lee Mount Baptist Church, New Beginnings Pentecostal Church, St Augustine's and All Souls to join us.

The cost is £5.00 which includes lunch.

This could be a very important day in the developing life of St Georges and the churches in Lee Mount as we seek to be God's people in our community and so I would encourage as many as possible to join us to worship and learn together.

Please try to make this day a priority.

Tickets are now available from Glenn Roper, Glen Knight and Stuart Kilpatrick.



Malcolm Duncan

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What is your favourite hymn and what does it mean to you?

"My Jesus, My Saviour".

I feel I am really worshipping when we sing it. It has always been very special to me and personal.

What is your favourite bible verse and what does it mean to you?

Psalm 139.

I am so glad that God has searched me and knows everything about me. It's so comforting to know that He is aware of everything I do.

As I am a member of "Life" charity this Psalm has always been my favourite.

How has God touched your life?

God has given me a real love for the bible and a great desire to know Him more.

PAYMENT

Three boys were in the school playground, bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "May dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him £50".

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him £100".

The third boy was not impressed. "Big deal. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"



Page 9—LADIES WEEKEND 2006

During the last weekend in September a group of 26 ladies from St. Georges spent their annual weekend at Parceval Hall near Burnsall. We were very lucky with the weather which was warm with sunshine at times. This enabled us to enjoy the beautiful gardens and woodland round the hall, and on the Saturday afternoon some ladies went on a walk round Bolton Abbey.

Our speaker was Cesca Cavender who is director of a healing through prayer centre. She was interesting, amusing, encouraging and informative. Her teaching was based on the Beatitudes. She showed us that we need to look at people the way God does—which often means we have to change. This seems to be particularly relevant for our relationships within our family—giving people the freedom to be themselves. She also taught us not to be bound down by criticism.

It is easy to hurt others at times: Cesca described how in a situation where she had not been kind, she immediately turned to God for forgiveness and help, which then enabled her to put that situation right. She found this had made a big difference in her relationships.

She encouraged us to be “teachable”; and talked about the different ways God can speak to us—through the unexpected, through the Bible, through other people who may not necessarily be Christians. That often God can speak to us in quite small ways which we need to recognise and ask for.

Cesca also talked about barriers to our relationship with God—wounds, past hurts, guilt, shame, despair. Amazingly she said that some wounds actually precede our birth. She gave us ideas of how to deal with this and allow Jesus to touch us gently and heal us.

During my free time on Saturday afternoon I was able to look at a display of objects for sensuous prayer set up by Gill Robertson. We were able to examine the objects, read some verses from the Bible, and use this to enhance our prayers.

Page 14— LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS



On Saturday 23rd September, supported by our Vicar, David Robertson, (pictured left to right) Helen Geraghty, Kath Brougham, Catherine Townend, Eric Stone and Gail Muff attended Wakefield Cathedral with all other Wakefield Diocese Pastoral Ministers for re-authorisation. After the service, which was conducted by Bishop Stephen, a buffet lunch was provided for the Lay Pastoral Ministers and their partners, the lunch was also attended by Bishop Tony and a visiting Bishop from Georgia, Russia.



“When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don’t throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.”

Corrie ten Boom

Page 13—LETTER FROM DOROTHY

Over the last few weeks, more and more Christmas displays have appeared in the shop windows. It can be an expensive time. Each year you try to think of a useful present to give to someone. It can become, that the real meaning of Christmas gets lost. .

Jesus called little children to him and reached out his arms in love. This is a deep and caring act of love. So you too can give priceless and valuable gifts away every day, not just at Christmas. You may have things that are special to you, because they have been given to you as a gift but encouragement is a valuable gift to share with everyone. All have something to share with others. The artist who spends his time painting a beautiful picture to give a friend, or a singer who gives joy to others.

Love reaches out, as in the story of the lost son (Luke 15:20). When the son was on his way home, but still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him. The father threw his arms around his son and kissed him, no holding back, the father hugged him.

One day I was walking into a supermarket and I gave a friend a hug, another lady who was a stranger said "Are they giving hugs away". I said yes love, how many do you want. Perhaps she was a lady on her own. On another day as a few neighbours were going to the bus stop, near where we live, a lady I knew said "Dorothy, give us a hug". At church an elderly lady who has lived alone for a many years longs for a hug, so we share a few minutes together. Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross to the people who put him there.

We all have special gifts we can share freely and lovingly every day to those around us. I am sure your gifts will be well appreciated. What are they? Love, encouragement and a sincere Christian hug.

Dorothy Firth

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I liked the empty tray to place an object to help to let go of anything that might create a barrier between us and God.

The perfume: dab a little, breathe in and allow God to reach us through all our senses. I felt the fragrance of the knowledge of God, the essence of God's personality and values.

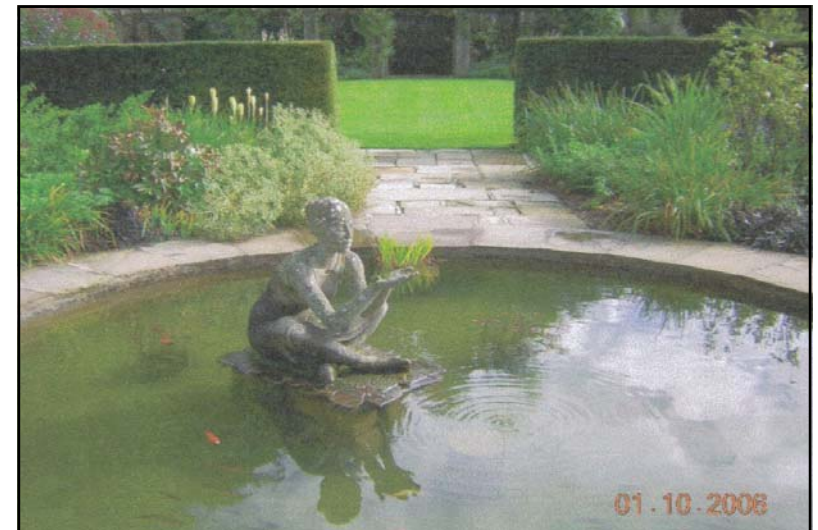
With the clock were some verses from Ecclesiastes 3 that I had read in my Bible as part of the readings from my daily Bible notes shortly before the weekend. Those beautiful well known verses about time, made me think— how much time do I find for prayer and generally spending time with God?

I was grateful to Gill for her time spent organising this display which I think she will probably also use in Church, so everyone will benefit from it.

We were all very blessed in the service on Sunday morning where we considered ourselves to be "The Bride of Christ": we should prepare ourselves with joy to meet our Lord.

My thanks go to Ann, Kath, Gail, Pat, Gill and everyone who organised such a lovely weekend.

Jill Coffey



THE BEATITUDES

There are eight beatitudes all found in Matthew 5 they are:-

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

If we are to grow as Christians we need to become like Jesus in every way, it's hard to achieve, for His standards seem so high. The bible spells out the qualities GOD wants to see in our lives, and it gives out the character He wants us to be. The beatitudes help to build that character.

Notice one thing about the beatitudes, Jesus starts by saying, blessed are you, in every one of the beatitudes he gives out. Whatever situation you are in at the moment Jesus wants to bless you, the reason is, He loves you! We are to show that same love to others.

The beatitudes form the heart of the Sermon on the Mount; they are perhaps among the best known words of Jesus. The crowds flocked to hear Him from all over Galilee, Jordan, Judea, this guy was a must see and hear!

The beatitudes turn the world values upside down, they have been described as GODS prescription for happiness, and one book referred to them as the happy attitudes, the world may look upon them as weakness though.

Jesus desires to see all of these 8 characteristics in all His followers, that is a tall order! May GOD help us in this quest!

Thinking about attitudes, I wonder if you remember the movie "The Fiddler On The Roof", the main character, Tenye, played by Topol, tells the Lord "I realise of course that it's no shame to be poor, but it's no great honour either!" Most of us would agree with that statement, like Tenye we may ask, "so what would be so terrible if I had a small fortune?", and we sympathise with him when he sings, "If I were a rich man". I would like to experience riches for a while in my life it would be good, sorry getting off track! See what I mean though, need to get my attitude right.

Truth is we are rich, very rich if we have Jesus in our hearts, for we will inherit the whole earth, He has promised to prepare a place for us in His kingdom! How rich is that?

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teachings, because He spoke with authority from His father!.

The beatitudes give us a clearer and deeper grasp of what it truly means to be blessed. They are a good guideline for our lives along with other teachings from the word of GOD, the bible.

Later Jesus summed it all up with these words from Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do to you,
for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

May GOD grant you Happy Attitudes!

Love in Jesus

Lewis Benn