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man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD

Deuteronomy 8:3



PEOPLE OF GOD



TOM MONAGHAN
Founder of Domino's Pizzas

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

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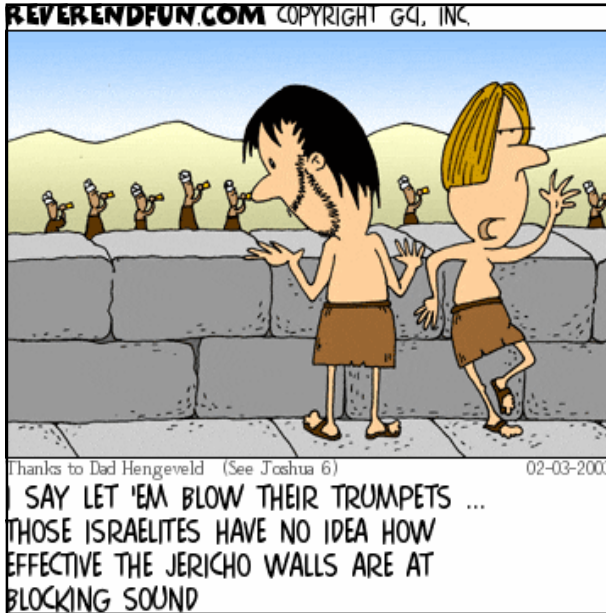
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Friendship is a word the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm

Augustine Birrell



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Date & Time	Title	Reading
01.10.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm	"Example matters" "Testing Times"	Mark 9:38-50 Job 1:6-22
08.10.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm	"Money matters" HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE	Mark 10:17-31
15.10.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm	"Family matters" "I wish . . ."	Mark 10:2-12 Job 3:1-23
22.10.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm	"Leadership matters" "Can't win . . ."	Mark 10:35-45 Job 9:1-16
29.10.06 10.00 am 06.30 pm	"Persistence matters" "Help me . . ."	Mark 10:46-52 Job 19:21-27a

SOLOMON ROAD

by Scott Lincoln



Page 21 - EDITORIAL

Once again our Lord has blessed Eric with a successful heart operation and we both thank you all for all your prayers, cards, emails and well wishes.

While Eric was in surgery I wandered about Leeds, supposedly shopping, when I discovered the Catholic Cathedral, at first I thought I'd found it purely by chance, but now as I think back, I am sure I was drawn there by your prayers. While sitting in the quiet chapel I had such a feeling of peace and oneness that I am convinced I was sharing a moment with our church family in the presence of God, we weren't alone! As Psalm 139:7 say's "I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your presence!".

We all have times of tiredness and dryness, times when it is hard to find the words to speak with God, and it is in those times that we can feel the comfort and strength in the faithfulness of our Christian families prayers. For me this meant I could just sit back and feel the presence of God and know that I could rely on you to find the words for me, what a blessing, thank you.

Eric and Linda Stone

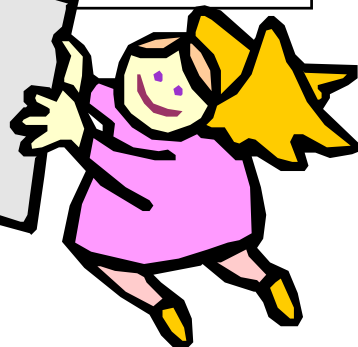


Now that I'm older

Here's what I've discovered

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair

Deadline
for the
next issue is
Sunday
29.10.06



Page 2 - JENNIFER'S LETTER



DRY ROT! Not again! When my husband David came home one evening and said he had spotted the tell tale signs of the fungus growing around one of the wooden support beams at the back of the church, my heart sank! It sank even further when during a family service some weeks later as I was reporting the disruption the repair work would cause for us someone spotted more fungus in yet another area of the church.

Over the past few years we have been fortunate in that all dry rot work has been covered by an insurance policy the PCC took out many years ago. However after having made several large claims against it, the insurance company was no longer happy for the policy to continue. Hence the expense we now face. Sometimes we have had appeals for donations from members past and/or present. Sometimes we have used funds in the bank or Insurance. However we have dealt with it has been costly and leads to frustration as our resources have been diverted away from other projects. But, deal with it we must, we cannot ignore its presence. We think we have dealt with it for good but lo and behold it rears its ugly head somewhere else. It is all very frustrating and many a time we, or maybe just I, have wished we could just abandon the building altogether!

On reflection though, is this a picture of how God sees us? His only son paid the ultimate cost to deal with all the rot that makes us less than whole as God intended us to be, both as individuals and as His church. Jesus has dealt with sin and evil once and for all on the cross. He paid the costly price.

And yet he sees the rot occurring again and again in our lives and the effects of evil in His world. Does he abandon those he loves? No He forgives and goes on forgiving as we bring Him the tell tale signs of rot in our lives.

So as we deal with the dry rot in the church building, let's give thanks to God who does not abandon us in frustration but lovingly heals and restores us so that we can express **His** love and forgiveness in a troubled world.



Cayton Bay Camp
Mayor Stirks visit

The Late J Worsnop in rear
Foreground Mollie Smithies



A SIOUX PRAYER



You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and valleys. You are my mother and my father. You have given rain to make the corn grow, and sunshine to ripen it. Now in your strength the harvest begins.

I offer you the first morsels of the harvest. I know it is almost nothing compared with the abundance of the crop. But since you have provided the harvest, my gift to you is only a sign of what you have given to me.

You alone know how many suns and moons it will take to finish reaping. You alone know how heavy the crop will be. I work too hard and too fast I forget about you, who gave me the harvest. So I will work steadily and slowly, remembering that each ear of corn is a priceless gift from you.

Amen



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The secret of life is to make the best of whatever comes along. Make every day fresh and new. Go in search of knowledge and experience. Let your questions and your answers reconcile. And do your best to remember

The best kind of learning curve
Is an educated smile



This is the story at Brierley, with a population of 3500, nestling next to Grimethorpe and 5 miles from the centre of Barnsley. The church has been neglected over the past 50 years both pastorally and in its buildings. This was apparent when we actually heard that the Church Spire has increased in height by some 2 inches because of rusting of the iron metal work inside the stonework. Offers to pay for the repair to the clock on the spire have had to be refused until stone work repairs have been completed.

Since the parish came under the Pastorship of Father Peter Needham (a former Franciscan Friar) many good things have begun to happen, including the mini mission from the Wakefield Diocese. The team consisted of 8 members, under the leadership of John Holmes, Canon Missionarie for Wakefield diocese, included Stuart Kilpatrick and Nigel Beaumont.

Over the weekend of 7th July, Friday to Sunday, the aim was to visit as many homes in the area as possible, to introduce the church and events on the weekend but more importantly to ask if the people visited had any prayer requests or needs for prayer. Both Nigel and Stuart felt God encouraging them as they met the residents, since most people were open and friendly as they opened their doors. Indeed the village has a reputation for being just this. It was also helped by the fact that the people of Brierley had delivered leaflets around the parish, so in many instances when they called they were already expected.

On the Sunday morning, there was a service which concluded the mission where the prayer requests were read out by members of the mission team. People whom we had met over the weekend were invited to the service and some did come. The team should not feel despondent about small numbers, we have fulfilled our Lord's command to go and tell. We can now only hope and pray that the Lord will bless our efforts, and there will be new fruit in Brierley. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless Father Peter and his people.

Stuart Kilpatrick and Nigel Beaumont



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.

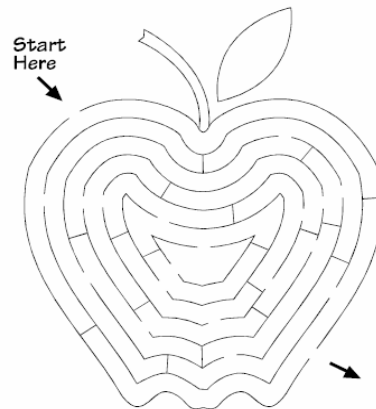
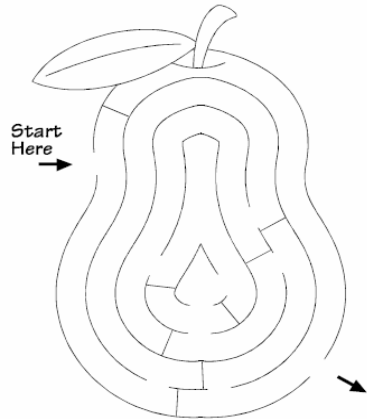


Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

HARVEST PUZZLE

Can you find your way through these two fruit mazes?



What kind of nuts sneeze the most?

Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?

Nectarine.

The company's remarkable growth resulted in Domino's having over 5000 stores in the United States and more than 260 in other countries.

After reading "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis in 1989, Monaghan was shaken by what he considered his sinful pride and ego. He took two years off from Domino's to examine his life and explore religious goals.

Despite his enormous wealth, Monaghan divested himself of most of his ostentatious material possessions. He gave up his lavish office suite at Domino's headquarters, replete with leather-tiles floors and an array of expensive furnishings, turning it into a corporate reception room. He also ceased construction on a huge mansion that was to be his home (the house remains half-finished). He also built a mission in a Honduras mountain town, and funded and supervised the construction of a new cathedral in Managua, Nicaragua, after the old cathedral was destroyed in an earthquake.

In 1998 he sold his controlling stake in Domino's Pizza for an estimated \$1 billion, stepping away from a pizza empire he grew from a single shop. His motivation: to give his money away to Catholic and pro-life charities. "I feel it's God's money and I want to use it for the highest possible purpose—to help as many people as possible get to Heaven."

Since selling Domino's he has had more time to focus on the Legatus project. This is an association of the most talented, proven business leaders in the Catholic Church, which he was inspired to set up in 1987 after meeting with Pope John Paul II.

Members of Legatus are invited to monthly meetings (along with their spouses) where they learn about their faith and about the insights of the Catholic Church on a range of social issues, including business ethics. Each meeting starts with prayer and opportunities of confession. In 10 years time they hope to have 5000 members in America and 5000 members in the rest of the world.

On Christmas eve of 1941, when Tom was only 4 years old, his father died of peritonitis. His mother was only earning a small wage and planned to enter nursing school, she put Tom and his younger brother, Jim into a series of foster homes, hoping to take them back after she had graduated and found a good job.



Tom ended up on St. Joseph Home for children where one of the nuns, Sister Berarda became his surrogate mother and inspired his devotion to the Catholic faith, Toms mother graduated and on obtaining a job in a Michigan hospital and Tom and his brother returned to live with her. After completing seventh grade Tom started to display his entrepreneurial flair by growing and selling, door to door, his own vegetables, fish caught in Lake Michigan and selling newspapers on street corners. Unfortunately, he and his mother argued constantly, and he was sent to live on a farm just outside of town. He eventually entered a minor seminary with the desire to become a priest from which he was eventually expelled for a series of disciplinary infractions. After a stint with the Marine Corps and dropping in and out of the University of Michigan, Domino's Pizza emerged in 1960. His brother Jim, then a mailman, over heard that a pizza shop was for sale. The two brothers gave the seller a seventy-five dollar down payment, and borrowed the rest from the post office credit union. Tom later traded his brother, James a Volkswagen Beetle for his half of the business. The car now resides inside the main entrance into the Dominos World Resource Center.

The Epistle of James

FOUR "BOOKS" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TELL OF THE LIFE OF JESUS. THESE ARE CALLED THE 'GOSPELS'. MOST OF THE REST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT IS A COLLECTION OF LETTERS WRITTEN TO DIFFERENT CHURCHES, OR INDIVIDUALS, IN ORDER TO HELP THEM LIVE BETTER LIVES.

ONE LETTER - FULL OF PRACTICAL ADVICE - IS THE LETTER FROM JAMES

IN THIS LETTER JAMES (AMONGST OTHER THINGS) EXPLAINS HOW MARVELLOUS THE TONGUE IS.

"IT'S A BIT LIKE A HORSE'S BRIDLE..."

"...OR THE RUDDER ON A LARGE SHIP. IT IS VERY SMALL, BUT IT CAN HAVE A HUGE IMPACT."

"IT'S EVEN LIKE A SMALL SPARK OR A TINY FLAME..."

"...WHICH CAN SET A WHOLE FOREST ABLAZE!"

"SO TAKE CARE WITH ALL THAT YOU SAY. DON'T LET YOUR RATTLING TONGUE GET YOU INTO TROUBLE!"

see James 3.1-12

Page 7 - WHO'S IN THE PEW

Hi, my name is KIRSTY LOUISE FEE and I'm a member of St. Georges Sunday Club. I'm seventeen year old, I have two sisters and one brother. My two sisters both come to Church, they are called Kimberley and Holly.



The thing I would change about Sunday Club is, we could do our talents, learn dances and do our Christmas Play by doing a Christmas dance.

The things I like about Sunday Club is that people are always there for me and it's a place to go if you need help or information of if ure feeling sad.

This article is done by
Kirsty Louise Fee



Hello my name is HOLLY I like coming to Church in the night because it is very good and it keeps you occupied.

All the best
Love from Holly

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HARVEST PRAISE GUEST SERVICE

Sunday, 8th October
6.30pm



We had planned to celebrate the harvest with choir items and hymns with organ accompaniment. Unfortunately we will not be able to achieve the musical heights we had aspired to, due to the work to address the dry-rot and roofing problems.

Harvest Praise will still go ahead, so please come along and bring some friends to join in this thanksgiving for all the good gifts the Lord has provided.

Also - PENNIES TO MARA The jar is available each Sunday to put in your contributions of loose change to support our link with Mara in Tanzania and especially to assist the development of education there.

To date this year £123 has been sent from this fund along with a further contribution from our overall giving of £2,100. **Thank you for your generosity**

Page 15—DIARY NOTES

The Wakefield and Mara Link. The Bishop has sent a letter of appreciation to all the Churches in the Diocese who gave so liberally to the **Famine Appeal** in Tanzania. The Mara Link Committee have also sent thanks to St. George's, Ovenden for their kind donation of £2,100 which was very much appreciated.

The Bible Society's theme for this year is taken from John's Gospel, ch.8 v.32: "set the Truth free" to encourage us all to wake up to Bible poverty in the World. To support this, two events are planned:

Sunday, 15th October, A Harvest Lunch at 12noon, Highroad Well & Warley United Reformed Church, cost: £2.50p. Please let Catherine know by 8th October, if you would like to attend.

Bible Sunday, 29th October, when we hope to welcome a Member of the Bible Society Committee to speak to us and highlight the Work of the Bible Society, at our Morning Service.

Tearcraft - Open Days. The Tearcraft Season is gearing up for a busy time. New stock, plenty of catalogues and the opportunity to visit the following special Open Days as follows: Saturday, 7th October @ 45/47 Norman Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, 11am to 3pm. or Saturday 14th October @ 22 Marsh Grove Rd. Edgerton, Huddersfield, 11am to 3pm. Please let Catherine know if you are interested in going to either of these Open Days.

Harvest Festival - Sunday 8th October. We are once again supporting CART (Christian African Relief Trust). They are appealing for Dried & Tinned Goods (packets of rice, pasta, oats, cereals, dried pulses, tins of beans and fruit, cooking oil) all with a long 'best before' date, at least 6 months. Tin openers are very useful. Also, Education Materials (exercise books, pencils and pencil sharpeners, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, paper, geometry sets, educational games and toys) for school children in Africa.

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Hi, my name is EMMA, I am 15 years old, and go to the Ridings School. I have also been baptised and plan to get confirmed.

I like about Evening Club because everybody is friendly and helpful. If you need help there is always someone there that's willing to listen and try to help.

I enjoy the activities that we do but I think it would be better if we did a wider range of activities, e.g. acting and dancing.



Hello my name is KIMBERLEY, I am 16 years old and have been coming to St. Georges for about 3 years. I thought that when I first came to Church that I wouldn't be accepted for what I look like, but church has totally changed my life and I hope to get baptised soon.







By Kimberley Brocklehurst



Page 9—THE WAY TO TRUE BLESSING

A few years ago the WWJD wristbands (What would Jesus do?) were very popular. They remind us that disciples of Jesus Christ are called to live Jesus' life on a daily basis in order to impact society today. In the opening section of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5: 1-12) Jesus outlines the values which form the basis of this lifestyle. The eight beatitudes each bring a promise of the blessing of kingdom life. As "be-attitudes" they emphasize being as opposed to doing as the foundation of a Christian counter cultural lifestyle for today.

What do they look like in practice?

-  Letting go of my need to be somebody: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
-  Letting go of my need to feel good: "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted".
-  Letting go of my need to be right: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
-  Letting go of my demand to have it all now: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
-  Letting go of my need for revenge: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
-  Letting go of my need to look good: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

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Boarbank Hall
Nursing Home
Run by
Augustinian
Nursing Sisters

Situated, near the village of Allithwaite, facing South, overlooking Humphrey Head and the wide expanse of Morecambe Bay. Provides a peaceful and attractive environment for recovery.

Joyce Wilcock

THANKS FROM

Nigel Beaumont wishes to thank everyone at St. Georges for their prayers and support during his recent operation which has been successful.



Eric and Linda Stone thank you all for your wonderful support prayers, cards, emails, telephone calls and emails, which have helped us both through Eric's recent heart operation.

On Tuesday 18th July I'm woken up at 6am for a bath, then wait until collected to go to theatre. I wake up sometime early Wednesday morning in Intensive Care, needing a drink. I get the attention of a nurse and I am brought a beaker with a straw. Later I am asked what do I want for breakfast. Not long before dinnertime I'm taken back to the ward and asked what do I want for dinner. In the afternoon they ask me to sit in the chair at the side of the bed. During the afternoon I need to go to the loo, I get assistance (it's difficult to walk with a bandage three quarters up one leg).

First lot of tablets are given out at 6am! Breakfast: cereal, bap and jam (no toast) is brought between 7-7.30am. After the doctor's been on his rounds, another lot of tablets are given out. Later on in the morning a nurse comes to look at my wounds and decides to leave my bandages off. After the first time, I can go to the loo on my own, yippee. Dinner time; plus yet another lot of tablets. Mid afternoon I ask if I can get back into bed. I am told to wait until after tea. Tea time arrives, and you've guessed it—another lot of tablets.

My first visitor arrives, nice to have a natter. Bedtime drink (a drink but not even a biscuit) arrives at 10pm, AND ANOTHER LOT OF TABLETS!

On Friday I take my first walk—about 10 yards. Chris and Kerry come to visit and give me a brochure about Boarbank Hall—the convalescent home I went to. Saturday brought more visitors, as I'm talking to Eric and Linda I happen to look towards the doorway **AND** am I seeing things, no, **IT'S ARTHUR** (my cousin from Cambridgeshire). Sunday brings more visitors, Chris and Derek bring Betty and Catherine, Chris and Derek disappear for a while, then Betty and Catherine go away.

On Monday the doctor tells me I'm going out on Tuesday, I ring Chris to tell her. TUESDAY—I'm going to Boarbank Hall, after dinner Chris and Derek come to collect me and I arrive mid afternoon.



Letting go of my need to win: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."



Letting go of my need to be liked: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."



Of course, as G. K. Chesterton said "this is impossible stuff" unless we allow the Holy Spirit to empower to live out these values on a daily basis. So it's over to you now!

Rev Paul Hardingham ~ Parish Pump



SOMETHING SPECIAL

Just for you and your mail box
As you go to pick up your mail for the day
You know that what you'll find will be mostly bills
and junk mail and things like that

But if you're like me (and I know your are)
You'll always have that little bit of hope
That maybe, just maybe, there's a card or a letter in there

From someone who's been thinking of you
Well someone has been thinking of you
Someone who loves to do that ... Me.



EZEKIEL MAN OF VISION

(Ezekiel 1)

I found Ezekiel difficult to understand, it's a mixture of visions, messages, drama's and poems. A line, which he often uses is; "They will know that I am the Lord". The messages GOD gives Ezekiel were meant to shock the people into a relationship with him. Ezekiel encounters some strange things, but not as strange as the vision GOD give him in chapter 1, UFO's have nothing compared to this vision! All GOD'S word links together and gives the same testimony, three good links here are Ezekiel, Jesus and Revelation.



Ezekiel spoke of a Messiah, a good shepherd to lead his people. Jesus spoke of a new kingdom, a place prepared for all who would follow Him. John spoke in Revelation about the completion of all these things.

Ezekiel was a man of deep faith he would help in the temple, as a churchman he would serve the kneeling congregation and go about his alter ceremonies in a ritual way. Until the Lord had other idea's, he heard the Lord speaking and felt His power. He

showed him a vision, which would change his way of thinking, in verses 4-28 GOD shows him the vision and he falls down on the ground face down. Mortal man, GOD calls him to stand up and said, "I want to talk to you!" GOD calls on him to be a prophet to the Israel nation.

The things GOD asks him to do! Eat this scroll GOD tells him and take the message I give you to the people. I will also make you a watchman over the nation of Israel and you are to warn them to turn away from their wicked ways.

In chapter 4, Ezekiel is told the strangest thing, to shave his head and beard as a sign to the people the I mean business, he was to bare the sins of Israel in doing this act. God had taken him out of his tradition as a priest and in that way GOD could use him.

Many things were to happen to Ezekiel in his ministry. After 10 years in exile the people were losing all hope, but GOD gives Ezekiel another vision this time of the dry bones, chapter 37.

Ezekiel had yet another vision, this time of the temple, it sort of ends the book of Ezekiel. This vision is of what's to come and one of my favourites, especially the stream flowing out of the temple. It's a vision of what GOD is going to do for all mankind.

Through Jesus He has promised great things to all who will follow Him, Jesus made a way by dying on the cross for us.

We have spoken much about visions and temples, but what about your temple? I don't mean your church I mean your temple, YOU!

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple"
1 Corinthians 3:16-17

*Love in Jesus
Lewis Benn.*