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THE MONTH'S LECTIONARY

1st October

Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32

15th October

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

8th October

Exodus:20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

22nd October

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

29th October

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Those interested in the readings to be used by most preachers in the Sunday services might appreciate the above list, perhaps for private study.

COVER: The small anglican church at East Looe has windows representing the Good Samaritan. Look carefully at the feet. (See page 18)

Letter for Elburton And Oreston



Dear One and All,

Each year I have my flu jab I recall a conversation I had with my youngest son. "Why do you have a flu jab?"

I explained it stopped me becoming ill or even dying of flu. "So you don't want to be with the Jesus then?" was the retort. I asked what that was supposed to mean. "You are always saying it's so important to have Jesus in your life, if you died then you could be with him sooner and that's what you want isn't it?". Children see things so clearly in black and white terms.

It also makes me recall other strange things Christians have said to me. "I don't need insurance as I've got Jesus." I am not sure the traffic cop would see it that way if you had no car insurance while driving on the road. Or, "Once you have Jesus all will be well, nothing bad will happen." So that dispenses with the need for the NHS, training doctors and nurses and our emergency services. It will save a fortune! Sometimes we Christians say such silly things.

I have a flu jab and I have Jesus. In a sense the vaccination prevents disease and Jesus cures the dis-ease in me. It's both and more that is required, not either/or. A sensible precaution is not a lack of faith. When my son asked, 'Don't you want to be with Jesus?' the answer to this is, 'Of course I do' but the reality is, that I am always in-Jesus. There is no time or place when I am not in the presence-of, in company-with, living-my-life-for-Christ. It is like breathing, something that happens and is remarkably unremarkable.

This year I want our church to reflect on whether or not it has the marks of a healthy church, where our inspiration comes from and if we are fit for Christ's purposes. I shall be bringing to the autumn church councils and to home groups the 7 marks of a Healthy Church and shall be preaching on this theme too. In a sense I want us to be able to breathe easily about our faith and to talk openly about it. For people to do that they need to have confidence that their questions will not be seen as silly, that they will not be subject to silly comments and judgmental attitudes. A healthy church permits a person to explore what it is to have faith in God and what it is to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

My arm is now beginning to ache from the flu jab so it's time to stop.

Every blessing,

Simon

Six months ago, Mary became part of a Send a Cow group. This network of friendship is essential in her new venture. They meet every Monday, offering support and encouragement.



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The wonderful news is that we have an opportunity in the very near future to have donations to Send a Cow doubled,

Elburton Methodist Community Church



REGULAR EVENTS HELD IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY

SERVICE	Morning	Evening
	10.30 am	6.30 pm
October 1st	Rev'd Tony Broad OUR FORMER MINISTER	Mrs Di Smart
October 8th HARVEST	Rev'd Simon Leigh PARADE/FAMILY	Rev'd Simon Leigh SACRAMENT
October 15th	Rev'd Simon Leigh SACRAMENT	Mrs Di Smart
October 22nd	Rev'd Andrew Day	Mrs Gillian Higgins
October 29th	Miss Judith Allen	Rev'd Simon Leigh HEALING/ SACRAMENT

The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a preacher friend posted, "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes."

Elburton Methodist Community Church

JaM (JESUS AND ME)

10.30 a.m.

JaM is the name for our children's and youth ministry. We meet in the Moore Hall for 10.30 am. The first Sunday is a family and parade service which we are also part of, in the church.

SOUNDS ALIVE SINGERS

When we have a presentation to work towards we meet for rehearsals at 11.45 am after church on Sundays to share our love of music.

MONDAY

DANCE FITNESS - 10.30 a.m.

Contact Sarah Danning, 01752 881447 or email:
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LUNCHEON CLUB - 11 a.m.

On Mondays lunches are provided for those less able to cook for themselves. Contact June Dinner (407418) for 3rd Mondays, Barbara Jeffery (311100) for the other Mondays.

BEAVERS - 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS - 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.

SCOUTS - 7.45 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

There are a few vacancies for boys and girls and also helpers. Contact Roger Galloway 268803 for more information.

TUESDAY

METHODIST WOMEN

IN BRITAIN - 2.30 p.m.

October 3rd Members Afternoon

October 10th Rev'd James Croucher

October 17th Henry, from Lions

October 24th Mrs Marilyn Sharp

October 31st Rev'd John Smythe

RAINBOWS - 4.30 p.m.

BROWNIES - 6.00 p.m

The Women's Network Fellowship, now called MWiB, meets in the Moore Hall of Elburton Methodist Church. For more information contact Carol Batchelor 491962.

Contact Julie Hoskin on 481605.

There is no Guides group at present.

Elburton Methodist Community Church

PLYMSTOCK & RIDGEWAY

MEN'S GROUP 7.30 pm

9th October at Ridgeway

Andrew Sherrington, Dad's Career

23rd October at Elburton

Reg Wood, Things you know

Contact Andrew Gow (341037) for more details. Half the meetings are held at Ridgeway, the others are in the Rank Hall, Elburton Methodist Community Church.

WIVES CLUB - 7.45 pm

3rd Oct John Boon

Tales of a registrar

10th Oct Queen's Dock ukeleles

17th Oct Brian Gerry My life thro' music

24th Harvest

31st October Sarah Danning's Choir

All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Elburton Moore Hall. For more information contact Sylvia Harris (514818) or Carol Pike (311150).

HOME GROUP 1 - 7 p.m.

Held at Pam Kingsland's (519452) and led by Rev'd Simon Leigh.

WEDNESDAY

EXERCISE CLASS 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Denise Avent (402818)

DANCE SHED 4-5pm

Dance for Children

HOME GROUP 2 7.30 pm

Held at the home of Trisha Stringer and led by Maureen Richardson (407137)

HOME GROUP 4 8 p.m.

A group meets at a different home each week (helpful for the young families who attend). Contact Jon Carhart (480319).

THURSDAY

WORKING PARTY

FIRST Thursdays from 9.30 am

Come and help us keep our church in a good state of repair. Contact Tony Sleep (403247) for details.

MEET AND EAT

THIRD Thursdays from 10 a.m.

A good meal, tea/coffee, and good company for everyone, led by Rosemary Lee, Barbara Jeffery (311100) and Jennifer Tomlinson (403896).

TABLE TENNIS 3.15 - 5.15 p.m.

Contact David Finemore (406372)

Elburton Methodist Community Church

HOME GROUP 3 7.30 p.m.

David and Brenda Youngs
(880286) lead this group on
Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm at
Ruth Sweetland's home.

FRIDAY

LUNCHEON CLUB

11 a.m. (in term time)

A lovely lunch provided for those
less able to provide for themselves.
Good food, good company.
Contact Trisha Stringer (482532).

SATURDAY

COFFEE MORNING

Last Saturday of the month
10.30 a.m. - noon

Held in the Moore Hall, Arranged
by Margaret Passmore (404929),
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MESSY CHURCH

First Saturday of month 10.30 a.m.

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A TRIBUTE TO THREE LADIES



Every week Barbara, Jennifer and Rosemary provide the refreshments at our weekly MWiB meetings and make cakes for our monthly mission table. They produce lunches for the vulnerable and lonely within our community at the weekly Monday Lunch Club. Anyone who comes to the monthly Meet and Eat is made very welcome, and can enjoy a delicious 3 course home cooked lunch. They also organise the lunches for the Spring and Autumn Markets, our main church fundraising events. To express our thanks for all they do in our church, the ladies from MWiB presented them with named mugs at our AGM, in the hope that they will manage to find time to use them!

Carol Batchelor

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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN (NETWORK)



Autumn District Day – Thursday 12th October

This year's MWiB Autumn District Day will be held on Thursday 12th October at Ridgeway Methodist Church. The day will include the Induction of Mrs Di Smart as District MWiB President. Mr Phil Pugsley will update us on our current District Charity 'Amigos' and the afternoon speaker will be Mr David Mann. David will be representing and speaking about SAT7. Tea and coffee will be provided, but you will need to take a packed lunch.

As this District Day is within our circuit and not a great distance from here, it would be good to have as many of you there as possible, even if just for the morning or afternoon. If you would like further details or need help with transport, please contact Carol Batchelor (491962).

MESSY CHURCH

October 2nd - Light up our Darkness - showing how God is the light of the World - activities include lanterns, tea light holders, comets and crowns. Come and enjoy fun, food and good fellowship.



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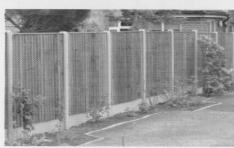
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Prayer Page

The second week of October is Prisons week.

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From Further Everyday Prayers

O Lord, please give me the strength to carry me through my imprisonment. Let me concentrate, not on feeling sorry for myself, but on what I am doing while I am here. Let me comfort those left behind, for they are suffering more than I. Let me not be lonely, for there are many more lonely than I. I can have friends here . . . Let me not feel anger or bitterness, for they are negative, instead let me have the strength not to give into temptation and to make use of my talents. Above all, Lord, help me to see what I can do best and give me strength to do these things. AMEN.

Author unknown.

HARVEST

We dare but ask you bless our harvest feast till it is spread for poorest and for least, we dare not bring our harvest gifts to you unless our hungry brothers share them too.

Not only at this time, Lord; every day those whom you love are dying while we pray. Teach us to do with less, and so to share

from our abundance more than we can spare.

Now with this harvest plenty round us piled, show us Christ in every starving child; speak, as you spoke of old in Galilee, 'You feed, or refuse, not them but me!'

Lilian Cox

Lord, your harvest is the harvest of love; love sown in the hearts of people; love that spreads out like the branches of a great tree covering all who seek its shelter; love that inspires and recreates; love that is planted in the weak and the weary, the sick and the dying. The harvest of your love is the life that reaches through the weeds of sin and death to the sunlight of resurrection. Lord, nurture my days with your love, water my soul with the dew of forgiveness, that the harvest of my life might be your joy.

Frank Topping

(prayers kindly provided by Rev'd David Youngs)

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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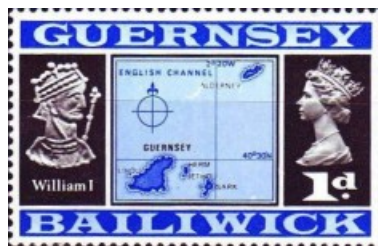
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THE JOY OF ERRORS

The first stamps Guernsey ever produced were in 1969 and began with a map of the island. Unfortunately it showed a line of latitude marked 40 degrees instead of 49 which put Guernsey in the middle of Spain.



The artist who produced the beautiful window for the church on the quay in East Looe was representing the story of the Good Samaritan. It is reproduced on the front cover. He probably used a mirror to draw the left foot for the pane shown here on the right and he drew the same foot again for the traveller's right leg.

In Buckland Abbey you can see a Vinegar Bible where a sleepy monk transcribed "vinegar" instead of "vineyard".

The Guernsey penny stamp is now valuable as a collectors item. The novelty of a man with two left feet attracts many visitors to the church. The Vinegar Bible must be almost priceless.

Perhaps it is worth noting how errors have improved the value of these works. We all make mistakes; it is human nature. Rather than dwell on them we should remember that God forgives, people forget or even celebrate our errors, and sometimes we can inadvertently create a thing of great value. TR

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Every month except in the holiday periods, on the last Saturday there is a coffee morning held in the Moore Hall in aid of church funds. It is a happy social event with many regular attendees.



It will next be held on October 28th.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP



In the evening of the third Sunday of most months we hold an alternative form of worship. We use guitar and keyboard for more modern songs with strong tunes, and tea or coffee is provided at the beginning of the service. Preachers often allow the congregation to ask questions and discuss what they have said, as part of the worship.

NEXT: Sunday October 15th

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian are viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden. "Look at their reserve, their calm," muses the Brit. "They must be British." "Nonsense," the Frenchman disagrees. "They're naked, and so beautiful. Clearly, they are French." "No clothes, no shelter," the Russian points out, "they have only an apple to eat, and they're being told this is paradise. Clearly, they are Russian."

A man went to the Post Office to buy stamps for his Christmas cards.

"What Denomination?" Asked the clerk.

"Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the man.

"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"



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will be on Saturday 14th October.



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Picture of harvest fields made by JAM and displayed in the church.

SAMARITANS PURSE

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community. Find how to fill a box on Google or pick up a leaflet from church.



Boxes will be collected on the 12th November during the family/parade service. I have decorated flat pack boxes which are available from me for 50 pence each, otherwise your own wrapped shoe boxes are still acceptable.





SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

10a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come and pray for our community, our country, our schools, our world, in the company of thousands across the country and the world.

For the past 2 years CWR has promoted this weekend which has been extremely successful with thousands of churches taking part, not only in this country but worldwide. The idea is to ask people in the community if they would like to be prayed for, what they would like prayed for, and for us to offer our prayers in a different way. There will be 2 Prayer Stations, one in the entrance which will be there on Friday and Saturday and one in the church on Saturday.

Prayer request cards will be available – and a box to put them in! As previously I will take the prayers home and pray them during the following week. There will be prayer cards to take away and some little booklets on prayer which you may find helpful to give away or for yourself.

I pray God's blessing on this day. Di Smart

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. "No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: "Now, what am I here after?"



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Oreston Methodist Church



SUNDAY SERVICES ARE AT 10.30 AM

October 1st.	Local Arrangement
October 8th.	Judith Allen
October 15th.	Brian Gerry
October 22nd.	Nigel Norris
October 29th.	Simon Leigh. SACRAMENT

Reverend King asked everyone to stand. He then said 'those of you who forgive and forget past grievances please be seated'. About half of those in the church sat. The preacher quoted Biblical verses and repeated his question to those still standing. At this point most sat down. He pleaded further for them to follow the Christian way and one by one they sat down. Just one old lady remained standing; 'Madam' reverend King asked 'why can't you forgive your enemies?'

'Because I have none,' she replied.

'That is remarkable; at your age to have no enemies is wonderful. To what do you attribute this achievement?'

She gave him her best smile and replied, 'they have all died!'

Stitch, Knit & Natter

at **Oreston
Methodist Church**

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for a *cuppa* and a *chat* and find out
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From 11th September

Mondays 2 - 4pm

in term time



A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

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ORESTON EVENTS...

Oreston Parents and Toddlers

The Group meets every Friday in term time, in the Church Hall from 1.30pm - 3.15pm. All are welcome.



Oreston Stitch, Knit & Natter

The group meets every Monday from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Church Hall. Craft activities of many types take place and all are welcome to attend.



All Age Table Tennis



2 pm to 4 pm each Tuesday (excluding School Holidays) Used to Play? Want to Learn? or just want to have some fun & exercise at the same time? Drop in any Tuesday and expect A WARM WELCOME!

THE INTERCHURCH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Twice monthly from 1 pm. 2nd Tuesday at Pomphlett with Revd. Andy Day (342519) and 4th Tuesday at Oreston. Current Bible Study Subjects: Bad Girls & Bad Boys?



A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"



**CHURCH
MEETING**

Church Meeting.

Tuesday 10 th October
at 10 am.

A warm invitation is
extended to everyone.

Light lunch and Singing for Fun

with Brian Gerry



at Oreston Methodist Church

NEXT is on Thursday 26th October 2017.

Light lunch at 1pm followed by Singing for Fun.

Cost £5.

Please pre-book lunch with Ann on 01752 404971

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

POMPHLETT METHODIST CHURCH



PREACHERS AT POMPHLETT ON SUNDAYS AT 9.30 AM

October 1st	Rev'd Simon Leigh
October 8th	Rev'd Andrew Day SACRAMENT
October 15th	Mr Len Woodland
October 22nd	Mrs Di Smart
October 29th	Mrs A Cullum



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Welcome to Family Worship

Sundays @ 9.30 am

Experience the Pomphlett Welcome

Please pop in for a cuppa
After the service at about 10.30 am



4th Friday of
Each Month
10 am in the
Lounge

We start our
Prayer meeting with a cuppa
and a chat and then we move
into our prayer time which is
led by our Minister
Rev'd Andrew Day.

Cafe Style Church

Sunday October 15th

Try Something New

Informal Worship

COME GRAB A SEAT

Enjoy a CUPPA

It's Church

But not as you know it



HARVEST festival

Sunday October 8th

@ 9.30 am

led by Rev Andrew Day
Service

followed by our
Harvest Faith Brunch

Buy one get one free and
give the free one to charity

Please consider buying some Buy One
Get One Free foods and giving the
free one as a donation to our food
collection at our Harvest Festival
this year.

Following our service at 9.30 am
there will be a Harvest Brunch.

If you are part of group that meet at
Pomphlett Church we invite your
members to take part in this year's
efforts and join us at this Special
Service.

It would be great to have all our
groups helping this year.



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Computing for Seniors



**We meet at 10 am. every
Wednesday during school term
time. Everyone is welcome**

**We are in our 6th year and have
helped many Senior Friends get
into personal computing and solved
many problems for them. Will you
be the next?**

Pomphlett Methodist Church

Mini Skittles & Pasty Supper

Saturday November 25th 6.30 pm

Entry £3 per person



To order your pasty

call 01752210820 or email

pomphlett.church@gmail.com



KEEP FIT

**at POMPHLETT
CHURCH HALL**

Plymstock

THURSDAYS 11-12

**Enjoy a cup of tea after in
this friendly fun class!**

**For more information please call
Sarah on: 07588640241**



Well, here they are!
Photos of this illusive
breed of dancer,
rarely seen in the
wild.

Thanks to Marion who
with Steve look after
the Tea Dancers
every other Monday
for these rare
photos.

In the foreground
are Ken on the key-
board and Gordon on
the drums. These
Chaps have looked
after us well with
their music over many
many years.



DATES FOR OCTOBER

October 2nd

October 16th

October 30th

For more information please call 519168
Just Pop in and Dance !!!



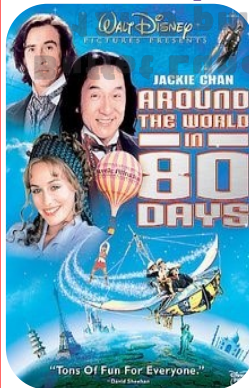
Buffett & Film

Friday October 6th

Buffet Lunch

12:15 pm

£3



Buffet does not need to be booked but it would help if you let us know if you are coming along

Film Starts At 1 pm and is free to watch



Coffee Cakes Chat

Saturday

October 21st

Teas Coffees from 9 am

Bacon Butties from 9.30 am

Raffle and stalls

Pomphlett Methodist Church Friendship Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 2 pm.
All are welcome

Oct 4th	Subject	Speaker	Teas
	Saltram	Ursula Myers	Marion & Steve
Oct 18th	Subject	Speaker	Teas
		Christine Clamp	Margaret & Margaret
Nov 1st	Subject	Speaker	Teas
			Cynthia & Ann
Nov 15th	Subject	Speaker	Teas
	Singing	Ruth	Maureen
Nov 29th	Subject	Speaker	Teas
		Steve	Maureen

Gateway

The Church in a House



Dear friends,

It has been good to meet you during Wednesday mornings in September as your new pastor or minister. Our grateful thanks to Alison Richardson for all the work she did in association with Gateway. She will be a hard act to follow!!

I am reminded of a lady who felt that she was called to become a preacher. She thought she had the essential gifts necessary for such a calling but she wanted God to show her: "Something unusual and large like a floating pig", she told her minister, "so that it would confirm my calling." Well days passed and nothing unusual happened to her. "I must have been mistaken", she told her minister. "Just be patient", he said to her, "God's timing is not our timing." Crestfallen she slowly walked along the road leading to home, when to her astonishment, a large delivery vehicle passed by at the top of her road and on its side was a logo of a floating pig!

We all have gifts or talents whether we are aware of them or not. Even if we feel we have nothing to offer God, we can still pray to him, that's a talent. Our thoughts and prayers are with Audrey Finnegan in Freshfields Nursing Home, may she know the Lord's presence and healing in her room. I hope to visit each one of you in your home during this month.

May God richly bless you all.

Your brother in Christ.

David.

(Since this letter was written, Audrey has passed away)

Our Gateway service will be held at 11.00 am on October 15th. it will be led by Mr John Edmondson. Afterwards we will go on to a restaurant for lunch. The Coffee morning is every Wednesday at 10.30 am. Birthdays in October: Roger Dodd, John Edmondson, and Bethany Dodd.

SOUNDS MUSICAL
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The Devonport Playhouse PL1 4DW
Saturday the 14th October
2.30pm & 7.30pm

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Barry and Fay arrived home late in the evening after seeing a show at the theatre. They were both tired and Barry offered to make a cup of tea. It was while he was doing so that they both heard a noise from the bedroom. Assuming it was the cat, Barry went up stairs to shoo her down, only to find his bedroom had been ransacked by a scruffy youth in a bomber jacket who had broken a window to gain entry. He caught the lad as he tried to escape and marched him downstairs.

"Look what I found in our bedroom!" he exclaimed to Fay.

Fay leapt up. "Oh my life!" she said. "Who's that? What was he doing?"

The lad protested his innocence. "I ain't done nothin'."

Barry reached into the lad's pocket and fished out a golden pendant.

"That's mine!" Fay exclaimed. "What are you doing with it?"

Barry pushed the boy into one of the kitchen chairs saying, "Sit down!"

The burglar tried to stand up again "Not me. I'm gettin' out of 'ere."

Barry blocked his escape "I'm fit, and I'm about three stone bigger than you. You won't reach the door. Now sit down!"

The boy reluctantly did so. "What you gonna do, hit me?"

"I don't know," Barry answered honestly. "Do you want a cup of tea?"

Fay protested, "Don't be silly, Barry! Phone the police!"

"I don't see that's going to do much good They'll charge him and let him go. Don't they just give them community service and tell them not to do it again?" he paused. "I'll never get a chance to talk to him and there's things I want to know. Fetch another cup, will you, Fay?"

Fay stood her ground. "He scares me! Let's get this over with."

Look a him, Fay. He's just a kid - about the same age as our Daniel. He's not going to hurt anybody. Come and sit down."

Fay reluctantly fetched another cup from the sideboard and sat down visibly shaking.

Barry poured a third cup, saying angrily as he did so, "You see what you've done? You've terrified her. We feel violated! We'll probably be waking with nightmares for weeks! We're never going to leave this place in the evening again without worrying about what we'll come back to; and we won't be able to go to bed without checking underneath it first! You haven't just broken into our home, you've broken into our lives and trampled all over them with your dirty feet. It wasn't just a stupid trinket you took, you've taken our privacy and our security. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

The lad didn't answer. He, too, was shaking.

Barry noticed. "Look at you both! Look what you've done!"

"I'm sorry, Man. I had to," the boy muttered.

"Had to?" Barry echoed. "In heaven's name why did you have to?"

"You won't understand."

Barry persisted. "Try me! Go on, make me understand!"

"I need money - a lot. Hundreds every week." he then seemed to give up.

"Look, why don't you just phone the police! I don't have to talk to you."

"Because I want to know what makes people like you so careless about the lives and feelings of people like us." There was a long silence.

Fay was the one who broke it. "It's drugs, isn't it? Mary - she's a youth worker, she says there are more than a thousand addicts in Plymouth."

Barry looked shocked. "A thousand burglars out there each looking for large sums of money? What happens if they don't get it?"

It was the lad who answered. "I get the shakes, don't I?"

Fay clarified, "Withdrawal. Every muscle goes into spasm. They shiver uncontrollably and suffer terrible cramps. They can't keep anything in - anywhere. It lasts perhaps a week before they begin to recover. It makes our image of hell look like a picnic."

The boy became animated. "I'd no job, I was sleeping in an old bunker on the cliffs, me mates was all on the stuff. I had nothing to lose, and that first hit... It was out of this world, man! Oblivion with roses: escape and heaven together. You can't describe it. The trouble is, it goes away and you gotta keep taking more to get it back. You think you're still in control"

"But you're not, are you?" Fay said for him. "Do you want to be free of it?"

The lad spoke resignedly, "What's the point? What else is there for me?"

"We can't answer that question," said Barry. "It has to come from inside. You have to sort your own life out, or it doesn't work."

"But I think what we're saying..." Fay looked at her husband and he nodded, "What we're saying here is, we'd be prepared to help you."

The boy clearly didn't believe her. "Yeh? What you goin' to do then?"

"Our church gives money to a rehab centre. I think I can get you in."

Barry interrupted "Look, we could do a deal here. If you agreed to go there, we could forget about the window and the pendant and I might be able to find you a job at my garage. I'm only offering it when you're clean, though."

"I just tried to rob your house. You'd do this for me? I don't get you."

"We doing it because if we don't forgive you, we have no right to expect forgiveness ourselves. Because the man who told us that, gave his life for us. Once you've been loved like that - it's the sort of thing that, well, you've just got to pass it on."

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HARVEST

at Elburton

Sunday October 8th 10.30am & 6.30pm

Harvest Services

Led by Rev'd Simon Leigh

Saturday October 7th 7.00 pm

Harvest Supper

Including an Auction of Promises
and games and quizzes

PROMISES SO FAR

Already we have £50 off an oven clean,
an afternoon at a flower shop with a bouquet to take away,
two beautiful new rugs and a free speed up/clean-up of
your computer.