

A close-up photograph of a bumblebee with a fuzzy orange and black body, positioned on a cluster of small, light pink flowers. The bee's wings are partially spread, and its head is buried in the petals. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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THE LECTIONARY

Aug 5th

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13
Psalm 51 1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Aug 26th

1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Sept 16th

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Aug 12th

2 Samuel 18:5-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
John 6: 35-51

Sept 2nd

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sept 23th

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:8
Mark 9:30-37

Aug 19th

1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Sept 9th

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10,14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Sept 30th

Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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Letter for Elburton and Oreston



Dear One and All,

Some like it hot! It certainly has been, but I wonder if when the children break for the summer recess that the heavens will open and British summer time will resume its normal course; more monsoon climate than Mediterranean. As I write this letter I am not only wondering about the weather but also about the match against Sweden this afternoon. Will it be another cliff-hanger, a glorious victory or an absolute disaster? One thing is for sure, between 3pm and 5pm will present an excellent time to go shopping, as nobody will be about!

The weather, football and Brexit, a trinity of conversations for this summer and all filled with uncertainty, passion and a little dread. Between these three secular matters I wonder where God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit get a look-in. In a sense our faith is a game of two halves; before Christ and after Christ. So too our faith reveals the signs of the times and endures all weathers, the storm and tempest of life, the good times and the challenging. And like Brexit one has to decide if one is in or out, with Christ or not. Perhaps our natural conversation should include space for the faith-decisions of our lives as they are momentous.

August and September are traditionally times when folk take holidays or just relax a little. September ushers in the autumn and the mellowness of that season. Whatever you are doing during August and September take time to relax, to chill-out. We all live lives which are apparently so busy. In all that busyness there needs to be time for quiet and just being before God. So, take it easy!

Every blessing,
Simon.



I would like to start a Bible Study this autumn, I am just not sure whether it should be weekly or monthly. Perhaps you could give me your thoughts and also whether it should be day time or an evening?

As ever,

Simon.

HARVEST SUPPER

October 13th at 7pm will be the date and time for this year's Harvest Supper. As in recent years, there will be a "bring the fruits of labour to share with your neighbour" supper. This has proved very successful previously, with much wonderful food donated. As usual there will be competitions and quizzes. A sheet of possible requirements will be placed on the notice board in the Crush Hall, to avoid too much duplication. See you there!

Jean



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Elburton Methodist Community Church



SUNDAY

SERVICES	Morning	Evening
	10.30 am	6.30 pm
August 5th	Mrs Ann Cullum	Rev'd Simon Leigh SACRAMENT
August 12th	Rev'd Simon Leigh ALL AGE	Rev'd Andrew Day
August 19th	Rev'd Simon Leigh SACRAMENT	Mrs Di Smart
August 26th	Mrs Di Smart	Mr Keith Angiley
Sept 2nd	Revd Dr Stephen Mosedale	Mr Keith Angiley
Sept 9th	Mr Tony Kirk ALL AGE	Rev'd Simon Leigh SACRAMENT
Sept 16th	Rev'd Simon Leigh COVENANT	Mrs Di Smart ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP
Sept 23rd	Mrs Di Smart	Mrs Jean Walsh SONGS OF PRAISE
Sept 30th	J Walsh	Rev'd Andrew Day

Please note that as we are now in the holiday season, care is necessary with the following list of activities. Many stop for August, some cease in July. If you have any doubts, please phone the group leader whose name and number are given.

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.

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.
classes will cease in August and start again on Monday 3rd September.

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LUNCHEON CLUB - 11 a.m.

Continuing in August including 20th August (3rd Mon) apart from 27th August (Bank Holiday)

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 - 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 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

We do not meet in August.

Sept 4th David Youngs (Communion)

Sept 11th Deacon Val Facey

Sept 18th Mr Mike Law (Christian Ctr)

Sept 25th Ms Claire Pucker -

Dementia Friendly Churches

RAINBOWS

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

No more meetings until September.

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

NO AUGUST MEETINGS

Sept 4th Welcome Back Beatle Drive

Sept 11th Pauline Kadoche -

"A Dancer's Life"

Sept 18th Mike Munsen

"Buckland Abbey"

Sept 25th Quiz

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 - 7.30 p.m.

The Tuesday home-group is co-ordinated by Di Smart and is held at homes of the group. For more information contact Di (405435) or Pam Kingsland (519452)..

WEDNESDAY

EXERCISE CLASS 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact Denise Avent (402818)

HOME GROUP 2 7.30 pm

Taking an August break.

Starting again on September 12th.

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 from 9.30 am

1st Thursdays of month inc. August

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

Elburton Methodist Community Church

MEET AND EAT

THIRD Thursdays from 10 a.m.
Continuing in August

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.
Stopped for the holidays. Start Sept 6th

Contact David Finemore (406372)

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 only)

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 a.m. - noon. Not in August

Held in the Moore Hall, Arranged by Margaret Passmore (404929), run by various groups. Funds go to church projects, term time only.

MESSY CHURCH

First Saturday of month 10.30 a.m.
Not in August. See Page 10.

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None in August

On SEPTEMBER 1st



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ARE YOU CRAFTY?

No, we do not mean devious. At the Family Community Day on 10th November, there will be one stall available to share with other exhibitors for you to show and sell your handicrafts. Please see Liz if you wish to be included.

There will also be all age activities, so if you have any ideas for this, please pass information to Jean. Thank you.

ELBURTON METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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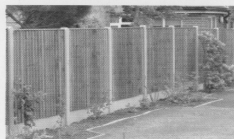
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THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who made my 90th birthday on the 26th of June so special. I was overwhelmed by your kindness.

Nesta Goodhead



The article below appeared in the Plymstock Parish Magazine in May 2018.

'THERE'S ONLY ONE EDDIE FAIRBEARD' .

When I represented 'Christians Together in Plymstock' at the Plymouth meeting, chaired by a Methodist Minister Rev'd Eddie Fairbeard, the following situation occurred.

As the meeting progressed it became more and more acrimonious, words were uttered that should never be exchanged in a Christian gathering. Rev'd Eddie put up his hand and gently brought the meeting to order. He asked the representatives to find an area and sit by themselves. He then suggested that members ask for the peace and wisdom of Jesus and then sit for 10 minutes of reflection and quiet prayer.

Rev'd Eddie called the meeting together and there was a complete transformation of ideas. Acrimony was replaced by the wisdom and love of Jesus.

I am not suggesting for one minute that at times there is acrimony at DCC and PCC meetings BUT! if it should occur, might it be worth trying the wisdom of Rev'd Eddie Fairbeard and call upon the love and wisdom of Jesus. I'm sure Eddie Fairbeard did!

Brian Hancock (Nicola and Debbie's father)

CALL IT A GODINCIDENCE

We were in our street pastoral team on North Hill on a Saturday evening when a young lady and her friend asked for some bottled water, which we queried. She went on to explain that she needed the water because she had a specific heart condition. We gave her the water. When asked what heart condition it was, she said it was a rare one that no one else knew about apart from her and her doctor. It was POTS (postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome). We told her that one of us had a daughter with that condition and we were very familiar with it. She informed us of the name of her doctor who was known as the only POTS specialist in Devon, which was also the same doctor caring for the pastor's daughter.

With that we noticed a solitary young lady walking speedily and erratically down North Hill in the direction of Drake Circus. She haphazardly crossed the road. In order to keep up, one of us ran and called after her. She stopped, eventually, and sat on a wall outside The Money Centre and burst into tears.

The young lady, who was intoxicated and extremely apologetic, explained after many tears that she had a calling to become a nurse but had failed a recent maths exam. We explained that one of us was a nurse and they were able to counsel her and encourage her to be positive about this, as the nurse had also struggled with maths. She then discussed in great detail her other concerns, one being waiting for the results of a recent skin biopsy on her foot, which may be cancerous. One of us is a podiatrist and the other a dermatology nurse! We provided her with reassurance and the telephone number of the clinic to ring for advice. We had managed to contact her father who then took her safely home. As you can see God sent us many non-verbal messages to take care of this girl and sent the two pastors that would be most able to help. The young lady with POTS also expressed relief at finding someone who recognised her condition.

Tracey

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL MEMBERS

The new emphasis on Data Protection means that a number of practices that commonly happen in Methodist Church Services and activities cannot now happen.

It would now be illegal to pray for a named person in public if we were to state the person's full name or describe their ailment or problem. All we can say is "We pray for Maureen," without explanation. It is still possible to give full name and explanation if we have that person's documented permission.

It is now illegal to publish a photograph without the documented permission of all in the picture. Children over 13 years may give their own consent.

It is accepted that names and contact details may be published if it is a necessary part of that person's office in the church. It is reasonably assumed that permission was granted by virtue of their agreement to serve.

The Church directory is for the use of Church Members only and must not be visible to the public. Old copies must be destroyed. They contain access information for Church members and must be handled with care.

The object is to protect you, the person about whom information is given, from abuse. We must remember that the Link is also on the web (the Christmas Link received more than 53,000 hits and the July issue has been hit more than 400 times already). All information on GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) may be found on the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes website. Go to Methodist Church of Great Britain and look for GDPR.

The basic message is use your common sense.

THE EDITOR



Meet and Eat

THURSDAY
16th AUGUST

Come and join us for good food, good company, games and happy conversation.

Yes! It's true. 'Meet and Eat' doesn't close during August! People still need food and the ladies say they won't take a break. Please support them if you can to make their efforts really worthwhile.

In a restaurant, my six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mum gets us ice cream for dessert. Amen!"

I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Is God mad at me?" As I assured him that God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman came over. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." then he added "Too bad that woman over there never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile, he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Prayer Page

AUGUST

6th The Transfiguration

Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared in majesty to your disciples on the mountain and spoke of your coming passion: we adored you in the glory of your transfiguration and own you as our crucified Lord; and we pray that we, beholding and reflecting your glory, may be changed into your likeness from one degree of glory to another by the Lord of the Spirit, to the praise and honour of your name.

Frank Colquhoun

24th Bartholomew, Apostle

Heavenly Father, as today we commemorate the apostle Bartholomew we bless you for your saints whose names are honoured in the church but whose deeds are little known. Accept our praise for all such; and help us so to follow their faith that our lives too may bring you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Frank Colquhoun

29th Beheading of John the Baptist

Lord God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to bear witness to Christ and to prepare the way of his coming; we praise you for his faithfulness in your service, even unto death; and we pray for grace and courage in this our day to give our lives in the service of truth and righteousness; for the honour of Christ our Lord.

Adapted

SEPTEMBER

8th Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Most merciful God, as we commemorate the birth of the mother of our Lord, we thank you for the grace of humility and the spirit of loving obedience shown us in her life. May we like her always be responsive to your word and submissive to your

will, that we may serve you with compassionate hearts and pure minds, to the glory of your name.

Frank Colquhoun

9th Education Sunday

Almighty God, you are the source of truth and your Spirit leads us into the truth: may all who teach and all who learn in our schools, colleges and universities be set free from everything that might hinder their search for the truth; and finding truth, may they learn to use it for the good of mankind and for your greater glory.

James M Todd

21st Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

O God, who through the record given us by Saint Matthew revealed your Son as the fulfilment of the law and the prophets and as the promised Son of David: grant to us, who are members of the new Israel and acknowledge the kingship of Jesus, the obedience of faith, that we may go and make all nations his disciples, knowing that he is with us always, to the end of time.

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29th Michael and All Angels

Almighty God, sovereign of all creation, we praise your name for men and angels who have joined in the war against the powers of evil. Most of all we praise you for the cross of your Son Jesus Christ which ensures the final victory. Grant that we who are marked with the sign of that victory may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants to our lives' end.

Basil Naylor

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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.



Oreston Methodist Church

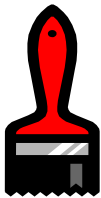


SUNDAY SERVICES

5th August.	10.30 am	Simon Leigh SACRAMENT.
19th August.	10.30 am	Di Smart.
2nd Sept	10.30 am	Simon Leigh SACRAMENT
23rd September.	3.00 pm	Brian Gerry - Songs of Harvest

Songs of Harvest with Brian Gerry.

***Oreston Methodist Church,
Sunday 23rd September at 3 pm.***



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ORESTON EVENTS...

Oreston Parents and Toddlers

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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.



The Group will be meeting after the summer break on 10th September ready to celebrate their 1st Birthday. This will be an Open Afternoon with refreshments when anyone is invited.

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

the interchurch Bible Study Group now meets only once a month at Pomphlett on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am and it is led by the Rev'd Andy Day - all are welcome.



During the holiday season it would be advisable to check if a group is meeting to avoid making a wasted journey.

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Mike and Dorothy Turpitt.

We send love and congratulations to Mike and Dorothy Turpitt who have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married on 28th June 1958 at Leigh on Sea Methodist Church. At the time Mike was a leader in the Boy Scouts and on leaving the Church the Scouts formed a guard of honour. They were also involved in the Junior Church and the Youth Club, taking them on holidays to France.



They were able to mark their 60 years together with a family celebration.

ORESTON SEW, KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The Group will be meeting after the summer break on 10th September ready to celebrate their 1st Birthday. This will be an Open Afternoon with refreshments when anyone is invited to meet the Members and see what has been achieved during the last year. We look forward to seeing you!!!





2018 Step out Walk held on 16th June 2018 and hosted by Pomphlett Methodist Church.

Led by Stephen Rolfe of Central Hall, there were walkers and sponsorship from five different Churches in the Circuit; Compton; Crownhill; Mount Gould; Elburton and Oreston and catering was supplied by Pomphlett Church members, and assisted by our A4C Coordinator, Jamie Lee and his wife Zoe. The total raised was £1,080.95p. and we would like to thank all who contributed in any way to this grand total.

Special thanks are due to the Revd. David Youngs and his wife for their particularly praiseworthy effort in, not only walking the full distance, but collecting sponsorship of £100 to boot!



POMPHLETT METHODIST CHURCH



PREACHERS AT POMPHLETT ON SUNDAYS AT 9.30 AM

August 5th Rev'd Colin Roberts

August 12th Rev'd Andrew Day
SACRAMENT

August 19th Rev'd Simon Leigh

August 26th Miss Teresa White

September 4th Miss Sue Bolt

September 11th Rev'd Andrew Day
SACRAMENT

September 18th Rev'd Alison Richardson

September 25th Rev'd Colin Roberts

Who is the most famous person who is a Christian? Tom Hanks topped this list. In 2012, Hanks appeared on posters promoting Orthodox Christianity in Russia. Tyler Perry credits his faith as the reason for his success. He says, "I am a Christian, I am a believer, and I know had I not been a person of faith, I wouldn't be walking the path that I'm on now."



Welcome to Family Worship

Sundays @ 9.30 am

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

The Members and Friends at Pomphlett Church wish you and your family a happy, peaceful and restful Summer Break. **God Bless**

Pomphlett Church Community Drop In Café

In October we are hoping to combine our now Computing for Seniors with a new venture, We are in the process of working out fine detail for our Community Drop in Café.

The Community Drop in Café will be open Wednesday mornings from around 9.30 am till 12 noon.

We aim to provide a point of contact for those on their own or lonely where you can get some company, a great cup of tea, have a chat or even join in with the computer lot. We can lend you a laptop computer. We also have wifi so if you need help with internet form filling, digital camera photos, mobile phones, we can help with that too.

The aim of our Community Drop In Café is to provide somewhere you can pop in for a tea or coffee and have a chat. We are hoping to get various partners on board like Trading Standards, NHS, Social Services, local Police and so on. Watch this space. We hope to have a grand opening in the second week of October. For further details please call Bert on 01752210820

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Community Groups Return Dates In September

Line Dancing

Returns September 11th topscal327@gmail.com

Keep Fit

Returns September 6th info@physicallyfabulous.co.uk

Dae School of Dance

Returns Sept 7th and 8th daedance@sky.com

Karate

No Closure garyswiftkyoshi@gmail.com

Tea Dance

No Closure stemar77@blueyonder.co.uk

Computers

Returns September 5th pomphlett.church@gmail.com

Slimming World

No Closure. bethan.lamerton@gmail.com
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Choir

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Buffet Lunch & Film

Friday September 7th

Buffet @ 12.15 pm

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All of our Community Groups, Karate, Line Dancing, Keep Fit, Tea Dances, Computers, Friendship Group, Prayers and Bible study, have room for new members. Check out the activity you would like to join and email them. If you are not on the internet Call Bert on 01752210820 for more details.

It would great to speak with YOU



Family Harvest Festival



Sunday October 14th
9.30 am

Donations of
Tinned and
Packet Food for



Coffee Cakes Chat

Saturday
November 17th

Teas Coffees
from 9 am

Sale of
Christmas Goods

Bacon Butties
from 9.30 am
Christmas Raffle



Sarah Danning's Dance Fit classes

will cease after Thursday
August 2nd and re start on
Monday 3rd September.

Looks like fun!



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Our Outreach Groups' Restart Dates For September 2018

Tea Dances

Aug 13, 27, Sept 10, 24, Oct 8, 22 Nov 5th 19th

Coffee Mornings / Bacon Butties

None In AUGUST

Sept 22nd Oct 20th Nov 17th

Buffet & Film

Joseph Sept 7th Les Mis Oct 5th

Dunkirk Nov 2nd White Christmas Dec 7th

Community Carols December 14th



**Friday
September 28th**
We start with a cuppa,
chat. Bible Study and
prayers led by our
Minister
Rev'd Andrew Day.



Health Issues at Pomphlett Church



When illness hits it certainly hits. These four folks, have been through the mill of late, but it's good to see that they are making a recovery, albeit slowly. Margaret has had a problem with her eyes, but is now on the mend.



Marion fell in the garden and broke some bones, so she's been in plaster, get well soon Marion. Steve has had a bit of a rough time with a variety of problems, but soldiers on and is supporting Marion too.



Mary has been through the mill in the last two years and recently gashed her "other leg". Recovery is slow but ongoing and Mary is not giving in.

Gateway

The Church in a House



Dear Friends

I am writing this as the Men's Final at Wimbledon is being played and Croatia are playing France or is it France playing Croatia? On the previous two days Brenda and I had travelled 300 miles, up to Manchester on the Friday and 300 miles travelling home yesterday. However I didn't drive but allowed National Express to take the strain!! The purpose of the trip was to see our six foot two grandson who will be fourteen at the end of this month) playing the lead role of Danny in *Grease*. On Friday we left Plymouth at 06.50 hrs and arrived at Manchester at 16.30 hrs. Yesterday we left Manchester at 10.30 hrs and arrived in Plymouth at 18.30 hrs. It was well worth the trip and I didn't have to put up with 40mph and 50 mph speed limits due to road-works, the poor drivers did!!

I had a phone call from Vivienne just after we got home to say that she was now home from Mount Gould hospital; her foot was straight and she was feeling good. August sees the birthdays of two of our friends, Margaret Leverett on 17th and Vee on the 31st whilst September is the birthday of Diane on the 25th. We wish all three of you very happy birthdays from Gateway.

The other day one of the members of our family was worried about something. I gently reminded the member that Jesus tells us three times in the sixth chapter of Matthew's gospel "NOT to worry"! The first at v. 25 was not worry about our lives, what we will eat or what we will drink; or about our bodies, what we will wear. (That last one doesn't bother us men, but I'm certain that bothers the ladies!!). The second time is at v.31 saying the same thing and the last time is in verse 34 when he tells us not to worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself (and of course never comes!). We are held secure in the Saviour's

love; please never forget that. I can still remember a dear lady in my first appointment as a minister, who told me that she couldn't stop worrying because it was in her blood; it was part of her nature!

Love and best wishes.

Your brother in Christ,

David

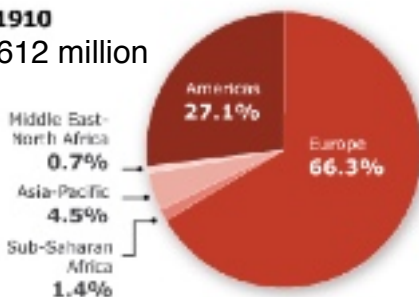
Gateway Sunday Celebration. No service in August.
9th September at 11 am Rev'd David Youngs.

We send birthday greetings to Margaret, Vee and Diane who celebrate birthdays over the next few weeks.

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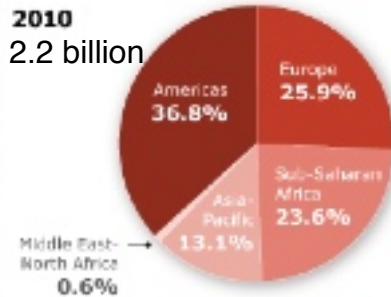
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"We now come to our prayers of supplication and intercession - or to put it simply, prayers for ourselves and for others." the Minister intoned as he conducted the Sunday morning service. "Gladys, you gave me to understand that you have a few problems you'd like to lay before the Lord."

A middle aged woman with straggly hair, looking gaunt and rather defeated stood up. "You can say that again," she said and began to haul a heavy suitcase to the front of the church. "Things are a bit difficult at the moment, to put it mildly. First of all there's the family." She opened the suitcase and took out a large cardboard box labelled FAMILY WORRIES. "Our Lisa and her partner," she sniffed disapprovingly. "People don't want to get married these days, do they? Now it looks like they're splitting up, and you can't believe the rows we're having. Neither of them is putting Sophie - their three year old, first, and the poor little mite is so quiet these days."

The Minister was beginning to be alarmed that Gladys should reveal so much of her personal life to everyone. "You needn't be quite so open, Gladys. God knows all of your problems before you speak."

"Oh, I'm not worried about them," Gladys indicated the congregation. "They all know anyway. People still gossip in church, you know." She continued unpacking her case. "Then there's work." She pulled out another box labelled WORK WORRIES. "They're looking for redundancies and I think I'm going to lose my job, so I'm working harder to impress the boss and staying late and bringing stuff home."

"Yes," the Minister agreed. "These are difficult times for a number of us. Even the church is talking about fewer ministers."

"Then there's my health." Another box labelled HEALTH WORRIES was placed on the altar. "I've got to go in for tests on Tuesday and my Mum died of cancer when she was my age."

"We shall all pray for you." the Minister interjected, consolingly.

"Then there's money." Another box joined the others. "We used our savings to get Lisa started and now we need money to pay for the car or I can't get to work."

"Money's always a hard one."

"You think the others aren't? That's before we look at envy, guilt, pain, and doubt - as in: "doubting there's anybody up there listening to all this." As she said this, Gladys rummaged in her suitcase and took out the appropriate boxes. "I look at healthy people who don't have my worries and I can't help being envious - I just can't. Then I've got guilt - and not just for envying people. You tell me anyone who doesn't have guilt on their conscience. Nobody who's looked after a mother like mine, that's for sure. Pain? I could write a book on it with my arthritis, and then like I said, there's doubt. If there is a God and He's so good, why's he putting me through all this? Do I really deserve it? And there are others - I just didn't have a big enough suitcase."

Gladys, I want to assure you, you've done the right thing. Bringing your problems before the Lord as you have is exactly the way we should all deal with them. Let them be His worry now. Let's all say a prayer now for Gladys and for everyone like her in our congregation. We ask God to take our worries and leave our minds clear to receive His blessing. Remember, we don't come to church because God is here - He's everywhere. We come because of what isn't here. There are no distractions - this place is just for meeting God. Leave all your worries at the altar."

A normal service then followed. Gladys resumed her seat and seemed relieved that her worries were on the altar. At the end of the service she came forward to collect her case and boxes.

"Gladys - what are you doing?" the Minister stopped her.

"I'm taking these home, of course." she answered.

"No, Gladys. Let's leave them there."

"But... I can't!"

"Those worries are God's now. You gave them to Him."

"But... there are things I've got to do."

"Indeed there are, Gladys. You have to love everyone, forgive everyone and show grace to everyone. Do this and you will enjoy the love, the forgiveness and the grace that only God can give you. You'll find the answer to your every worry and you will understand. Leave them there, and go home."

Gladys did so, but she kept looking back as she left the church. *AR*



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