

Good-News Desk!

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At the time of editing Good News Desk, John was unwell and asked that alternative arrangements for a minister's letter this month:

From Rev Paul Hardingham in 'Parish Pump'

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good

enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our godly muscles we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

JOHN'S LAST SERVICE AT TYLERS GREEN

This will be on Sunday 8th July when, as well as being John's last service with us, Peter will be presented with his certificate marking 40 years as a fully accredited local preacher. John and Ruth's Circuit Farewell will be at 7.00pm on Sunday 15th July when there will also be the opportunity to say our farewells to Rev Ken and Joanne Kingston.

The New Circuit Plan

I hope that the Plan for the July to September is available on 27th May, but it is later this month due to difficulties in the making of the Plan and if it paper copies are not at Church you can view the Plan at www.highwycombmethodist.org.uk

SPECIAL PICTURE GOOD NEWS DESK IN JULY

Next month's Good News Desk will celebrate in pictures our 50th Anniversary on 20th May and the membership service on 27th May. Please email me up to three of your best pics. I can't guarantee to use them all, but I will use as many as I can. My email address is psred-kite@googlemail.com.

Peter

Diary and Notice board - June 2018

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

will meet on Mondays 4th and 18th. Venues to be announced.

CHURCH OUTING

Thursday 7th June at World's End Garden Centre, Wendover, followed by lunch at The Crown, Hazlemere. Please let Rosemary know if you wish to come along.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 10th June at 10.00 am. Flower arranging with Maureen Rigg. Details will be announced in Church notices nearer the time.

SECTION SERVICE

There will be no service here on Sunday 1st July. This will be the last Sunday Service at Naphill before closure. The building is to be retained by The Methodist Church.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

For your diaries our Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 30th September and will be led by Rev Vida Foday. Our harvest gifts will be for The Whitechapel Mission.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Also, for your diaries, Vida will chair our Church Council meeting on Wednesday 7th November.

EVENING SERVICES

On Sundays evenings in June there are services at Holmer Green Methodist Church in Earl Howe Road starting at 6.00pm. All invited.

3rd Jeffrey Orange

10th Fe'ao Vinipola

17th Rev Nick Thompson

24th Rev John Richey (Holy Communion)

What about Facebook after you die?

The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death' (Isaiah 57:1-2 NIV)

What happens to their Facebook page when they die is probably the last thing on most peoples' minds. However, many people have an "online presence" such as Facebook pages, Linked-in, email accounts, Instagram and all sorts of bank accounts and website pages. Who can get access to that information?

Depending on the type of account, a relative or friend might want to close it, retrieve information or images or preserve it in some way. Making a will is an opportunity to make a clear decision about what happens to things you own and this includes something electronic and who carries out your wishes.

According to Facebook ,you can choose to either appoint a legacy contact to look after your account, or have your account permanently deleted from Facebook. If you do not choose to have your account permanently deleted, it will be memorialised if Facebook are told about the death. Memorialised accounts are a place for friends and family to gather and share memories after a person has passed away.

Google encourages people to think about these issues and they have something called an Inactive Account Manager to let them know who should have access to your information, and whether you want your account to be deleted.

They recognise that many people pass away without leaving clear instructions about how to manage their online accounts. They work with immediate family members and representatives to close the account of a deceased person where appropriate. In certain circumstances they may provide content from a deceased user's account.

he best advice is to think carefully and make choices about what happens in the event of your passing and carefully select someone you trust to do this. As ever this is a light-hearted introduction and if in any doubt get proper advice. Different companies have different policies and procedures so always check carefully.

Note: When you have read this you may wish to read the prayer on page 10. It reminds us that many who use modern technology to communicate are lonely.

Before the Suffragettes – the Victorian woman who ‘made a majority’ with God

It seems appropriate in this year marking votes for women to recognise the contribution of a woman who came decades before the suffragettes but fought many of the same battles.

Josephine Elizabeth Butler was an English feminist and social reformer in the Victorian era. She campaigned for many causes including women's suffrage

Josephine Butler's was an often-lonely Victorian voice, challenging injustice, prejudice and discrimination. She was a noted champion of victims of child slavery and sexual exploitation. Her opposition to the Dangerous Diseases Act, which ruled that a man who was infected with an STD could sue the woman who was 'responsible', eventually won parliamentary approval – but it took 20 years of campaigning. She fought to get the age of consent raised from 13 to 16, and also brought about an end to the practice of 'selling' young girls into the hands of unscrupulous men.

All of this campaigning was motivated by her profound Christian faith. Her best-known quote was 'God and one woman make a majority' – her response to the continual parliamentary majority against change, when there were, of course, no votes for women and no women MPs. Supported by her husband, a vicar, and by a growing band of women, this Victorian predecessor of the Women's Rights movement fully deserves to be remembered and honoured this year.

Fathers' How did it get started?

Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day – a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day than on any other day of the year!

Thanks

I was once thanked by a lady
for being kind to her when she was distressed,
and saying, 'Just the right thing.'
And, for the life of me,
I can't remember meeting the lady at all,
or what she was like,
or what I said that was so good.
But she remembered —
and that was enough.

I once thanked a friend
for her kindness when I was struggling,
and turning up out of the blue,
just for me, like a visiting angel.
But, you know, she just couldn't remember why she'd come,
or what I was like,
or how her kindness had been shown.
But I remembered —
and that was enough.

Once in a while I thank my God
for a sign of hopefulness on a bad day,
and tapping me on the shoulder,
just when I needed it.
And, if you were to ask me to analyse it now,
I'd tell you I can't remember the circumstances,
or what God was like,
or why he chose that moment.
But he remembered —
And that was enough.

Tom Gordon

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Thought for the month

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

A W Tozer

Bible Month—The Book of Jonah

The Methodist Church nationally has joined with the Anglicans in studying the Old Testament Book of Jonah. During June. With the exception of the 3rd June, when we have an unexpected Local Arrangement, the preachers will be preaching on Jonah through the month.

In preparation for this you may like to read this short book. It is just four chapters and can be read in about 20 minutes.

The Bible Fellowship have a head start on this one, having already studied Jonah!

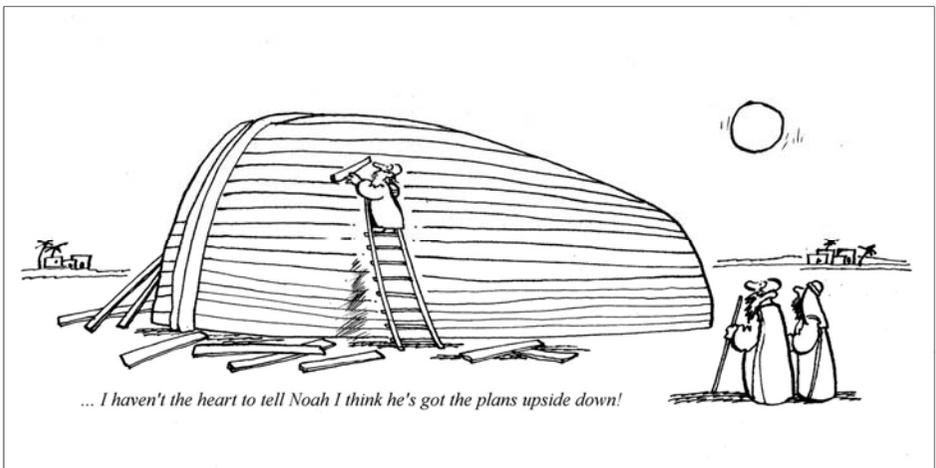
Inside Fatherhood – Today’s fathers tell their stories

Book by David Atkinson, with reflections by Mark Chester,
BRF £6.99

What does fatherhood look like today? As we prepare to celebrate Father’s Day later this June, ten fathers tell their moving, real-life stories: from stepdad to absent dad, through widowed, adoptive and midlife dad, to losing-it and stay-at-home dad, they sit in their kitchens and bare their souls to writer David Atkinson, himself the father of two young daughters.

It’s easy to believe that today’s dads are in crisis, weighed down by economic pressures, shifting family dynamics, mental stress and emotional strain. But for all the challenges of modern fatherhood, Mark Chester believes we are living in ‘a golden age of fatherhood’.

‘Fathers are expected, and given permission, to get involved with the lives of their kids more than ever. It’s a great opportunity for men to seize that moment and be a bigger part of their lives. But,’ he adds, ‘they face an identity crisis. Men were traditionally both the breadwinner and the light relief at the end of the day but, as that role has changed, they must seize the opportunity to change their identity as fathers within society.’



A prayer for the lonely and lost

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving us. So many people feel lonely and isolated and unloved today. In a culture that values *I* above all things, help us to look beyond our *i*- phones and *i*- pads and *selfies*.

Help us to see with your eyes, to love with your heart; to reach out to the lost and lonely and marginalised with your compassion. Help us to reflect your Kingdom values and, by the way we live, enable your love to be experienced by all who so need you.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

And finally...

Blessing

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and asked her to say the blessing.

'I don't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mummy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

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SERVICES DIARY - SERVICES AT 10.45 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Preacher/Service Details	Vestry Steward	Welcome Stewards <small>If you are unable to do your turn,</small>
3rd	Aocal Arrangement led by Toyin Akinwale	Toyin Akinwale	Christine Stevens and Jenny Crayford
10th	Rev Angela Singleton	Chris Oxby	Angela Davis & Chris Oxby
17th	Peter Stevens	Toyin Akinwale	Christine Stevens
24th	Rev John RicheyHoly Communion	Martin Hellewell	Margaret Hallam and Rosemary Newman
July 1st	Sectional Service at Naphill (Their final Sunday Service)	/	/