

Good-News Desk!

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Trials and tribulations **by Chris Oxby, Worship Leader**

Due to life's trials and tribulations I was unable to attend Church for 4 weeks during June . I don't like to miss any Sunday let alone 4 on the trot , I felt I had missed so much , I missed Pentecost , the wonderful story of how Jesus , as promised sent the Holy spirit among a group of people , who during their excitement ran out into the street and were able to speak and understand each other in their own language . What I love the most is the fact that they were so full of the Holy spirit they could not contain their excitement , they had to run out and share the complete joy that they had within them

I also missed the Church anniversary, this too is a service I always look forward to . It is a chance for us to come together as Church family and enjoy a meal together. It always amazes me how much food is bought to the table, always more than enough for everyone

Like me there are those who also find that there are times they too cannot get to Church and I am sure they too feel that they miss out on

such occasions .. And then there are those who are no longer able to come to Church at all. I can only imagine how hard that must be for them. As part of the Church it is down to each one of us to try and bridge the gap for past and present members. On a whole I think that we are pretty good at our pastoral care but in the words of my old school teacher " always room for improvement "...

Let me finish by thanking you all for supporting me throughout the years and in all my trials and my tribulations.

Love and Blessings to you all.

Chris

Rev Nick Thompson

Our Circuit Superintendent Minister, Rev Nick Thompson, is due to complete his term with us next summer. Nick has indicated that he would like to extend his length of service for a further two years and his request triggers a consultation process.

All Circuit churches take part in the consultation process and on 16th July I attended a meeting led by Rev Helen Cameron, Chair of the Northampton District Synod at which the consultation process was explained.

For Churches outside of Nick's pastoral care the process is quite simple and will involve me meeting with those who have dealings with Nick at Circuit level. This is being arranged with urgency as the consultation period will run from 22nd July until 9th August. However, Nick has chaired one of our Church Council meetings and if anyone of you would like to express your views on his request, please speak to me (but NOT by email).

Peter

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Don't forget your copy of Connexion Magazine with articles by our new President and Deputy President of Conference. Free copies are available from the table in the vestibule.

Diary and Notice Board - August, 2019

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP - SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST at 10.00am This will be led by Chris Oxby who will be giving a talk about the work of Action for Children. It is instead of the usual monthly coffee morning and everyone will be welcome. For more details, please speak to Chris.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 14th AUGUST at 3.30 pm : Please note the earlier time and also check beforehand (church notices) for confirmation of this date. Continuing with our studies of Nehemiah.

MONDAY, 19th AUGUST from 2.30 to 4.00 pm - a 'drop in' for tea and fellowship - instead of the usual Bible Study Fellowship. Please join us for a social afternoon.

COMINGS AND GOINGS The farewell service for Singa will be held at 3pm on Sunday 21st July at Stokenchurch. We will also be saying goodbye to Rev Mike Hall as he prepares to move on to his new RAF posting to Angelsey. The service will be the last service at Stokenchurch before closure.

The service of welcome for Rev Georgina Simpson will be at 3pm on Sunday 25th August at Wesley Methodist Church in High Wycombe. Georgina, who comes to us as a Probationer Minister will be serving at Wesley and at The Avenue.

The Avenue

There have been delays with renovation work following the fire at The Avenue. At present some members join with Wesley on a Sunday morning whilst others have worshipped at Downley.

Singa will be leading her last service in the hall at The Avenue on 28th July as it will be some time before the sanctuary is re-opened for worship.

TALKING JESUS

It used to be termed "Gossiping the Gospel". Talking of Jesus in normal day to day conversations. Just as we would talk about our best friend. And that is what we heard Fiona Castle do at our coffee morning on Saturday 13 July. In her telling her life story, she related her personal experience of seeking God in a time of major crisis, despite not being sure God was actually there, praying in earnest, and then discovering God was there, and that He gave her a peace in her being that was amazing, and has been with her now for over the past 40+ years. She had never asked Jesus into her life until then, because she had messed it up so much, and kept doing wrong, despite going to church, praying prayers, and "doing good". Jesus then transformed her outlook and deepest attitudes.

When her husband Roy Castle subsequently developed a very virulent type of lung cancer over 20 years later, and was given only a few months to live, God gave them both His assurance He would use them to tell others about Jesus, and Gods' love for everyone. And so it happened, with national press reporters queueing at their back door, to be told 5 at a time, "their story, and Gods' Love", which was then subsequently printed front page in the national daily newspapers.

When over 2 years later Roy died, Fiona was asked to speak on GMTV just 2 days later. And God has led and provided for her in strength and courage ever since, including going to many foreign countries to make videos of Gods' Love being shown to many children in amazing ways. Her "story" is truly challenging.

But what about us? What is our individual story of our personal experiences we have of Jesus? What would we say to any of our friends, or neighbours, or extended family members? Have we even thought about doing that? And if we have, what examples of our experience did we relate that were relevant and communicated Jesus love in a personal and meaningful way, so they wanted to know more, and also really experience our Gods' love for themselves? Or maybe whave

ever had the courage to do so at all, or are too embarrassed?

The early church grew as "followers of The Way" talked of Jesus in normal daily conversations, and saw Gods' power at work in them, as He brought them into a new and joyful way of living. And so it has been through the past two millennia, and still is today. God needs our mouths and joyful expressions of His Love in our lives, to relate that to a needy world around us. So what good news will we be proclaiming in the coming days? And if not, why not?

Jesus last command was to "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel (the good news)..." We all need to obey! And as we do so we will experience the Holy Spirit leading us, and providing all we need, to glorify Him. Just do it, and be amazed at what Jesus will do! It is His work, and power, not us needing to convince or convict others.

The beginning is in prayer, and a willingness to trust in Him alone. So, pray, and then "Go, Talk Jesus".

Ashley.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER

There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot, from that situation, create something that is surpassingly good.

He did it at creation.
He did it at the cross.
He is doing it today.

Bishop Moule.



*Terry was a Christian, and didn't care
who knew it*

Take – and receive

In Church every week we have a prayer to dedicate our gifts. But we need not restrict dedication prayers to when we make our gifts of money. This is a prayer of Ignatius of Loyala (1491 – 1556) founder of the Society of Jesus:

Take, Lord, and receive all my freedom, my memory, my intelligence and my will – all that I have and possess. You, Lord, have given those things to me. I now give them back to you, Lord. All belongs to you. Dispose of these gifts according to your will. I ask only for your love and your grace, for they are enough for me.

A bookseller emailed a Manchester firm for a dozen copies of Dean Farrar's 'Seekers after God'. He received a reply: 'No seekers after God in Manchester. Try Liverpool.'

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From the church notices in a Yorkshire evening newspaper: 'A talk will be given on Evelyn Christenson's classic devotional book, 'What happens when women PREY.'

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And finally ...

A grandmother took her little grandson to the beach. They were having a good time until a huge wave came in and swept the boy out to sea! The grandmother fell on her knees and cried to the heavens: "Please, Lord, return my grandson! Please! PLEASE!"

Lo and behold, a wave swelled from the ocean and deposited the drenched child at her feet. She checked him over head to toe. He was fine! But the grandmother looked up to the heavens again and frowned: "He had a hat."

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Church Premises

Please mention anything requiring attention to any of the
Property Stewards: Peter and Christine Stevens,
Martin Hellewell or Rosemary Newman.

**ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER GOOD NEWS DESK TO
PETER BY THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST PLEASE**

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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>
4th Aug.	Peter Stevens (substituting for Rev Mike Hall who is away leading a Youth Weekend)	Toyin Akinwale	Christine Stevens and Jenny Crayford
11th	Rev Angela Singleton—Holy Communion	Martin Hellewell	Angela Davis & Chris Oxby
18th	Peter Stevens	Geraldine Nelson	Christine Stevens
25th	Nigel Sweet	Chris Oxby	Margaret Hallam and Rosemary Newman

Please Pray for

Singa and Mike Hall as they move on to ministry elsewhere and for Georgina as she joins us in the High Wycombe Circuit. Georgina is fresh out of college and continues her training under the supervision of our superintendent minister.