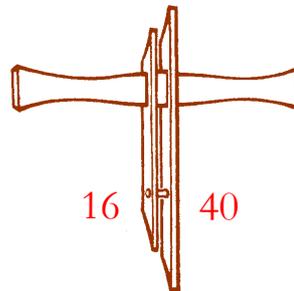


# The RECORD

*The Magazine of*  
BROADMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



*Mr Thomas Ewins  
preaching  
from the prison,  
1664*



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# BROADMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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**welcome!** 

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If you are curious and have come to see us  
If you are weary and have come to rest  
If you are grateful and have come to share  
If you are hurt and have come for solace  
If you are listening and have come to pray  
If you are seeking and have come for answers

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**welcome!**

## *For your information*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** 11 a.m. every Sunday; there will be no evening services except for special occasions. (Communion on the first and third Sunday mornings.)

**CITY PRAYERS:** Tuesdays at 1.10 p.m.

**CITY COMMUNION:** Thursdays at 1.10 p.m.

The minister will usually work at church on Tuesday afternoons, following City Prayers, and on Thursday mornings, until City Communion.

You are always welcome to pop in for a chat, but please phone first if you are making a special trip as events frequently mean that the minister's plans have to be changed.

## NOTES from the MANSE

THIS issue of *The Record* should appear on Bible Sunday, October 25th. The bible stands at the centre of Christian life. At Broadmead it is the backbone of our services: we read it and reflect on it in preaching, it underlies the words of most of our hymns and influences the language and thought forms of our prayers.

Yet many sincere Christians are not comfortable with the scriptures. Some people do not read for leisure and they may find the bible intimidating. There is no denying that sections of it are obscure on first reading, and some remain so after years of study. Some parts are clear, but apparently have no contact with life in the 21st century. Do we really need to know under what circumstances we may pull our neighbour's ass out of the ditch on the Sabbath?

So, what kind of book is the bible?

It is a collection of books in which God-fearing people recorded their reflections on life's joys and sorrows in the hope that those who came after them might be helped as they sought to make sense of life.

The community, Jewish and Christian, has shaped the book, and been shaped by it. It was not handed down from heaven bound in black calf skin with gilt edged pages. It is the result of generations of prayer and reflection by people who sensed the presence of God and struggled to put their experiences into words. The authority of the bible comes first and foremost from the fact that it has been given to us by men and women who have lived with God, have prayed to Him and have shaped their life in obedience to His command.

The biblical traditions are not fixed. God's people have reflected on great events of the past and then re-applied them to their own situation. For example, in the book of Exodus the story of the Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea is told; they escaped on dry land, but the chasing Egyptians were drowned. This story is picked up many times in the rest of the bible, but it not retold as we might tell our children the nursery rhymes our mothers taught us, that is, by repeating the same words generation after generation. The story of crossing the Red Sea is given fresh meaning as it is retold. You can trace this in the Psalms, in Isaiah, and in Paul. Jesus himself took the events of the Jewish Passover and re-interpreted them by his words at the Last Supper.

We celebrate the bible because if read with a spirit of genuine and prayerful enquiry it speaks afresh to every generation. **JOHN HOUSEAGO**

## *Sermon Themes*

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**All services are conducted by the minister, unless noted otherwise.**

**1st November, 2015**

*11 a.m.* Christ, obtaining eternal redemption. *Hebrews 9:11-14 and Mark 12:28-34*

**8th November, 2015**

➔ *10.50 a.m.* Remembrance Sunday. *Romans 13:1-10 and Matthew 5:1-12*

**15th November, 2015**

*11 a.m.* The Revd Dr Helen Paynter

**22nd November, 2015**

*11 a.m.* The Revd Peter Slee

**29th November, 2015**

*11 a.m.* Advent Sunday. *Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36*

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**fellowship matters**

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An amount of **£94.16** was collected in the BMS missionary boxes for the period March - September, 2015. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Please submit copy for the next edition of *The Record* any time **BEFORE SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER**. If you are offering something which has been written by another person, or printed elsewhere, please make sure you have asked permission first. Your own contributions are always welcome.

JACK APPLETON, *Editor*



## CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 25th November, 2015, at 7.30 p.m. in the Hiley Room. All members are urged to attend.

## BIBLE STUDIES 2015:

### PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

The subject of the bible studies this year is Paul's letter to the Philip-pians. The studies are usually held on the last Thursday of the month. They start at 2.15 p.m. and last for an hour.

The remaining studies this year will be on **29th October and 26th November**.

I will produce written notes for each study, and these will be avail-able to anyone who asks. They are too long to publish in *The Record*.

**JOHN HOUSEAGO**

## CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF MINISTRY AT BROADMEAD

2016 will bring changes in the pattern of ministry at Broadmead.

For the first two months I will be taking sabbatical leave, based at Bristol Baptist College. The exact plan of study is still being discussed with the College, but the idea is to participate in seminars

discussing worship and preaching and to resuscitate my New Testament Greek. I hope to have an opportunity to do a little more work on the Swiss theologian, Karl Barth, whose writings occupied my last sabbatical in 2002. As a balance to this academic work, and mainly for relaxation, I hope to spend some time taking photographs.

When I return to normal pastoral duties on the 1st March, I will be working part-time. Again, the details are yet to be finalised. It is almost certain that I will be taking three Sunday services per month and carrying out normal pastoral duties two days per week.

This change is necessitated by many years' of budget deficits. Of itself this change will not bring the books into balance. We still need to increase our income and reduce our expenditure in order to steer the church towards its 400th anniversary. **JOHN HOUSEAGO**

## **GOD'S AMBASSADOR**

### **PART 4**

1988, Hungary was approached by the Church of Hungary, asking for permission to allow an invitation unitedly to be given to Billy Graham to come and minister to the country. The government which was communist allowed it. When Graham and his team arrived, the President invited them to his office and said, "The Church of Hungary has asked us to allow them to invite Billy Graham to come and hold a Crusade. We are in trouble, morally, ethically and spiritually and we need your help. Whatever you do in North America, do it here. Never ask if it's legal, I'll take care of that part." The response was amazing, a massive number of people turned up to the Crusade. When the invitation was given they literally ran across the field as though they were running to God himself. These people had not had freedom, spiritual freedom for forty-four years. So here was Billy Graham and his team in a communist country where the President himself realised that they need God, so he helped them and his leaders did the same. It was only four or five months later that the Berlin Wall came down. People speculated about Billy Graham's ministry in Eastern Europe being partly responsible for the dramatic changes that took place in the late 80s early 90s. Was he partly

responsible for the dramatic changes that took place? His team would say that yes, there was an impact, there were things that did take place that might not have happened otherwise. Finally in 1991, seventy years of Marxist rule ceased to exist. Graham wrote in response, "What is taking place in the world today is not just a protest, but a revolution in the sphere of the human heart."

In less than a year the Olympic Stadium in Moscow would be the site for the largest Crusade ever held in any of the former-communist countries. The prayer that Billy Graham and his friends prayed as they stood in that Stadium in 1959 had finally come to fruition. It was a remarkable visit, there were 40,000 to 50,000 people inside, there were thousands watching outside on television screens as well. They had the Russian Army Choir sing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and they spent time learning it in English, 'Glory, Glory. Hallelujah His Truth is Marching On'. The team were impressed and humbled to see the leadership of the military sing a Christian hymn for them, dressed in the uniform of what had been the West's 'greatest adversary.' There were soldiers in uniform who responded to the invitation. Henry Holley said, "We really broke through in many ways, and the events of history through Eastern Europe, and all the countries Billy Graham went in to." So many things happened as a result of Billy Graham's entry onto that part of the World, preaching the gospel of peace. When he met up with political and church leaders in his much earlier visits, what he asked of them eventually happened. Religious colleges opened, Jewish people were allowed to emigrate, the churches opened up again, the things they asked for happened.

When he was a young man in theological college Graham was told that he would never amount to anything. That did not deter him, this young man eventually preached to millions, through his message the gospel changed the lives of many. He had audiences with royalty, was counsellor to American Presidents, spoke with conviction to political leaders, including communists. Spoke out about apartheid, and racism, was listened to and his opinions were respected. But he always preferred the spotlight was not on him, but on the Master he so faithfully served. For a young man who would never amount to anything, he did not do too badly!

*Source: God's Ambassador, The story of the extraordinary life of Billy Graham. DVD*

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE?**

*How our past impacts our present  
at Broadmead Baptist Church*

A day exploring the history of Broadmead Baptist  
Church, and how the founding ethos of a church  
shapes its ministry

Led by

**REVD DR RUTH GOULDBOURNE**

at

**BROADMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

on

**MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER**

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Bookings to be made by 9th November by e-mailing:  
**reception@bristol-baptist.ac.uk** or by giving your  
name to the minister

Members of the congregation of Broadmead Baptist  
are particularly invited to the session which starts at  
11.15 a.m. and includes lunch

## **FAMILY HISTORY**

At the meeting of the **TERRILL GROUP** on 2nd November their  
Guest Speaker will be Geoff Gardiner who is an enthusiast for local  
history.

Judging by the interest on both sides of the Atlantic for the television

programme *Who do you think You are?* (which is not a response to bombastic, or brusque posturing, but a vehicle whereby celebrities can explore their ancestry), there is widespread interest for genealogy.

However, I am sure that Geoff would wish me to underline that he will be more concerned in suggesting avenues whereby we might share our reminiscences of family associations which might be lost if we do not pass them on, and in doing so, provide our families with a precious legacy to cherish.

We meet at 2.30 p.m. in the Hiley Room and would be happy for you to join us. **JOHN FRAMPTON**

## PRESENTS WITH A PURPOSE

This Christmas, why not give a gift which transforms lives? *Presents with a Purpose* is a satisfying way of two-fold giving. Firstly, it is a gift to an individual in the UK who probably already has most of the things that they really need. Secondly, it is also a gift for someone abroad who really **does** need what you are giving. There is a *Present for a Purpose* for every occasion and a card to go with it.

If you would like to help someone to better health, better farming, better income generation, or a better environment, please pick up one of the brochures on the table by the entrance to the sanctuary – it contains an order form from which you can select a suitable gift.

## BARBARISM IN PAST AGES ONLY?

Members of *Action by Christians Against Torture* (ACAT for short) were reminded of the grim reality of 21st Century torture when they attended the ACAT Annual General Meeting and Conference held here on Saturday 10th October. The Conference speaker, David Fulton, had not only heard about torture, but had suffered it himself. The truth is that injustice, false imprisonment, ill treatment, torture and ‘extra-judicial execution’ seem to be endemic worldwide. These evil things are condemned and opposed by people of goodwill everywhere. ACAT campaigns against them on the basis of Christian faith. Members pray, write letters to governments practising them and to victims who sorely need to know that they are not forgotten. We have an opportunity to share in the latter work by taking part in the annual ACAT Christmas Card Campaign after morning service on Sunday, 15th November. Please take part.

## GOSPEL CHARACTERS QUIZ

*Usually it is helpful to put things into alphabetical order, but perhaps not in this case! Here are twelve characters from the Gospels who have been so arranged – see if you can unscramble them.*

1. aaabbbrs
2. aadeghijrrstuu'
3. aaaefhhijmooprst
4. aadefjjmnooossu
5. aalrsuz
6. cdeimnosu
7. adenrw
8. eeimnoprst
9. ehhilopstu
10. aacehhirz
11. abeehiltz
12. Aanns

## ANSWERS TO THE DOVES AND PIGEONS QUIZ (NIV1992)

1. SS 2.11-12: "the cooing of doves is heard in our land."
2. Mk 1.10 & Mt 3.16: the descent of the Spirit on to Jesus. Jesus saw it.
3. Jn 2.16: "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market?"
4. Gen 8.8-12: Noah sent the dove to see if the water had receded. On the first occasion it returned with nothing. A week later it went and returned with an olive leaf. After another week it did not return at all.
5. Lev 5.11: Some fine flour.
6. Lk 2.24: At the time of Jesus' circumcision "on the eighth day", in Jerusalem.
7. Mt 10.16: "As shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."
8. Ps 55.6: "O, that I had the wings of a dove!"

## PRAYER AT BROADMEAD

### November prayer requests

“We are citizens of Heaven. Our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of our Saviour who will come from heaven, even the Lord Jesus Christ.” (J. B. Philips, *Philippians*, 3.20)

**WEEK ONE** For Christians November 1st is All Saints Day. For Hindus, this month includes Diwali, the colourful Hindu ‘festival of lights’; the Jews keep ‘Hannukah’, and Muslims celebrate Al-Hijra, their New year. As Christians we look towards Advent, and a proper preparation for Christmas. We are called to remember the Saviour who came, and comes, and comes again. We join our prayers with all who journey towards that eternal city, whose builder and maker is God. We remember in prayer, this week, all in our city who share our common faith, and those of other faith traditions, who are journeying towards God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**WEEK TWO** On Remembrance Sunday, we shall remain silent for a couple of minutes to reflect on the price of war, paid in the past, a price still being exacted. In Broadmead chapel the stained glass windows, given in 1920, reminds us of those who did not return from the First World War, and those who did. Give peace at this time Lord God, as in the national silence we pray for peace through the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

**WEEK THREE** We pray this month for BMS staff working around the world. Bring before God our BMS link missionaries, Ian and Cynthia Chadwell working in Nepal. Intercede for our former BMS link Missionaries, Kitty (Brett) and her husband, Ray Sharrod, who have been travelling in October; “are weary, and looking forward to being *home* again soon.” We pray that in the UK or abroad, we may be one Church, sharing the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ, with all people.

**WEEK FOUR** Pray for our Pastor, John, as he and his wife Ros have a break before the demands of Christmas and New Year. Remember our former Associate Pastor Hannah Colk and her husband Steve, as they respond to the Lord’s calling as they seek the Lord’s leading in their new ministry at Wolverhampton. Pray for Helen Paynter and Steve Langford as they prepare to lead our worship in November.

**WEEK FIVE** Please remember in prayer all in the fellowship who are in special need at this time, for the infirm; those sick at home or in hospital, those who face pressures in daily work and those who despair because they have no job.