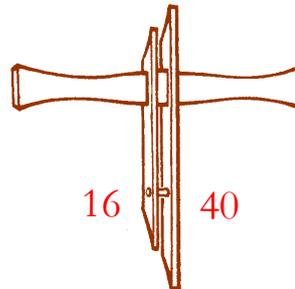


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welcome!

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

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 be at church on Thursday mornings. 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

IN my Junior School the pupils were divided into houses, named after four historically important Norfolk characters: Horatio Nelson, George Borrow, Hugh Walpole and William Cowper. I was in Cowper, a poet, hymn writer, and friend of John Newton. Since then I have been interested in Cowper, though my inability to understand poetry is a major limitation!

He was born at the Rectory at Great Birkhamstead in 1731. His elder siblings all died in infancy and his mother died when he was only six. His health suffered as the result of bullying at school. When he was ten he was sent to Westminster school where life was at least tolerable. He excelled in the classical languages and poetry. He left school when he was seventeen and was articled to an attorney to learn law. He was called to the bar, but never accepted a commission.

William fell in love with his cousin Theodora, but her father forbade marriage, and both remained single for life. It was at this time that he suffered his first bout of acute depression.

He was delighted to be offered the job of Clerk of the Journal of the House of Lords; delighted, that is, until he realised that he needed to qualify by examination at the Bar of the House. The fear of this caused him to have a complete breakdown, leading to confinement at an institution in St Albans. Dr Cotton was his physician. They developed a deep friendship such that Cowper stayed at the hospital long after he was cured.

When he left the hospital he took temporary lodgings with the Rev and Mrs Mary Unwin in Huntingdon while he looked for accommodation. The Rev Unwin was killed in a riding accident and the family needed to move from the vicarage. They were introduced to John Newton who invited them to stay with him and his wife at their vicarage in Olney. Eventually Cowper and Mrs Unwin moved into the house next-door but one to Newton, called Orchard Side.

Two years later Mrs Unwin became seriously ill. While waiting for her to recover Cowper wrote, "O for a closer walk with God."

In 1772, he became engaged to Mrs Unwin, but a year later he suffered a period of insanity and the wedding was called off. These

attacks were to occur periodically for the rest of his life. Cowper was usually aware of their approach. At the onset of this attack he wrote, "God moves in a mysterious way."

In 1792, Mary Unwin suffered a stroke from which she never fully recovered. The stress resulted in another period of depression and insanity for Cowper. Eventually the two sad invalids moved to Norfolk in the hope that the change might help them. They ended their days in East Dereham where Mary died in 1796 and William in 1800.

I do not understand much of Cowper's poetry, but I have huge admiration for a man who lived with such mental darkness and yet who kept the faith and whose words have inspired and comforted so many. **JOHN HOUSEAGO**

Sermon themes

6th March 2016 MOTHERING SUNDAY

11 a.m. A father with two sons. *2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

13th March, 2016

11 a.m. Mary anointed Jesus. *Philippians 3:4b-14 and John 12:1-8*

20th March, 2016 PALM SUNDAY

11 a.m. Jesus entered Jerusalem. *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40*

25th March, 2016 GOOD FRIDAY

➔ **10.30 a.m.** There they crucified him. *Hebrews 10:16-25 and John 19:16b-30*

27 March, 2016 EASTER DAY

11 a.m. Jesus in the garden. *1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and John 20:1-18*

Please submit copy for the next edition of *The Record* any time **BEFORE SUNDAY, 13TH MARCH**. 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*

fellowship matters

- We are sad to report the death on 1st February of our Deacon **David Wright** and pray for **Wendy, Simon, Sherry** and his grandchildren. David will be missed not only for what he did, but also for the courageous, cheerful and encouraging person that he was.
- We continue to hold **Roger** and **Edwina Hayden** in our prayers.



CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting is on **Wednesday, 16th March, 2016, at 7.30 p.m.** in the Hiley Room.

All members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDIES

A new series of Bible studies will commence on **Thursday, 17th March**. They will be held in the Choir vestry at 2.15 p.m. lasting approximately one hour. The provisional dates for the 2016 are **17th March, 28th April, 26th May, 16th June, 28th July, 29th September, 27th October** and **17th November**.

The subject of these studies will be the Psalms.

TERRILL GROUP**INTERESTING FACTS AND MEMORIES**

The above is the intriguing title of the Terrill Group meeting on **7th March** when they will gather in the Hiley Room at 2.30 p.m.

It is the title chosen by our Guest Speaker who is one of our members. Jim Tyler is not only of our most loyal members, but also is known to us as a person of wide-ranging interests and fascinating memories. We are in for a truly memorable afternoon.

You, of course, are most welcome to join us.

JOHN FRAMPTON

LELA KEITH

We were sad to learn of Lela's death on 9th January – sad, but also thankful, because her quality of life had been drastically reduced by a series of strokes a few years ago. This left her unable to communicate and totally dependent on nursing care. After a long stay in hospital she was moved to Begbrook Nursing Home in Frenchay, where she was well cared for. Those of us who visited her told her news of Broadmead, read from the Bible and prayed. We hoped that she was able to understand what was being said.

Lela's connection with our church goes back to her participation in the musical *Knibb* which was performed in the sanctuary at Broadmead. She was one of many people from the Afro-Caribbean community in the cast of the musical – which told the story of the contribution made by William Knibb (a member of this church) to the ending of slavery in Jamaica. Lela subsequently joined Broadmead by transfer in 1992. She was a very fervent worshipper – who added colour to our congregation by her distinctive outfits. She

insisted that if one was meeting 'The King' one should do him the honour of being well-dressed.

In more recent years she embarked on a 3-year 'Prepare for Service' course at the Baptist College and preached at one of our services. Sadly, she was unable to finish the course due to her illness. Before this Lela maintained her contact with her home church in Jamaica, often speaking on the phone with the pastor and returning to attend a conference of the Jamaica Baptist Union. However, both of her sons having pre-deceased her, she remained in Bristol.

Her friends from the Jamaican community here visited her at Begbrook, her friend Monica taking particular responsibility for her affairs. It was appropriate that her funeral service was held at Kensington Baptist Church, thus making it easier for her friends to attend. We give thanks with them for her vibrant and friendly personality – she made the world a brighter place. **CAROLE LOVERIDGE**

MISSIONARY BOXES AND THE BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

Thank you to all who support the general work of BMS World Mission by the use of missionary boxes. Please hand your boxes to **Sue Leatherbarrow** or **Carole Loveridge** as early in March as possible.

Thanks also to all who support the medical work of BMS by their membership of the BMS Birthday Scheme and thus enable life-saving medical care to reach people to whom it would otherwise be denied

If you would like to take a missionary box please see **Carole Loveridge**. If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme please see **David Loveridge**.

NEWS OF OUR OVERSEAS LINKS

CYNTHIA AND IAN CHADWELL

Cynthia works with the Early Childhood Education Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal and in October was sent with two Nepali colleagues to represent the organisation at a major international conference on child welfare and development held in Beijing. It is good to report that as well as attending lectures and discussions she was able to visit

some notable places – including the Great Wall of China.

Ian's hospital management advisory role involves travel to (sometimes remote) district hospitals. His journeys are often made by road – and road journeys in Nepal can be challenging. However, he made a journey by air in November. This would have been much less stressful if departure had not been in doubt right up to take-off! (The reason was an acute fuel shortage. A blockade of the Nepal/India border lasting some four months has had devastating effects on the country's economy and the general welfare of people still suffering from the aftermath of last year's earthquakes. Thankfully the main border crossing has now been re-opened.)

Children, Justin (16) and Lucy (14), have also travelled recently, on a student-organised mission trip during which their group painted (and enlivened!) several walls at a school some 100 miles west of Kathmandu – and led youth nights at a local church.

KITTY AND RAY SHERROD

The recent journeys of Kitty, Ray and their children Robyn (7) and Tom (4) ending in USA were not of their choosing. An extremely serious situation forced them to leave the city where they were serving and after prayer and consultation with their organisation leadership it was agreed with much sadness that they should not return there.

During the next 18 months Ray intends to get employment and Kitty hopes to do some 'distance work' for their organisation. Both of them also intend to do further study relevant to overseas service. Meanwhile Robyn and Tom are settling in well and enjoying life in their new surroundings!

Cynthia, Ian, Kitty and Ray bear witness to One who said, "I am the one who is servant among you." We pray for them as they face great challenges and opportunities - and also for their children.

JUST A THOUGHT

**Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is not to stop questioning.**

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Walking together with God

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The radio presenter shattered my sleep,
now the car purrs in the morning traffic queue.
Another day is under way.

Waking up and beginning afresh,
I wonder what the day will bring?
The new and uncharted is beckoning me,
the past stirs and offers me wisdom.

I'm tempted to shake my head and say,
"The past has gone with all it holds
think only of to-day and the future."
This voice speaks a truth that challenges me.
I cannot ignore the gift of new freedom,
lessons learnt, forgiveness offered,
a new creation to-day.

Yet God, that doesn't exhaust Your marvellous truth,
for You have embraced my every moment.
"When I awake, I am still with You."

This morning's greeting from the partner I love
was filled with knowledge of yesterday.
Blossoming forth from a history still vibrant,
friendship and courtship, wedding day and family,
valleys of suffering, mountains of joy,
searchings and ponderings,
arguments, agreements.

Opinions repeatedly counsel me,
“Take nothing for granted in life.”
But I do, and I must.
To-day’s roots hold firm in the love God has shown us,
“God was, and is, and is to come.”
God’s gift of himself to creation He loves
has never been quenched by the darkness.
He comes with rich promises from years long gone,
moving us on to a deeper knowledge
of the grace that has always been — God.
I must build to-day on the rock of God’s witness
attentive to what His presence has meant
to old and young, through the years.
People speak of it, the Bible declares it,
prayer discloses it, learning enriches it,
worship celebrates it.
I am still a disciple, day by day
growing up in my knowledge of God,
wrestling now with the Truth of God,
travelling on in the company of God,
God at my side, I find myself humbled,
“Yesterday, to-day and forever.”
Father, in Your call to love and serve,
stir me with the story of the saints of God,
immerse me in the fathomless riches of Christ.
Let me be glad to learn more of your ways,
having no fear of your knowledge of me.
Open me more to who You are,
as we travel with yesterday to to-morrow.
Your themes are inexhaustible,
Your light inextinguishable,
Your love incomprehensible,
Your word ever present,
Your presence our companion.
“When I awake, I am still with You.”

GOD IN THE CITY (1997) by Revd Bob Mills

Lent, Passiontide and Easter Hymns Quiz

Can you give the first line of these hymns from this season of the year? They are all in Baptist Praise and Worship © 1991.

1. "prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed."
2. "he lives, my hungry soul to feed:
he lives, to help in time of need."
3. "and I will love you more and more,
until I see you face to face."
4. "When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us,
back to life again,"
5. "See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:"
6. "Death and hell before him bending,
he is raised the victor now,"
7. "The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son."
8. "For the pains which he endured,
our salvation have secured,"
9. "I bow my head, my Saviour,
for I deserve thy place;"
10. "Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my Saviour."



Answers to Quotes Quiz from Paul's Letters

1. Rom 6.23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
2. Phil 2.5-7: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
3. 1 Cor 13.4-5: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.