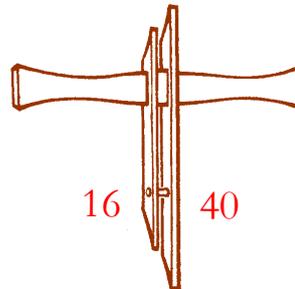


The RECORD

The Magazine of
BROADMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



*Mr Thomas Ewins
preaching
from the prison,
1664*



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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

ONE whiff of coal tar soap is enough to transport me back nearly sixty years. I am standing in front of an open fire and my grandmother is enthusiastically washing behind my ears with a coarse flannel. This was in the days before central heating, and before we had a bathroom.

I guess we all have triggers for personal memories. Sight, sound, taste, touch and smell take us to other times and places in our imagination. These are unpredictable moments. If only I could harness this facet of memory to remember the names that float out of recall almost as soon as I hear them.

Another memory is evoked at this time of year if I hear *All in the April Evening*, a poem by Katharine Tynan set to music by Sir Hugh Robertson. With Easter being early this year Good Friday will be over before April starts, so perhaps it will not be played on Radio Three along with so much other wonderful Easter music. It is probably a little sentimental for today's tastes, but in my head I can still hear Dad practising it before singing it in church.

*All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.*

Two people who knew Jesus well were walking from Jerusalem to their home village of Emmaus. A stranger caught up with them and they walked together. Readers of the story know that the stranger was Jesus, but the friends were prevented from recognising him. They were downcast because Jesus had been executed in Jerusalem and with his death their hopes for the kingdom of God evaporated. Jesus explained what had happened and how the scriptures had been fulfilled. Still they did not know him.

When they reached their home they pressed the stranger to stay with them. They sat down to a meal. The stranger took bread and broke it and their eyes were opened.

Was there something about the way he did this, or perhaps in his tone of voice, that allowed them to remember and to know that their companion and guest was Jesus? Did they recall his words over

bread and wine, "Do this in remembrance of me?"

We cannot know, but we do know that they went straight back to Jerusalem to share the news that Jesus was alive.

JOHN HOUSEAGO

Sermon themes

All services are at 11 a.m. and will be led by the minister unless otherwise noted.

3rd April, 2016

Mr Neville Lintern.

10th April, 2016

United service with Kensington Baptist Church.

17th April, 2016

Through the darkest valley. *Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30*

24th April, 2016

A new commandment. *Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35*

fellowship matters

- **Wendy Wright, Simon Wright** and **Sheri Brown** would like to say thank you to all those whose thoughts, prayers, cards and letters meant so much to us at a very difficult time. Broadmead is well known for the love and care that is shared in their fellowship. Also to those whose concern was shown in very practical ways, we give you grateful thanks. We thank God for you all.
- We are sad to record the death on 3rd March of the **Revd Dr Roger Hayden**. We give thanks for his great abilities, for the way in which he used them in the service of Jesus Christ – and for the courage with which he faced his final illness. We pray for Edwina, Gordon, Richard, Robert and all the family. Edwina wishes to express her gratitude for all the prayers, cards, flowers and messages of support that she has received.

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CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting is on **Wednesday, 18th May, 2016**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Hiley Room. This will be the Annual General Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDIES

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

WHAT DOES PART-TIME MEAN?

Since March 1st my role at Broadmead is part-time. What does that mean? I am not sure, so cannot easily explain it! I can, however, set out what I hope will happen.

I will take thirty-six services per year at Broadmead, that is, roughly three services a month.

In addition, I will be working for the church two days per week, apart from the weeks when I am on holiday. There will be some flexibility about the days. My intention is to work at church Thursday

mornings, to conduct City Communion at lunchtime and then, once a month to lead the afternoon bible study. My second working day will often be Friday, but I will need to be flexible so that I can accommodate meetings, urgent pastoral matters and regular home visits.

Please contact me as at present. I will respond to e-mails promptly and answer the phone if I am at home. If you get the answerphone, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

It will take some time for me to get used to the new arrangements, so please bear with me. **JOHN HOUSEAGO**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Weekly Offering envelopes for the next financial year are now available. If you haven't already collected yours please take them from the table on the concourse.

There are a number of sets unallocated at present, so if you would like to start giving through this scheme, or if you would like to know more about how the scheme works then please see **Ann Clark** or **Sue Leatherbarrow** for further information

'THE LITTLE HARP'

This is the name of a quite delightful inn in Clevedon which has been frequented before by the **Terrill Group** who will be returning there on Monday, 4th April.

Although it is located in Elton Road, those who are travelling by bus will converge on the Bristol Bus Station in time to catch the 10.50 service X6 bus to a bus stop opposite the inn from which we can meander towards the sea and (hopefully) secure a table with an unsurpassed view of the seafront. Those coming by car can park at the restaurant, aiming to arrive there about noon, and we can all join together there before going in for our meal together.

After enjoying table fellowship and good food we can decide, in the light of the circumstance prevailing, what to do next We can EITHER sit on the front, or in a park, enjoying the sun ("*there's faith for you!*"), OR explore the shops, OR – BOTH! **JOHN FRAMPTON**

DAVID WRIGHT

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The fellowship at Broadmead Baptist Church first met David in the spring of 1985 when he accepted the appointment of resident Church Steward. With Wendy, Simon and Sheridan he moved into the Steward's Flat on the upper floor of our building on 11th April of that year, and began his duties four days later, serving for nearly twenty years until his retirement in March, 2005.

The steward's duties are many and varied, and can be really quite demanding.

On the one hand is the housekeeping aspect of making sure that all the physical parts of a large and complex building are running as they should. David coped with this admirably – no doubt his background as an engineer in earlier years stood him in good stead – while taking appropriate steps to call in outside assistance when it was needed.

The other hand of our steward's tasks is to liaise and negotiate with people and organisations outside the church fellowship who wish to make use of the facilities of the church by way of using our rooms for meetings or events. This is a very important function, as it's the financial contribution brought in by such room use that enables us, as a small fellowship, to continue our presence and our witness here in the city centre.

However, it makes considerable demands on the steward's interpersonal skills, and indeed on his patience, to satisfy the sometimes competing and sometimes quite challenging requirements of all our varied users. But here again David performed admirably, and over the years a number of our long-standing clients became personal friends to him and Wendy.

Also, and inevitably, a church in a location such as ours, with doors that are nearly always open, will become a calling place both for those in need and for those of ill-intent. Here David's background of training in, and experiences as an officer of, the Salvation Army must have been of immense help to him in helping those in the former group and deterring those in the latter!

As David and Wendy increasingly worshipped with us, we came to

know them better and to love them for what they brought to our fellowship. This brought David still further opportunities to be of service; taking his place in a rota of those who operate the amplification system for our services, and from time to time conducting the midweek services of City Prayer. It was an occasion of great joy to us when they formally entered into membership of our church in March, 2009. Subsequently, in March, 2010, David was elected as a Deacon and continued to serve the church in this capacity until his death, and he was also appointed as a trustee of the Terrill, Foskett and Bodenham funds – endowments set up by some of the founding fathers of the church in the 17th century for the ongoing benefit both of this church and of the Bristol Baptist College. In both these roles, as deacon and as trustee, David gave faithful service.

At the time of his retirement, David and Wendy wrote a piece entitled 'Thank you is not enough' for the *Broadmead Record*. In it they jokingly referred to the fact that when they had written to family and friends, they had preceded the church's postal address with the words "The mansion above", so it seemed entirely appropriate that when they moved out of Broadmead, after twenty years of 'living above the shop' with very limited views from the windows of their flat, their new home should be way up in a tall block, with marvellous sweeping views over Bristol and the Somerset countryside beyond, bringing them both great pleasure in their retirement.

Now David has truly gone to his own mansion above, and while we mourn his passing, we give thanks to God for his memory, his service and for his friendship. **GLYN DUGGAN**

Thanks for Roger

There will be so much to recall about the life of Roger Hayden, and in due course this will be included in *The Record*. But until then, perhaps it is appropriate that we reflect on how much he has meant to us, his fellow members at Broadmead. Yes, he had a string of qualifications, connections and achievements in the Baptist world. Yet, for all that, he was our friend who would pass the time of day with us, share ordinary everyday topics with us over a cup of tea, join in our social events, share a joke, and take an interest in us as

individuals. His heart was in Broadmead and he shared its ups and downs with us. We have lost a good friend. We remember him with much affection and will miss him. **CAROLE LOVERIDGE**

A Thanksgiving Service for the Revd Dr Roger Hayden will be held at Broadmead on 8th April at 2 p.m.

THE CHADWELLS' RETURN!

Cynthia, Ian, Justin and Lucy will be visiting us again on Sunday, 3rd July. Since they last came (two years ago) the family have shared traumatic experiences with Nepal's people. First there was last April's devastating earthquake and then the blockade of the Nepal/India border (across which the great majority of Nepal's imports come). Thankfully, this has now ended – but not before causing immense hardship. The BMS Nepal team continued to serve through all this and Sunday, 3rd July, will bring a great opportunity to update our knowledge of the family's contribution.

IN OR OUT?

The result of the EU Referendum on 23rd June (whichever way it goes) will have a great effect on this country's future. We are reminded that Christians need to think and pray about the issues, to engage in the debate – and treat fellow participants with dignity and respect even when their conclusion is the opposite of ours!

Please submit copy for the next edition of *The Record* any time **BEFORE SUNDAY, 10TH APRIL**. 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*

QUIZ: WHAT HAPPENED WHEN?

Can you put these events from the historical period between ourselves and the time of Jesus into chronological order? Give yourselves extra points if you can put them in the right century.

1. Mother Teresa begins work in Calcutta
2. George Fox begins to preach, founding the Quakers
3. Darwin's 'Origin of Species' published
4. Synod of Whitby accepts Roman dating of Easter
5. Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' published
6. First Crusade takes Jerusalem
7. World Council of Churches set up at Amsterdam
8. St Francis of Assisi dies
9. Spanish Inquisition established
10. John Wesley's 'Conversion' experience



ANSWERS TO LENT, PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER HYMNS QUIZ

Hymn numbers all from Baptist Praise and Worship © 1991.

1. 218 Forty days and forty nights
2. 251 I know that my Redeemer lives!
3. 219 It is a thing most wonderful,
4. 257 Now the green blade rises
5. 233 When I survey the wondrous cross
6. 245 Christ is risen! alleluia!
7. 225 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
8. 252 Jesus Christ is risen today,
9. 223 O sacred head, sore wounded,
10. 256 Low in the grave he lay,

Waiting with God

God, be firm and strong with us in our waiting,
the hidden depths of us
cannot stop praying;
we hope,
we fear,
we see light,
we feel darkness;
all in our waiting.

The waiting is empty
unless Your redeeming love
is rooted in us.

The waiting is painful —
give us Your patience.
The waiting can be despair;
wait with us
with Your hope.

We do not want to wait alone,
nor just with each other,
but with You in Your pain,
born of Your loving purposes.

God,
In our waiting, feed our minds,
in our waiting, quieten our anxiety,
in our waiting, remind us that
in all things. You work together
with those who love You, for good.

God,
Fill our waiting as we wait with You.

GOD IN THE CITY (1997) by Revd Bob Mills