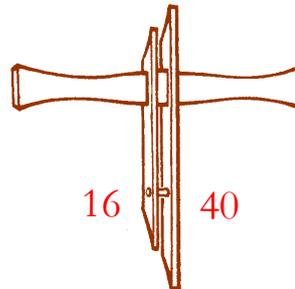


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welcome!

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 the 1830's a young Anglican clergyman, the Revd John Ashley, gave up his secure position as a parish minister in order to minister to seafarers. He was prompted to think about this work when his small son innocently asked him where sailors went to church. A little research showed him that the majority never did, and that no one from the church ever visited them.

Sailing a small schooner, he spent the next 15 years visiting ships which were anchored in the Bristol Channel as they waited for favourable winds to carry them to distant ports. He held services, distributed bibles and brought pastoral support to a community which previously had little contact with organised religion.

His work inspired others and in 1856 the Mission to Seafarers was officially constituted. Lord Shaftesbury was the first president. Initially the work was based in various ports in Britain, but it soon spread to Malta, and then crossed the Atlantic to Nova Scotia. Today the Mission to Seafarers works in 200 ports spread across 50 countries.

In the early part of the twentieth century the Mission provided venues for the St John Ambulance Brigade to offer training and qualifications in First Aid: a genuine benefit when most ships' companies did not have any medically qualified members.

During the two world wars the work of the mission was enormously expanded, serving both military and merchant sailors. The Missions, based in ports, often suffered as the ports were subject to bombardment.

Naturally, the work of the Mission is primarily concerned with the spiritual welfare of seafarers. A guiding principle has been the maxim that "anyone may attend Mission services, but nobody must." A welcome and help is offered to seafarers of all races, colours and creeds. True mission is always concerned with the whole person, and therefore the Mission stations, usually staffed by volunteers, try to offer recreation facilities and arrange activities such as dances, picnics and sports. This social element to the Mission's vision was there from the first: Lord Shaftesbury opened a reading room for sailors in Deal in 1861.

We will remember the work of the Mission to Seafarers in our prayers on **Sea Sunday, 10th July**. It will be good to think of this work, started in the Bristol Channel, as the city prepares to welcome seafaring and boating visitors for the Bristol Harbour Festival, which runs from the 15th to the 17th July. **JOHN HOUSEAGO**

Sermon themes

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

3rd July, 2016

Cynthia and Ian Chadwell from Nepal

10th July, 2016

The Good Samaritan. *Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37*

17th July, 2016

Jesus visits Mary and Martha. *Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42*

24th July, 2016

Lord, teach us to pray. *Colossians 2:6-19 and Luke 11:1-13*

31st July, 2016

Visiting Preacher.

fellowship matters

Edited for the Internet

Please submit copy for the next edition of *The Record* any time **BEFORE SUNDAY, 17TH JULY**. 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, 20th July, 2016, at 7.30 p.m.** in the Hiley Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDIES

A series of Bible studies, based on the Psalms, is being held monthly during 2016.

They are held in the Choir Vestry at 2.15 p.m. lasting approximately one hour. The remaining dates for the 2016 are **28th July, 29th September, 27th October and 17th November.**

WORLD MISSION EVENT, SUNDAY 3RD JULY

We look forward to welcoming back Cynthia, Ian, Justin and Lucy Chadwell on **3rd July** when they will be taking the service. This will be an opportunity to learn about the challenges they faced in 2015 and those which they face at present. It will also be an opportunity to encourage them.

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT FOR 2015

Celebrating the 375th Church Anniversary has to be the highlight of 2015. What an amazing thought, 375 years of Christian worship and witness by this community!

If only videos and DVDs had been available then what an inspiration the determination of Dorothy Hazzard and others would be to us today. We need that inspiration to keep going in the face of great challenges. Our faith and trust in our Saviour, who we are here to serve, must be as strong as our forefathers'. We look to each other for encouragement in our witness for the gospel today. As that witness seems harder in an age of disinterest and caution in commitment to Christian living.

It being our 375th Anniversary, several events were arranged in conjunction with the Baptist College, the theme being Broadmead's history, City Centre ministry, and the future of ministry here at Broadmead. Our speakers on these occasions were (6th May) the Revd Professor Paul Ballard, (10th June) an evening at John Wesley's

Chapel, (17th June), Professor John Biggs, and (28th November) the Revd Dr Ruth Gouldbourne who led a day for students, leaders and members of the Broadmead congregation, drawing the whole theme together. Many thanks to the Baptist College and our speakers for their time and interest.

September 19th was the celebration held here at Broadmead for the nine Churches across the country, all celebrating their 375 Anniversary. It was a good occasion, the main speaker was the Revd Jonathan Edwards. A special hymn was adapted from the text by Benjamin Beddome by the modern hymn writer Graham Kendrick for this anniversary. We hope this hymn will be an inspiration to many as it is sung in the future.

A tea was shared after the service which was enjoyed by all. It proved to be a truly inspired gathering.

Our premises are used for an ever increasing number of visitors coming for their meetings and gatherings. All receiving a warm welcome from our church stewards, Ken McNally and his wife Lindsay. Thank you both for your hard work and witness on our behalf throughout the week. These visitors are always grateful for the use of our great facilities and the welcome they receive.

The Undercroft has a steady flow of customers, we are grateful for their loyalty and also for the Crofters who work so hard to keep the Undercroft going.

On Sundays, we now have four other Churches using our building. Kensington BC uses the top floor on a Sunday morning. Family Pentecostal Church uses the Undercroft also in the morning. J.C.C.M. (Filipino) Church uses the top floor in the afternoon, and the Christian Light Centre, Pentecostal Church uses the Waddelow Hall in the afternoon. Meaning there are several hundred worshippers at Broadmead Baptist on any Sunday praising our Lord and Saviour.

We were pleased to share two services with the Kensington Fellowship. Taking part in these services proved to be a real joy. We were also invited to some celebrations with the Filipino Church which a few members attended and enjoyed.

Broadmead Baptist Church has also played a vital role in encouraging City Centre Ministry through the City Centre Chaplain, the Revd Andy Sewell: a very busy chaplain to the retail sector and also to

those who are homeless around this area and need a listening ear.

Our thanks go to those who have conducted our worship in our Minister's absence: the Revd Ken Stewart, Mr Neville Lintern, the Revd Peter Webb, the Revd Ruth Bottoms, the Revd Neil Draisey, the Revd Peter Slee, and the Revd Dr Helen Paynter. Our thanks go to the late Revd Dr Roger Hayden who organised the pulpit supply.

Our thanks also go to the Revd Dr Ruth Goldbourne who conducted our own special anniversary service in October: a very special service!

We also thank those who brought the joy of music to our services through their organ playing: Maurice Willis, Martin Firth and Roger Kirby, also thank you to Jenny Douglas our pianist.

We thank others who have brought their talents and inspiration to church life.

Thank you to Kathleen Moss for the beautiful flower displays week by week and for the generosity of those who donate towards the flowers.

Thank you to those who do stewarding in various ways and for the caterers week by week. To our Pastoral Care Team as they share with the Minister the care of those unable to get to church and any in need.

Our thanks to Jack Appleton, our *Record* editor, for all his hard work in producing an interesting magazine for us month by month, especially the edition for our 375th Anniversary.

We have shared in several social events including the Annual Pancake Party run by Ann and Bob Clark. An evening of Bristol Curiosities with slides by Glyn Duggan. Thank you.

David Loveridge and Philip Dickinson again organised our annual A.C.A.T. Charity of Christmas Cards to those tortured and imprisoned for their faith.

Your generosity in giving throughout the year to those in need through the Foodbank Box, at our Harvest Festival Service and at Christmas time when we sent gifts to the Southern Brookes for children and families in need have been great. Thank you.

Thank you to our fellow Deacons for all their hard work, especially Bob Clark, our Treasurer. Also to our Trustees who quietly perform

their duties with responsibility for our church building.

To all who have played any part in Church life, our thanks to you.

Lastly, our thanks to John, our minister, and, of course Ros. Thank you, John, for what you have brought to us through your ministry of the Word. Through your leadership. Thank you for your strength to those in time of need and for what you are to us here at Broadmead Baptist Church. Thank you, **ELIZABETH GODDARD**

<i>Church Flowers</i>	3rd July	Jenny Capstick
	10th July	—
	17th July	Bonnie West
	24th July	Jack Appleton <i>(in memory of Pam)</i>
	31st July	Carol and David Loveridge

The Baptist Times Round-up

HOW PASSIONATE ARE YOU?

Being told I should be *passionate* about the Holy Spirit slightly jarred, writes Colin Sedgwick.

On Whit Sunday, I wasn't surprised to be challenged in church about the Holy Spirit. How eager am I to be "filled with the Spirit"? How much do I long for "the gifts of the Spirit"? Does my life bear "the fruit of the Spirit?"

All good and necessary questions. Surely every Christian should constantly want more of God's Spirit. But there was a word used that slightly jarred: "passionate". As Christians, we were told, we should be *passionate* about the Holy Spirit. My problem is twofold.

First, I'm not really sure what that word actually means. And second, assuming what I suspect the preacher meant by it: a deep emotional intensity, a yearning that pretty well dominates and controls you — the fact is that, sorry, I'm just not really the passionate type. I just "don't do" passion. Too English, perhaps, too buttoned up.

And the question is: Should I feel guilty about this? Is there something wrong with me? Well, my wife and I chatted this over in the car as we came away from church, and what we came up with was something like this...

First, the whole idea of being passionate is strikingly absent from the Bible. What the Bible asks of us first and foremost is that we should be *trusting* of God and *obedient* to him. And those two words, trust and obedience, are much quieter - much more ordinary, if you like - than what generally comes to mind when we think of passion.

Second, we reflected that over the years we have known a number of Christians who you might describe as passionate - and the sad fact is that often they seemed to burn out quickly. Some, certainly, continued to profess to be Christians, but they became mere shadows of their former selves. Others gave up claiming to be Christians at all.

Third, we reflected that the Christians we had most appreciated and valued in our own lives were generally not the passionate types at all, but those quieter, solid types who just "keep on keeping on". Their love of Jesus couldn't be questioned, but they expressed it by their honest, reliable day-to-day living. They were the people you would turn to when you were in trouble, the people you instinctively trusted and respected.

My wife and I decided, in the end, that there are in fact two types of "passion". We agreed that, yes of course, Christians *should* be passionate, in the sense of faithful and committed - and that we were certainly not as passionate as we ought to be. But we also concluded that there is a kind of suspect passion which might not unfairly be described as shallow, rootless and flaky.

That word "rootless" brings to mind Jesus' parable of the sower. Yes! - isn't it all there in that simple story? "The person who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the one who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But *since they have no root*, they last only a short time..." (Matthew 13:20-21). O Lord, save us from rootlessness!

Am I overdoing this? Am I, in the end, simply quibbling about words? If the preacher that Sunday had talked about being "enthusiastic", or "eager" or "keen" regarding the Holy Spirit I don't think I would have had that negative reaction. And perhaps that, really, is all he in fact meant.

At the end of the day, to be "filled with the Spirit" is to be filled with *Christ*, isn't it? - with love, with holiness, with truth, with humility. And don't these things constitute the "righteousness" that Jesus says we are to "hunger and thirst for" (Matthew 5:6)?

Never mind "passionate"... Oh for more of *this* in my life.

JONATHAN AND HIS FAMILY QUIZ

How much can you remember of the story Saul's family from the Old Testament? (NIV, © 1984 by the International Bible Society)

1. What were the names of Saul's daughters and which one did David marry?
2. What did Jonathan eat on a day his father Saul had declared a fast day in their fight against the Philistines? What happened when Saul declared he should die for thus breaking a national vow?
3. After Saul had become jealous of David, what was the covenant Jonathan made with David?
4. "How the mighty have fallen". For whom was this a lament by David?
5. What was the name of Jonathan's lame son, whom David honoured after Jonathan's death?
6. How had he become lame?
7. When David retreated home after an attack from Saul, how did his wife delay the pursuit of Saul's soldiers?
8. When David brought the Ark of the Lord in procession to the City of David and danced before it, how did his wife, Saul's daughter, react?

ANSWERS TO BIBLICAL CREATURES 2

1. Ant; 2. Horse ; 3. Bear; 4. Moth; 5. Grasshopper;
6. Wolf; 7. Lizard; 8. Baboon; 9. Goat; 10. Frog;
11. Calf; 12. Camel.

JUST A THOUGHT

It is better to light a candle than to curse darkness.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

THE CITY IN ALL ITS LIFE

LORD of the City,

You meet us here amongst the shops.
We pray for those who worked here today
and have now returned to their homes.
For them we pray, refreshment and peace.



We pray for people arriving in the City for entertainment,
families, friends, lovers,
those sharing leisure time to celebrate or unwind.
May the music, the theatre, the sport,
the quiet talking, the meal table
be occasions when you touch their lives
with creative and encouraging friendship.

We pray for those for whom this area is so often
a place of sleep.

Those who spend the night at the Julian Centre,
men and women, young and older
who will make their bed in parks,
alleyways, doorways, underpasses;
the silent homeless known to you.



Those mentally ill, unable to cope;
the young people who have left home
feeling they intrude upon mother's or father's new partner.
Those thrown out because they disturb the home comforts;
those whose lives are ravaged by alcohol,
whose character is the victim of drug abuse;
those unemployed, now feeling on the outside of
Society's care and interest.

We cannot know how they feel,
but we seek to care, to invite others to care too;
to quicken the concern of local and central Government,
to identify their plight amidst the nation's priorities,
moving their need a little closer
to the heart of awareness,
understanding and action.



Lord, we come bringing nothing
except who we are,
and the love that sustains us and our neighbours
in whom we find Christ. AMEN.