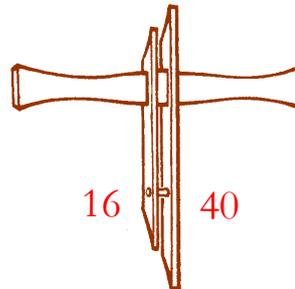


# The RECORD

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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 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

OCTOBER the 18th is St Luke's Day. Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. When I was involved with the hospital chaplaincy at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, we usually held a special service in the hospital chapel for St Luke's Day. I also notice in my encyclopaedia that he is the patron saint of students and butchers! I guess there were some students at the St Luke's Day service, but I do not recall inviting any butchers!

I am not sure that as a Baptist I should take notice of saints' days! However, since Luke is such an important contributor to the New Testament I think I am safe! We first hear about Luke from Paul's writings. In Colossians he is referred to as 'the beloved physician'. Luke is regarded as the author of the *Luke's Gospel* and the *Acts of the Apostles*, which together represent just over a quarter of the New Testament.

In *Acts*, Luke tells the story of the early church. Without Luke, we would know little of the day, or Pentecost, or of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, or of the long journeys made by Paul and his companions to spread the gospel around the eastern end of the Mediterranean. Luke concluded his story with Paul under house arrest in Rome. There are three passages in *Acts* where Luke writes in the first person, i.e. he uses "we ...", suggesting that Luke was travelling with Paul. There are very few places in the New Testament where we have a first-hand account of events.

We are also indebted to Luke for his gospel. Luke follows the basic plan of Mark's gospel, but he adds some teaching of Jesus that Mark did not include. The most famous of these passages are the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. We must not forget that Luke also is the only gospel containing the Magnificat, the Song of Mary, and the Benedictus, the Song of Zechariah, both of which enriched Christian worship.

There is more than enough reason here to remember and give thanks to God for Luke's life and work. It is also a good time to remember the work of the hospitals that are so close to our church.

**JOHN HOUSEAGO**

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## *Sermon themes*

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

**2nd October, 2016**

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

**9th October, 2016**

376th Church Anniversary. Guest preacher: The Revd Dr Stephen Finamore

**16th October, 2016**

Revd Peter Hatton

**23rd October, 2016**

The Justified Sinner. *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 and Luke 18:9-14*

**30th October, 2016**

Zacchaeus. *2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 and Luke 19:1-10*

**6th November, 2016**

Praise from the Scribes!. *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20:27-38*

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**fellowship matters**

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Please submit copy for the next edition of *The Record* any time **BEFORE SUNDAY, 16TH OCTOBER**. 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*

<i>Church Flowers</i>	<b>2nd October</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>9th October</b>	<b>Marian Tunnecliffe</b> <i>(in memory)</i>
	<b>16th October</b>	<b>Jack Appleton</b> <i>(in memory of Kathleen)</i>
	<b>30th October</b>	<b>The Moss Family</b>

## CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting is on **Wednesday, 16th November, 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 **27th October** and **17th November**.

## MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

During their recent visit, our link missionaries Cynthia and Ian Chadwell reminded us of the two devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015. Many regions of Nepal are mountainous – and many mountains are very high – and very steep. As a result, many Nepali villages are built on steeply sloping ground and can only be reached over precarious roads. Both factors accentuated the effects of the earthquakes – huge landslides buried villages and roads became impassable.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (which uses aircraft to reach otherwise inaccessible places) linked up with a Nepalese helicopter company to facilitate flights which brought help to people who would otherwise

have been unable to get it. We shall be remembering MAF in our prayers on Sunday, 23rd October.

**One25** This is not a secret code, but rather the name of a registered charity in which courageous Christian ladies drive into the notorious red-light districts of Bristol seeking to demonstrate unconditional love and concern for the prostitutes, who for a whole variety of reasons, have chosen this way of life, despite regularly being beaten-up by ‘punters’, ‘pimps’, or people-traffickers and treated as objects who can be ‘bought’ and then discarded.

The work of this splendid group is under-funded and under-known.

Terrill Group have invited one of them to come to us at 2.30 on Monday, 3rd October, and would be delighted to welcome anybody who would like to learn more of this multi-faceted support.

We shall meet in the Hiley Room. **JOHN FRAMPTON**

## **RIO AND THE SALVATION ARMY**

“One of the most beautiful cities in the world, Rio de Janeiro has wonderful beaches, amazing scenery and some incredible landmarks such as the Christ The Redeemer statue...We could not think of a better place to have the Games or more lovely people to welcome others from around the world.” So writes Captain Matt Brown of the Salvation Army who, with his wife Major Sheri Brown serves in the Olympic city. (Sheri is the daughter of Wendy Wright and her late husband David, who themselves were also Salvation Army officers.)

The truth of the statement, “Where there’s need there’s the Salvation Army” is illustrated by its service in Rio. Alongside the beauty of the city there is also great need and Matt gives examples of how God has used the Salvation Army to meet this.

A man who had been involved with drugs was shot in the head, but survived. Two members of the Salvation Army visited and prayed with him. The man became a Christian, married and had three

children. Now the family reaches out into its local community and shows the love of Jesus to it. Following a family tragedy, two brothers were cared for in a Salvation Army children's home. The 'corps' where Matt and Sherri minister became their church and its members became their new family. They now play an important part in the work of the corps.

Approximately once a month when funds permit, about 100 meals are taken out to homeless people on Rio's city centre streets and Matt outlines many other forms of service. Finally, Matt notes that international Salvation Army teams came to help with particular needs and opportunities arising from the Olympic Games.

This snapshot of Salvation Army activities in Rio is best summed up in Matt's own words: "It has been a privilege to serve and minister in such a beautiful city to great people...The Salvation Army here does so much to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity, bringing transformation to people and communities."

*We gratefully acknowledge that this article is based on one by Matt in the 30th July issue of the Salvation Army magazine Salvationist.*

## **DOROTHY BENTLEY FRAMPTON**

**13th October, 1928 – 30th July, 2016**

Dorothy grew up within a close family which worshipped at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Penarth. After coming to Bristol in the early 1950's she taught at schools in St Anne's Park and Withywood. She soon took part in the life of Broadmead Baptist Church, where she met John Frampton in the Young People's Fellowship. Their marriage was blessed with the arrival of sons Martyn and Paul. As the children grew up, the home increasingly became a beacon of hospitality and hosted many house groups and meetings. All the family participated enthusiastically in the life of the church.

Dorothy gave pastoral care as a Broadmead 'Elder', supervised the church's Undercroft (a lunchtime refreshment facility) when it first opened and often spoke at women's meetings in the Bristol area. Together with John she took on responsibility for Broadmead's Terrill Group (a fellowship group which became known for its choice of interesting speakers!) and continued to lead it with him

even after they had transferred to Counterslip Baptist Church – right up to the time of her death.

At the packed Thanksgiving Service, John paid tribute to Dorothy's ability to light up a situation by her presence. She personified **JOY** – Jesus first, **O**thers second, **Y**ourself last. She gave encouragement to all she met and served others in any way she could.

Martyn and Paul spoke of her sense of fun, her love of nature, gardening, playing Badminton, riding her moped, baking cakes for birthdays and weddings and creating beautiful cards through the medium of 'encaustic art' (hot wax painting). She was an adopted mum to many young people, was loving, supporting and unflappable. She looked for the good in everyone and made a conscious decision to speak only positively about people. A true saint who actually lived her life according to Romans chapter 12, verses 9 – 13, she was a great witness to her Saviour.

Revd Malcolm Goodbeer remembered Dorothy's involvement with 'Open Doors' (an organisation supporting persecuted Christians), The Disabled Christians Fellowship and Tuesday Fellowship meetings. Deeply sincere, but easily able to laugh, she knew her own mind and would express it, but without bitterness or resentment, always showing openness and acceptance of others. She was authentic, with strong faith and no false piety. She claimed that she was an ordinary person serving an extraordinary Saviour. Her inheritance was unblemished – although she died she still lives in the hearts of all those who are thankful to have known her. **CAROLE LOVERIDGE**

## *The Baptist Times Round-up*

### **LIVING WITH FAITH - AND DOUBT**

**How much 'agnosticism' should a Christian be happy to live with? By Colin Sedgwick**

Some time ago I wrote about a conversation I had had with a man who described himself as an agnostic. I mentioned that he had thanked me for admitting that there were plenty of things I didn't understand, or wasn't sure of.

My story seems to have stimulated some interest. In particular, I had a message from a long-time Christian friend — as rock-solid a Christian, a thorough-going evangelical, as you could wish to find — who tells me that he too is very

‘agnostic’ on various aspects of the Christian faith. Don’t worry, he is entirely orthodox on the basic teachings, but he frankly admits that he just doesn’t know what to think on some of the less central matters.

I was grateful for his honesty; it was refreshing. It brought to mind the comment of Peter about his fellow-apostle Paul: his letters “contain some things that are hard to understand...” (2 Peter 3:16). Peter goes on to say how Paul’s teachings can end up being “distorted by ignorant and unstable people”. (Perhaps Peter felt that he was a bit like that himself — an impulsive and uneducated Galilean fisherman, in comparison with the learned Paul.)

Whatever, Peter’s comment makes one thing clear: the Christian faith does indeed contain elements which are open to misunderstanding and which can be perplexing and even quite baffling. This doesn’t just apply to Paul, of course. Is there anyone reading this who would claim to have a full understanding of the trinity? Or of predestination and free will? Or of the precise process of creation? Or of the mystery of prayer? Or of exactly how Jesus’ death on the cross saves us from our sins? Or of why God allows such appalling suffering in his creation? Or of...? But I think you get the point.

It was this kind of thing that I had in mind when I admitted to my agnostic friend that the things I didn’t know outweighed the ones I did. Thinking like this prompts the question: How much ‘agnosticism’ should a Christian be happy to live with? Putting it another way, at what point might your agnosticism be so great that you are no longer really a ‘Christian’ at all? Who ‘qualifies’ (if I can use that word) to bear that name?

A big question! My rough-and-ready answer would be something like this: Anyone who, first, believes in the basic doctrines of the Christian faith, especially the perfect life, the atoning death, the bodily resurrection, and the final return in glory, of Jesus the son of God; and who, second, loves, trusts and seeks to obey that same Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Any good? I think that will do for me!

If I am right, it means of course that there are plenty of people around who are true Christians even though they may be wrong on various issues (hey, maybe I’m even one myself...). An ounce of true faith in Jesus weighs more than ten tons of dodgy theology.

Don’t get me wrong. Doctrine (which basically means true teaching in systematic form) matters, and we should want to get it right. But given that none of us in reality does ‘get it right’, not perfectly so anyway, and given that nobody ever has ‘got it right’ over the 2,000 years the church has existed, perhaps we can afford to be a little relaxed when it comes to matters of doctrinal orthodoxy or ‘soundness’. We might in fact find it quite liberating to do so. Having all the i’s dotted and all the t’s crossed isn’t what it’s all about; what it is all about is loving and trusting Jesus.

Over my years as a preacher and pastor I have learned to say, quite frankly, “Sorry, I’m really not sure about that”, when asked a question which I’m well, really not sure about. I’ll always offer to go away and do some more thinking, reading and exploring, hoping to come back with a better answer. But in the end honesty is not just the best policy; it’s more than that — it is, surely, the right policy, the only policy which is honouring to God.

We don’t know something? — well, let’s say so! We will very likely be respected for doing so, and bring credit to the Christian faith.

Let’s never forget the words of the Christian wit (G. K. Chesterton? — somebody help me out, please!) who, when asked if he was worried by the things in the Bible he couldn’t understand, replied, “Not at all! The things in the Bible that worry me are the things I can understand...”

## **THE BRAIN DRAIN**

*You will find the answers to the following in the Old Testament:*

1. Who was the first murderer?
2. Name the oldest man in the Bible?
3. Where was Abraham born?
4. Who was born to Abraham when he was a 100 years old?
5. Who was Abraham’s daughter-in law?
6. Name Joseph’s parents.
7. Where did Moses flee to from Egypt?
8. What memorial feast did Moses institute?
9. What was David’s native town?
10. Name the cave where David hid?



### **ANSWERS TO OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS QUIZ**

1. Leah and Rachel; 2. Ahab; 3. Reuben; 4. King Belshazzar and Daniel;
5. Nabal and David; 6. Boaz’ father and Ruth’s father-in-law; 7. Mordecai;
8. Solomon; he succeeded David as king and was famous for his wisdom;
9. She was wife of Hosea the prophet, used by him as an example of the infidelity of God’s people towards God; 10. Aaron and Miriam.

## PRAYER AT BROADMEAD

### **2nd - 8th October**

Heavenly Father we give thanks for the harvest and the many blessings we enjoy. As we do so we remember that millions of people know only hunger and fear. In particular we pray that our good response to the BMS Harvest Appeal will help those suffering great hardship, because they have had to leave everything and flee from the devastation and slaughter in Syria. We also pray that our gifts of packeted and tinned foods will help those using the Night Shelter here in Bristol.

### **9th - 15th October**

Dear Lord, as we celebrate Broadmead's 376th Anniversary we pray for the faith, trust and courage that our forebears demonstrated. Help us, like them, "to live for tomorrow today", to persevere in all circumstances and show your amazing love to an unbelieving world.

### **16th - 22nd October**

Loving God, we thank you for the remarkable perseverance and courage of severely disabled participants in the Paralympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro. We pray for Sheridan and Matthew Brown and their children that they may be given wisdom and strength as they serve you there with the Salvation Army.

### **23rd - 29th October**

Lord of Light, as the days shorten and winter sets in, we pray that those who are sick, frail or aged will cope with the colder weather. We also pray for the members of Social Services and the NHS who will be supporting them. May those prevented from attending church have an awareness of your presence and still feel part of the fellowship as they join with us in prayer – and may your Spirit strengthen us all physically, mentally and spiritually.