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God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Psalm 46 v 1-3

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A message from Steve Green



Summer is my favourite time of year. It is not only the light evenings, BBQs and Wimbledon but everything associated with sunshine, warmth and an outdoor life – including camping. For me, summer is also uplifting spiritually. After the euphoria of Easter, we come to the significance of Ascension day and later the power of Pentecost, this year on June 9th.

Both these events are recorded in the book of Acts, which provides a unique and indispensable bridge between the Gospels and the Epistles. What is the significance of Ascension and Pentecost? While Jesus was on the earth in human form, his power was restricted mainly to his physical location. His Ascension marked the point at which this could all change. By leaving his disciples to return to His Father, he was able to live inside all of them by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus would no longer be restricted, and that is why he said:

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
(John 14.12, NIV)

What did the disciples need to do after the Ascension? The answer is to keep waiting. They needed to wait for the arrival of the Holy Spirit who came on the day of Pentecost. Have you ever thought how wise it was for the Holy Spirit to come at this time of year? As it was early summer, travelling conditions were at their best. Jerusalem would have been full of people from all over the known world who were travelling

to this great festival. Moreover, it was a public holiday where ordinary folk would have also been in the streets. It was into this situation that the Holy Spirit came and was revealed to people from a wide range of different countries and backgrounds. If God wanted to start a universal church with the seeds being planted throughout the Roman Empire, the day to do it would be the day of Pentecost! This was the day that the Church was born and today, here in Woking, we are part of that same church. It remains God's church, a church where Jesus is Lord and a church where His power is not restricted. The same power that was available then is available to us now. There is nothing more exciting than being part of that – not even light evenings, BBQs and the approach of Wimbledon!

Church Family News

It is with great sadness that we report news of the death of Robin Le Boutillier Scott husband of Rev. Gill Le Boutillier Scott.

We ask you to keep Gill, and her four children, Isabella, Noah, Eva and Elias, in your prayers at this very sad time.

We pray that God will surround them with His loving arms as they come to terms with their devastating loss.



Congratulations!

Congratulations on two new arrivals

Rosa Mia on 14th April granddaughter for Liz & Glen Penfold

and

Robyn Rae on 6th May granddaughter for Jenny & David Broadley.



Our congratulations go to Tiffany, our administrator, on attaining her Master of Science degree.





Please make sure that you note the different timings of communion services for the next quarter.

2nd June	10.30am	Communion
23rd June	8.45am	Communion
7th July	10.30am	Communion
28th July	No Early morning Communion	
28th July	10.30am	Communion
4th August	10.30am There will be a normal morning service but No Communion	
25th August	8.45am	Communion



Praying Together Psalm 23

I came across a book called "Reflections on the psalms" written by C S Lewis and published in 1961 and I thought that could make an interesting base for the next praying together pages in TNV. Some of the ideas may be dated so I shall do my best to update where I can and make it clear what I have done.

So, I plunge in with Psalm 23 - The Lord is my shepherd. This is a very well-known psalm but it seems useful to revisit and see what new insights can be gained and new ways to pray can be found and used.

Psalm 23 - A psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
he makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake. Even though I walk
through the darkest valley

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.

Ideas for prayer:

Say psalm 23 in a version you choose as your prayer and as you pray make sure you highlight the idea the Lord is my shepherd, he leads me. The Lord is my pace setter – I shall walk with the Lord and dwell in his house for ever. The Lord is in control

C S Lewis looks at verse 5 in which the psalmist writes

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Does this really mean, queries Lewis, that the psalmist can only completely enjoy the comfort and help of the rod and the staff and the prospect of the good feast because the enemy is not invited and can watch and hate and not join in. This seems cruel, unfeeling and unloving. Surely Jesus would say come and sit and enjoy the feast.

To this can be added that the resentment against the enemy who so recently seems to be towering over the psalmist is freely expressed and not disguised at all and so can be faced. It can be easy to paper over the idea of being nice even to the enemy and not really mean it. We can also find ourselves saying I will try to forgive but in the end he or she will be sorry he said or did that, so not forgiving at all.

By thinking about this verse, the ideas are out in the open and can be challenged. Maybe this verse helps us to think about the hatred and who is my enemy and ask for the grace to forgive.

I also find the Stuart Townend hymn with the chorus "I will trust in you alone" can be used as a prayer. Maybe, because the music also plays in my head, and combines to create a powerful prayer.

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights
(Repeat Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
(Repeat Chorus)

I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me home

Here is my version of the Psalm 23

The Lord is my friend.

The Lord listens and we pray together.

The Lord leads me to places where I can pray – places where it is quiet and places that are full of noise and I can listen to the Lord and the Lord can listen to me.

Beside the lake, in the town centre, in church, at home, next to a stream, in a garden full of grass and flowers I can pray.

The Lord leads me.

The Lord is beside me when I pray – prompting and leading the prayer.

I listen to the Lord and the Lord listens to me.

The Lord offers empathy and sympathy.

My soul is restored and I am comforted deep down and from head to toe.

Even when the way ahead seems tricky and narrow – and it feels like there is so much to do.

I feel the Lord with me guiding and guarding me.

When the way seems to lead to difficult places where I am
alongside my elderly parents,
I know the Lord is with me to strengthen me.
I will not be afraid and I hear the Lord prompting do not be
afraid.

The Lord prepares a picnic for me and I sit down with people
who I do not regard as friends in fact many seem hostile to
me and my faith.

Even here the Lord is there – there is nowhere I go where the
Lord cannot be also.

The Lord is with me.

So, the Lord's goodness and mercy are with me every single
day and night.

I dwell with the Lord and the Lord dwells with me.

Amen

Maybe you would like to have a go writing a psalm to pray to
God and share in TNV if you wish

In a book "The wisdom of the Celts" I found this blessing
attributed to St Columba:

Christ with us
My dearest Lord
Be thou a bright flame before me
Be thou a guiding star above me
Be thou a smooth path beneath me
Be thou a kindly Shepherd behind me
Today and ever more.

Amen

What do you think? Are there particular psalms you would like
me to explore?

A while ago we had the Bible marked with favourite passages,
The Viral Bible. I marked Psalm 121 which I shall look at next
time.

Ann Dawson

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Cyclone Idai

Following the experiences of Cyclone Idai, I thought I should inform you of the state of affairs in Zimbabwe. It is quite surprising that Idai a Shona word means Love. However this Cyclone was nowhere near Love. It was category three when it landed in the Eastern Highlands. The Eastern highlands include Mutare, Chipinge and Chimanimani. All these areas are mountainous and close to Mozambique.

The Government was warned of Cyclone Idai 10 days before the devastating experience. There was no education rendered to the people of Manicaland province. Mutatre, Chipinge and Chimanimani are all in Manicaland province. Chipinge and Chimanimani were severely destroyed. We have as of now close to 300 people recorded dead from Cyclone Idai.

Some villages were raised to the ground and people were buried in the mud. All happened in the dead of the night and so people could not see where to go. Some homes were destroyed by boulders that were being washed down the mountains. Houses that had not been plastered were erased and people were being washed away.

Idai left a trail of destruction and it will take years to reconstruct those villages and make them habitable. Live stock was lost. Schools will not be opened for more than two terms if ever they will be opened. At one school staff and children were marooned for three days and watched over three dead bodies. The 190 boys from this school will live with trauma for the rest of their lives. On the third day the 190 boys and some villagers walked 4 kilometres to get to the nearest access point as the school was not accessible. They

carried three dead bodies with them. This is the most traumatic experience ever for school children.

Cyclone Idai was very light when it got to Masvingo where we live. It continued for three days.

We are now busy collecting clothes, food and different items for people to use in the Cyclone Idai affected areas. There has been overwhelming response from all churches in Zimbabwe. The Methodist church is now sending its help and assistance to the people of Manicaland to rebuild lives.

We cry out to God to guide Zimbabwe in its attempt to recover from the Cyclone. The last Cyclone Zimbabwe had experienced was in 2000 when we had Elinino which lasted three weeks and killed over two thousand cattle. Yes people had property destroyed but no human life was lost.

Please pray for Zimbabwe so that we have a caring leadership. If people had been educated about the Cyclone, I am sure many lives would not have been lost. There seems to be no disaster preparedness in the country.

I believe that God will see us through this calamity and help the people who have been affected to see a brighter future although they won't forget the experiences of Cyclone Idai. May you Pray for us at Trinity. I shall be coming to England in October 2019.

Rabson Ziso

Rabson sent this report to us at the end of March, just too late for the last edition of TNV.

When places in the world that are affected by extreme weather conditions slip out of the news media, let us not forget them and continue to keep them in our prayers

Charities

The charities we are supporting during July, August & September are:

July & August - Citizens Advice - Woking

We can all face problems that seem complicated or intimidating. Citizens Advice believes no one should have to face these problems without good quality, independent advice.



Citizens Advice Woking is one of the network of independent charities which aims to give people the knowledge and the confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem. Last year, Citizens Advice Woking assisted those living or working in the Woking area with over 13,000 issues. The four top categories were Benefits, Debt, Housing and Family. The need for advice grows year on year and the recent introduction of Universal Credit has created additional demand.

Citizens Advice Woking is open to all and offers free, confidential, impartial and independent advice and information. Their main office is situated in the middle of Woking town centre (Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way), but they also operate outreach services, including drop in sessions at Sheerwater and Knaphill. They have an appointment-only session each Monday at Trinity to assist people with completing forms.

You can find further information on their website:

<http://www.wokingcab.org/> or on Twitter
<https://twitter.com/WokingCAB>

September - Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey & Sussex

In any dramatic incident speed in response to medical treatment is of the essence. If the victim is unlucky enough to be in a remote situation where vehicular access is impossible, or the need to access



hospital services is of the utmost priority, the Air Ambulance is usually the difference between life and death. Very often special medical treatment is required and the trained doctors, brought to the accident scene by the helicopter, can make immediate judgements on what treatment will be required and where the best Centre of Excellence is available to treat the patient. The helicopter pilot can transport the patient to the treatment centre quickly and efficiently by air.

This amazing service is run through charitable donations and they need our support. It might be one of us who one day will need their urgent attention.

The Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance operates 24/7 and serves the 4.7 million residents of the three counties, as well as the huge number of people who travel through the area on business or pleasure each year.

Last year alone AAKSS were called out to help over 2,000 people in life-threatening conditions.

Two crews operate for 18 hours of the day and one crew covers the remaining six hour shift (midnight to 6am).

The AAKSS is now centred at Rochester Airport, Kent, whilst the operations from the Surrey and Sussex helicopter is based at Redhill. This allows for back-up support in the case of two emergencies occurring simultaneously.

AAKSS became the first trust in the country to start carrying blood in order to perform transfusions at the scene of an incident.

In Autumn 2013 the Civil Aviation Authority allowed suitably equipped Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) aircraft to make ad hoc landings at night so by moving the operations from Dunsford to Redhill and with a new night capable aircraft, the first 24 hour HEMS service in the UK was launched.

Fundraising enquiries please contact "community@akss.org.uk"

Rev Paul Hulme – a personal reflection

Rev Paul Hulme 'sits down' this Summer after 51 years' service in the Methodist ministry, the last seven of which have been spent in our Circuit and its predecessor, the former Guildford Circuit. Paul has written a short valedictory piece in the latest Wey Forward magazine which is well worth a read, but having known Paul for a number of years I would like to offer this short reflection.



Paul's appointments have included a stint as assistant minister to Rev Frank Thewlis at the Dome Mission in Brighton in the early 1970s where he was also Free Church Chaplain at the University of Sussex, and later on Superintendent Minister at Wesley's Chapel. I got to know him when, in his last appointment before moving to Godalming, he was in pastoral charge of my mother's church at Chelsfield in Kent. In his Wey Forward article Paul says that above all else in his ministry he has valued pastoral contacts with people, from whom he has received and learned much. I know he would include my mother in this context and the feeling was entirely mutual. She enjoyed his company – as would anyone who has been able to sit and chat to Paul with his breadth of experiences, his love of history and culture, and ever a twinkle in his eye. From her he enjoyed learning about the history of our farm and family (when I was child the majority of the congregation of about 40 at Chelsfield belonged to one of two families and we were all related in some way), and the history of the chapel itself. In 2012, shortly before his move, he thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and celebrating the 200th anniversary of Methodism in Chelsfield, the first meeting having

been held in the parlour of a local farmhouse. It had been recorded by a few words scratched on to a tiny pane of glass that is now framed and hangs on the wall of the current church. When it comes to conducting worship Paul is undoubtedly traditional in approach - and in appearance! But don't be misled. He has preached at Trinity a number of times in the last few years and his services are always inspiring with a message that focuses on the future - where we are, or should be, going. He preached to us in January in the week when the church traditionally marks the conversion of St Paul. "Don't talk about the faith" he said, "Live it".

Finally, there is something of the rebel about Paul - he is not afraid to criticise 'the system' and he is a great debunker of red tape and waffle. His interventions in meetings bear ample witness to that, but always delivered with his inimitable style and elegant use of the language.

We shall be the poorer without you Paul. Best wishes for your retirement.

David Lander

Rev David Hinchliffe

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev David Hinchliffe to the South-East District when he takes up his appointment as District Chair on 1st September 2019.

A service of welcome will be held on Thursday, 29th August 2019 at Redhill Methodist Church. We will begin with tea from 4.30pm followed by the service at 6.30pm. We hope as many people as possible will be able to attend and give David a warm welcome to the District.

Trinity Library



I had meant to write a much more considered piece about our library in the corner of the courtyard, but our Editor says time is up for articles for the next edition of TNV, so this is a 'shortie'.

Looking at the book in which to sign for borrowing, the library does not appear to be well used. Please take a look at the wide variety of books there and borrow whatever appeals to you. If you have any suitable books lurking at home, please consider donating them to our library.

Some of the childrens' books are a bit 'tired' and it would be lovely to replace them with fresh ones in good condition. So, if your children have grown out of some of their books, I would be delighted to receive them.

It would be great to have a really vibrant library, perhaps with readers' comments and recommendations in the TNV.

Elaine

Thank you to Elaine who has taken over as Trinity Librarian



Woking Choral Society

Summer Concert

On Saturday 22nd June at 7pm Woking Choral Society will perform their first concert, with new Musical Director Richard Bannan conducting, at All Saints Church, Woodham. The Programme includes:

Vivaldi *Gloria*

Bach *Lobet den Herrn;*

Bach *Cello Suite in G Major*

Vivaldi *Beatus Vir*

The choir will be accompanied by organist William Ford and will feature two outstanding vocal soloists. Lucy Cox, soprano and Nancy Cole, mezzo-soprano. George Ross, a British cellist specialising in period instrument performance, will play the Bach *Cello Suite in G Major*. Refreshments will be provided.

Richard Bannan has recently been appointed as Musical Director of Woking Choral and is also Musical Director of Petros Singers, a Lay-Clerk of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and Head of Singing at King's College School, Wimbledon as well as pursuing a career as a soloist and consort singer. Richard says:

"I'm delighted to have been appointed Musical Director of Woking Choral Society and look forward to building on the excellent work done by both my recent predecessors and the giants of choral music whose baton I am picking up. Our first concert together features four enduring masterpieces of the baroque era and promises to be a wonderful evening."

Tickets including refreshments £15, students in full time education and children £5 at www.wokingchoral.org.uk or obtained from the Light-box, Chobham Road, Woking, or Christ Church Shop, Town Square, Woking, or Brittens Music, 13 The Broadway, Woodham, New Haw KT15 3EU.

Website : www.wokingchoral.org.uk

Twitter: @WokingChoral



Open Doors

monitoring Christian persecution

Across the world, and affecting all faiths, religious persecution is sadly alive and well. In an Easter message Theresa May said *"We must stand up for the right of everyone, no matter what their religion, to practise their faith in peace."*

Specifically she highlighted the plight of Christians. She said that whilst she would spend Easter Sunday giving thanks in church, *"for many Christians around the world, such simple acts of faith can bring huge danger"*. A few months ago the Government launched a review under the Bishop of Truro to look at how the Government can better support those under threat.

Open Doors is an organisation which has existed for some 50 years. It works in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians.

Each year it publishes a 'World Watch List' – a ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. You might be liable to arrest for possessing a Bible, your local church might be closed by the government, you might be denied a job, or your children might be denied education because you have a 'Christian' name.

Five years ago only one country – North Korea – was ranked in the Watch List as being in the 'extreme' category for its level of persecution of Christians. This year, 11 countries score enough to fit that category. Here are some examples which they highlight:

North Korea (1st) tops the list for the 18th year in a row, although it did free three Korean-American Christians from one of its prisons.

- **China (27th)** has risen 16 places in the list after new Regulations for Religious Affairs came into force in February 2018.
- In **Myanmar (18th)** tens of thousands of members of the Karen tribe – a majority-Christian ethnic tribe – have been killed and least 120,000 displaced.
- **India (10th)** has entered the top ten for the first time. The BJP-led government continues to promote an extremist militant Hindu agenda.
- In **Turkey (26th)** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been stirring up ultra-nationalistic sentiment for some time and this has caused added difficulties for Christians, especially Evangelicals.
- As radical Islam has been forced out of the Middle East, it has spread into sub-Saharan Africa. Almost 30 violent Islamic extremist groups are known to be active in the region.
- Islamic militants have also gained strength in failed states like **Somalia (3rd)**, **Libya (4th)** and **Yemen (8th)**, where they continue to recruit, and capture pockets of territory.
- The two places where Christians suffer the most violence are **Nigeria (12th)** and **Pakistan (5th)**.

In its latest report Open Doors identifies three main trends:

- Authoritarian states are clamping down and using legal regulations to control religion.
- Ultra-nationalists are depicting Christians as 'alien' or 'western' and trying to drive them out.
- Radical Islam has moved from the Middle East to sub-Saharan Africa.

For further information see the Open Doors website

www.opendoorsuk.org

David Lander



GODALMING UNITED CHURCH

(Methodist and United Reformed)

Bridge Street, Godalming

**The Whitechapel Mission has been
helping the homeless since 1876**

**Urgently needed: Men's Clothing, (including socks
and underwear), Toiletries and
Non-perishable Breakfast foods for**

A collection of these items will be held during the
period **29th June to 8th July 2019**

Please ask your friends, neighbours and colleagues to
help as well!

Please see opening hours on Trinity Notice Board

A SORT OF PILGRIMAGE (Series Two) The Roots of Methodism

I am approaching my fiftieth year as an Accredited Local Preacher and the discussions about the development of our Ministry here at Trinity have set me thinking a lot about our Methodist Heritage. We have named the concept 'The Foundry' and I decided I would explore the development of the ministry of the early Methodist church by visiting key sights. As in Series One by train, where possible.

Over the years I have visited many of the 'Methodist Heritage Sites' but there were two in particular I wanted to visit. As I wanted to review how the early churches of Methodism began to spread the Gospel of Jesus in their local communities I decided to start with the Wesley's first church in Britain, the New Room in Bristol. Some years ago, I had visited the site but the chapel was not open and had been unable to go in. Since then it has undergone a major 'refit' and I had been told by my colleagues at Wesley's Chapel it was well worth a visit.

Consequently, on Wednesday 6th February, this year, I set off on one of my favourite railway journeys down the old LSWR, (London and South Western Railway) route from Woking to Salisbury. Then up the old GWR (Great Western Railway) Nadder valley line from Salisbury to Bristol passing the White Horse carved in the hillside at Westbury, and the early 'Saxon' bridge over the Avon at Bradford on Avon. Then down the Avon valley gorge, through Bath Spa and the dominating Abbey, surrounded by so many elegant 'Georgian' buildings', on to Bristol and the 'New Room'.

When I arrived I visited the Cathedral for midday 'Holy Communion' but that is a story for another day! Walking to the New Room it was really interesting to see that a huge shopping 'complex' had developed and the New Room itself

was located within the shopping centre. But the simple, practical 18th century entrance had not changed, with its archway into the cobbled yard, where you are immediately confronted with the large monument of John Wesley on his horse. I had a smile when I saw the stable for the visiting preacher's horse.



The Chapel itself still retains its eighteenth century, austere, simplicity.



The rooms attached to the chapel served a variety of purposes – accommodation for visiting Preachers, a schoolroom, Prayer room and meeting spaces. They have been fitted out with detailed displays. A bit cluttered for me and very 'wordy', although there is a portable audio guide, but I didn't have enough time. Nevertheless, they were very interesting and informative; with 'potted' histories of some of the founders and early members. Two areas I found particularly interesting, and one of them was particularly disturbing.

The first one concerned the very early days when George Whitfield started 'field preaching' to large crowds – miners from the Mendip coal field and surrounding stone quarries, agricultural labourers, the poor and destitute. Whitfield encouraged the Wesleys to follow suit and after initial reluctance John, in particular, took up the challenge. This surge in 'religious' preaching did not appeal to everyone and there was bitter and sometimes violent opposition.

DON'T BE DECEIVED

These Methodists use religion as a cloak to cover sexual licence.

Great numbers of persons of both sexes frequently assemble in meeting places at very unreasonable hours in the night, the doors for the most part being locked, barred and bolted.

To these private assemblies none are admitted without tickets.

They engage in love feasts and holy kisses and strange trances.

They secretly practice witchcraft so they can steal wives from their husbands and daughters from their fathers.

They make people go mad by their cunning arts. The money they collect goes not to the poor but to line their own pockets and make them rich.

These heretics, these fanatics, these enthusiasts are out to destroy the Church and to bring down the King.

Don't let them speak! Don't let them corrupt you!

Wow! It must have taken real faith and courage to become a Methodist with this kind of opposition. I wonder how we would have responded.

The other display that was 'hard hitting' and showed the effect that Methodism was having in the late 18th and early 19th centuries was that of 'Slavery'. Bristol was one of the major ports of the infamous slaving triangle. Ships laden with basic goods and cheap trinkets sailing from Bristol and Liverpool to the West Coast of Africa and exchanging their cargo for men, women and children to be shipped in appalling conditions to the ports of the southern United States and Caribbean Islands to sell them as slaves and then return home with cargoes of cotton, sugar, rum and tobacco to be sold at great profit.

Both John and Charles were fiercely anti-slavery but in the display is the reference from Charles Wesley's Journal that puts it so strongly. Whilst waiting for a ship to return to Britain he records this incident in his Journal

Mr Hill whipped a she slave so long that she fell at his feet for dead.

When, by the help of a physician, she was revived as to show signs of life, he repeated the whipping with equal vigour ; and concluded with dropping hot sealing wax upon her flesh. Her crime was over filling a tea-cup.

(It is not clear whether he actually witnessed this or was told of it.)

We shall return to the the Wesley's and Methodism fight against slavery and the slave trade when we visit Wesley's chapel in the next article.

In the very early days when John Wesley began to appoint Preachers he wrote this set of rules.

JOHN WESLEYS 12 RULES FOR PREACHERS

1. Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never while away time, nor spend more time at any place than is strictly necessary.
2. Be serious... Avoid all lightness, jesting and foolish talking.
3. Converse sparingly and cautiously with women, particularly with young women.
4. Take no step toward marriage without first consulting with your brethren.
5. Believe evil of no one unless fully proved... Put the best construction on everything. You know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner's side.
6. Speak evil of no one.
7. Tell everyone what you think wrong in him, lovingly and plainly and as soon as may be, else it will fester in your heart.
8. Do not affect the gentleman. A preacher of the gospel is the servant of all.
9. Be ashamed of nothing but sin.
10. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time.
11. You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go always, not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most ... Build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord.

12. Act in all things not according to your own will, but as a son in the Gospel, and in union with your brethren. As such, it is your part to employ your time as our rules direct; partly in preaching and visiting from house to house; partly in reading, meditation and prayer.

ABOVE ALL

Do that part of the work which the Conference shall advise, at those times and places which they shall judge most for his glory.

We have to remember that Wesley was a man from the Eighteenth Century but some of them are still relevant for today. Particularly 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

By now time was running out but there was time for a cup of tea and cake at the new café. Very enjoyable it was too and a browse in the bookshop.

I will return to visit the large Library and Archive and Charles Wesley's House nearby.

As I mentioned earlier the next article will be a visit to the site of the 'Foundry' and Wesley's Chapel in the City Road, in London.

Graham Warr



In spite of the fact that we had fewer donations of plants this year, our plant sale and the tea & cakes sale raised an amazing £355.09 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all those who made it successful.

What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann, W 770400
Y Group	Monday (1 st & 3 rd) 8pm	Allison W 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot, W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo W 892067
Wednesday House Group	Weds (fortnightly) 8pm	Ruth 07772 305106 Samantha W 835521
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday (weekly) 5pm	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Junior Church	10:30am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Messy Church	3 rd Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	09:30:00	Kim Wilson,, 07791 763241

A note to contributors

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From the Editor

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