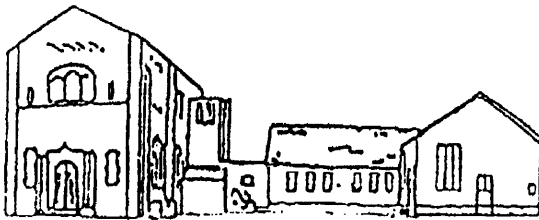
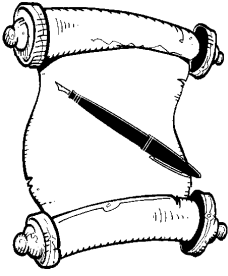


# The Messenger



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As our church looks forward to the imminent arrival of Steven Hewitt I was reminded through God's word the other day that the Christian walk with God is not a lone one.

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians in the first book chapter 5 v11 inspired by God, Paul wrote, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing".

As Steven and his family arrive next month to lead the church on, they will need all the encouragement and support of the whole congregation here at Stanley Road.

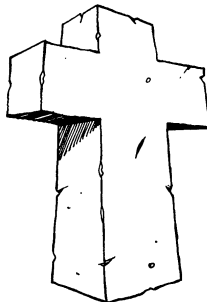
Over the past 6 months, since the departure of Graham Doel and his family the church has pulled together and many have discovered God given talents that they never would have believed they had.

Let us now continue this love and support for each other and Steven and his family, taking this church forward, with growth offering life changing experiences that come through a personal encounter and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

With God's amazing grace to you all

**Stephen Warburton**

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# Church Flowers



Our thanks to the following friends for February and March's church flowers:

## April

- 3rd Mr. Alf Hurworth  
*in memory of Gladys*
- 10th Merv & Gill Cook  
*in memory of Mum, Dad  
and Christopher*
- 17th Vera Riley
- 22nd- Mr. Stan Manley  
25th *in memory of Ted, Lilian,  
Walter, Arthur and Francie.*

## May

- 1st Sheila Winskel  
*in memory*
- 8th Jan Leighton  
*in memory of Dad*
- 15th Kath Johnson  
*in memory of Mum*
- 22nd Queenie & Jim Murdoch
- 29th Tony & Sylvia Walsworth

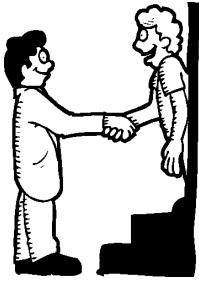
Thankyou to Margaret Bateson whose donation supplied the flowers for the hall during the visit from Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt.

Also thankyou to Queenie & Jim and Tony & Sylvia for filling vacancies in May.

**Rosie Gee (411162)**

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*Atte Luia*



# Opening and Door Stewards Rota

As has been previously stated in the Messenger, it is important that the Church and Main Hall buildings are NOT left unattended whilst they are unlocked. To try and avoid this situation the Deacons have requested that both the premises opener and the Door Stewards for the Sunday Services should try and co-ordinate their activities so that when the front door to the church is open the porch/sanctuary is 'manned'. It would be useful for both these persons to arrive at approx 10.00am.

## April

<b>3rd</b>	Opener	Mr. N. Woodhead
	Steward	Sue Morris
<b>10th</b>	Opener	Mr. J. Wiggs
	Steward	Boys' Brigade
<b>17th</b>	Opener	Mr. C. Taylor
	Steward	Doris Taylor
<b>24th</b>	Opener	Mr. C. Taylor
	Steward	Derek Stillings

## May

<b>1st</b>	Opener	Mr. A. Marsh
	Steward	Kath Johnson
<b>8th</b>	Opener	Mr. J. Wiggs
	Steward	Boys' Brigade
<b>15th</b>	Opener	Mrs. M. Walkden
	Steward	Jackqui Wigham
<b>22nd</b>	Opener	Mr. N. Woodhead
	Steward	Meg Walkden
<b>29th</b>	Opener	Mr. A. Marsh
	Steward	Margaret Holmes

If you are interested in going on the rota, please contact me.

**Kath Johnson**

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**The deadline for the next issue of the Messenger (June/July) will be the 9th May.**

If you have any items/articles that you would like to see in the Messenger, please don't be afraid to pass them on to me. If you're not sure who I am, you can

usually find me at the front of the church playing the cornet.

Also, I thought it might be a nice idea to include more reports from other aspects of the life of the church ie: The Sunday Night Project, Friday Morning Prayer and Praise, Small Groups, etc. Really anything that is going on in the church that you would like other people to know about (it's not only our own members that read the magazine!).

Also, if anyone wishes to submit any articles taken from magazines, books etc., could you please supply them with details of where they came from (name of publication, author, name of publishers etc.) basically any information that would enable me to acquire permission to reprint the article. It may sound a bit much, but it's all down to copyright issues.

If you wish to send any article by email, they can be sent to [messenger@stanleyroad.org.uk](mailto:messenger@stanleyroad.org.uk)

**Paul Woodhead**

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## **Church Web Site**

The church web site can be found at [www.stanleyroad.org.uk](http://www.stanleyroad.org.uk). If you have any comments about it please contact Matt Fletcher.

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# Church Meeting Agendas and Minutes

If you are a Church Member and would like to sign up to a new service to enable you to receive copies of Church Meeting Minutes and Agendas by E.Mail then please write down your name and E Mail address and pass it to Stephen Jarmin. Alternatively you can E Mail your request to [sj@jarmin.freemove.co.uk](mailto:sj@jarmin.freemove.co.uk)

To be able to take advantage of this scheme your computer must be capable of receiving Microsoft Word Documents via E mail attachments.

Please note that paper copies will still be available in the normal way.



## Video Cassette Ministry

If anyone would like to borrow a video of any service, then please see either Norman Woodhead or Matt Fletcher.

Stanley Road Baptist Church

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2004  
All-Age/Panicle Service  
Coffee Will be served after the service.  
Pr 1 - Corinthians 11

Welcome to Stanley Road Baptist Church.  
If you are here for the first time we hope you will enjoy the service. We would be grateful if you could fill in a yellow visitors card.

During this morning's service there is a square available at front of the church for parents with toddlers under 4.

Loop  
The building is fitted with a loop system, switch your hearing device to 'T' to make use of this facility.

Offering  
We will take an offering at some point during the service today. Please do not feel obliged to give, it is for our meetings and regular worshippers to contribute to the Lords work as he leads them.

Stanley Road Baptist Church, Quaker Road, Morecambe, LA3 1JF  
Member: 529, Graham Cox  
01524 428625 - [gran@stanleyroad.org.uk](mailto:gran@stanleyroad.org.uk) - [www.stanleyroad.org.uk](http://www.stanleyroad.org.uk)

## Bulletin Sheet

**PLEASE NOTE:** All notices must be given to Pauline Elder by the Wednesday of the previous week. They can be sent by post to her at 7 Homfray Grove, Morecambe LA3 3AQ, by phone on 833452 or by E-mail to [pauline.elder@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pauline.elder@tiscali.co.uk).

Please note that the purpose of the Bulletin Sheet is to replace the necessity of lengthy announcements each Sunday. If you miss the deadline day your notice will not be in the Bulletin for that week and unless it is deemed to be urgent and important it will not be announced on the Sunday.

## Things Financial



The total church offerings for the month of January (5 Sundays) were £2,963 and February (4 Sundays) were £2,547

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## Sunday Special Birthdays



**May**

15th Matthew Heath

16th Leah Heath

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## McMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September



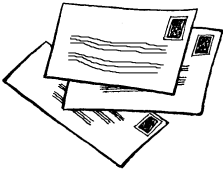
Last year's impromptu coffee morning with the Friday group did so well that this year we are hoping to make it a much bigger affair. Betty has kindly given me leave to organise it.

If you have any unwanted gifts that could be sold on a Bring and Buy stall I would be very grateful. Also any ideas to raise money would be gratefully appreciated. It would be great to make it a grand affair in the church hall and it isn't too soon to start to raise money. We all seem to have been touched by the dreaded Cancer in one way or another and this is a chance to show that we care. I am sure with a little help from my friends it can be done.

P.S. You are all my friends

Thanks,

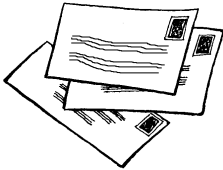
**Gena**



## Car Drivers Urgently Required

With more and more of our members struggling to get to church due to ill health, especially in the winter, we are feeling the need for possibly forming a “car lifts rota/service!” This already takes place, to some extent, but the few drivers currently helping in this way are becoming increasingly stretched and overburdened, and there is a need for a few more cars and drivers to help out. If there are any drivers with cars who would be willing to transport one or two folk to and from church, each week, or some weeks, we would be delighted to hear from you; also someone to co-ordinate the service would be very helpful. We’d love to hear from you if you think you could help.

Thanks so much.



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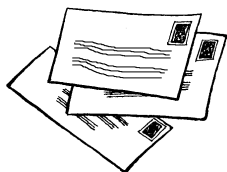
## Pastoral Care during the interregnum

One of the strengths of Stanley Road Church is the pastoral care. The church is great at looking after people. Generally though the pastoral care has been a bit ad. hoc. Everyone just gets on with it. That is something to be celebrated, well done!

However, in preparation for the interregnum we have brought together a team of people who are involved in Pastoral visiting people and taking them communion when they can’t make it to church regularly. They will meet up regularly just to make sure no one is being missed. If you know of someone who needs a visit on behalf of the church please contact one of the Deacons or a member of the pastoral care team: Rosie Gee, Pauline Elder, Sue Parker, or Margaret Bateson.

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## Greetings

Hello there, we thought we would like to get in touch and say Hi, as it is now a couple of months since our Broadband finally got connected, and the time seems to just have flown by. We do think of all our friends at Morecambe often, and remember with much love our time there. We have been praying very much about the recent visits you have had from the student minister, and are looking forward to hearing how that turns out. God has done so many good things at Stanley Road, and we know he has many more plans to bless the work there.

We are enjoying very much living here in Sedbergh, in so many ways. It is wonderful to be so close to several of our family, especially our daughter, Lorna; we see a lot of her and her family, and they have been a huge support to us, and we have been able to support her through some difficult times, also, which has been good. Our new home is everything we could have wished for, and we do thank God for it. We are warm and comfortable, and totally free from any concerns about upkeep of house and garden, etc. Our shower broke down shortly after we moved in, and more recently the fire in our lounge. Within a few days, both were replaced with brand new ones. We feel very blessed, and very fortunate.

Sedbergh is a lovely town (I have been told off for calling it a village!) It is surrounded by beautiful countryside, and we have enjoyed many rides out into it. People are very friendly, and have made us very welcome, which is nice. We are beginning to feel at home in the local Methodist church, and are making lots of new friends there.

Health is not too bad, but continues to be up and down. At times we both struggle and are pretty restricted, but we are not letting it get us down as there is so much to be thankful for. We certainly feel that moving here was the right move to make at the right time, as we are getting so much support from the staff of the sheltered housing complex we are now a part of, and our apartment is so much easier to manage. As Spring comes we are hoping

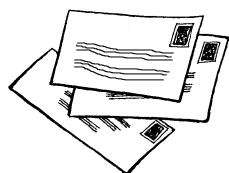
to be able to get about a little more, and hope we might make it down for a visit. We were snowed up for quite a long time during the winter, and have been laid low with flu' bugs, etc. (in fact Gill is still poorly with a nasty chest infection) but we are looking forward to coming down sometime.

Till then, and in the meantime, we send our love, and greetings, and continue to hold you in our hearts and prayers.

Much love,

### **Merv and Gill**

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*The following is a letter received by Rosie from Stan Manley:*

Dear Rosemary,

Thankyou so much for inviting me to put a few words in The Messenger. With that in mind, I spoke to my sister Alice in Australia if she had any lasting memories of her time at Olivet. She said she remembers being in the Girls' Brigade and Mrs. Winskill, but she was only 8 years old when she left but assured me they were all happy memories.

I can safely assure all members that remember "The Manleys" that attending the Stanley Road premises fitted us all with the knowledge that Jesus was indeed our saviour and equipped us for our adult lives.

I will most certainly visit you at church whenever it is possible for me to get through to Morecambe.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy and peace.

**Stan Manley**



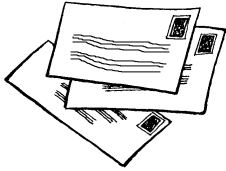
## Prayer for Mission

This month could we please pray for people within our church. People who are poorly, people with all sorts of problems. Sometimes we forget that our friends and people around us are hurting. It is a year since we lost my husband's granddaughter at 25. Please pray for her mum, dad, brother, sister and nana. Please pray for everyone who's lost a loved one. Prayer is so important and it helps alot .

Thank you and god bless

**Kath and Lillie**

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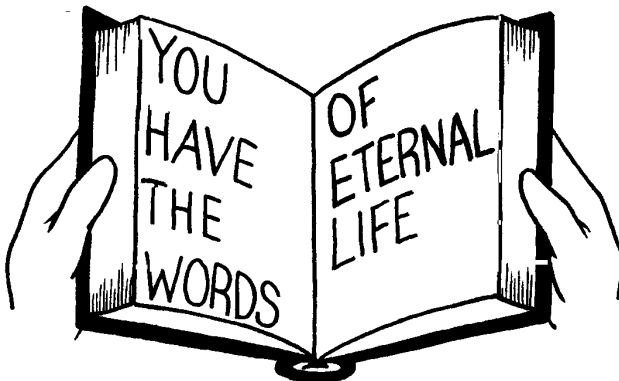
## Impact Visit

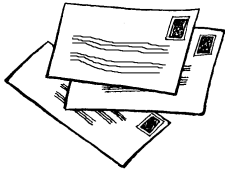
Thank you so much for turning up to give Impact a real Stanley Road welcome. So many people came and we had a great night. Good company and good food.

Thank you all, especially the ones who rolled up their sleeves and sorted out the clean up afterwards.

**Gena Harrison**

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# Sunday Night Project

We have had some great evenings. We have a very good quiz the first Sunday of the month and a games night on the third week at the Cumberland View Hotel. We have been bowling which was great and we had a musical evening where we could have a go at playing all sorts of instruments. Lillie was a star on the drums. It was really good fun. Last Sunday we had a few of the people from West End Impact talking to us about what they do to help people who are struggling in life which was very interesting .

We can't thank people enough for all their hard work making these things happen. We have a wonderful team of people. Everyone is welcome to come and join us anytime.

Thanks to all.

**Kath and Marcia**

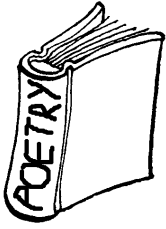
## Future Events

### April

- 3rd** **Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 10th** **Bands Night** at the Cumberlnd View Hotel
- 17th** **Games Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 24th** **EASTER SUNDAY Discussion** - Gill Hendra - 'Being In Tune With God's Song' at Stanley Road Church Hall

### May

- 1st** **Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 8th** **Line Dancing** at Stanley Road Church Hall
- 15th** **Games Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 22nd** **"Expression of Worship" with SPARK Worship Band** at Stanley Road Baptist Church
- 29th** **Planning Meeting** at Stanley Road Baptist Church



The following poem is taken from the book of poems, "Reflections", with kind permission of Doreen Turner, the authoress.

## Love

If we love Jesus, we must always love each other.  
We cannot love our Saviour and fail to love our brother.

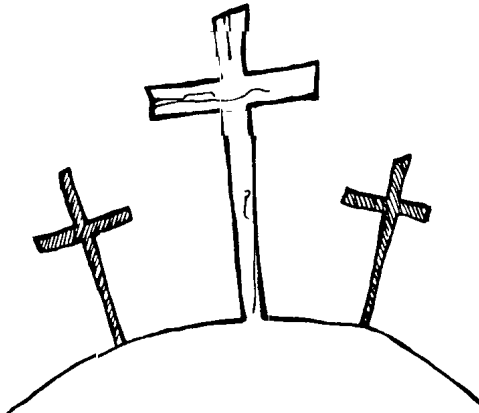
We listen to demonic whispers like arrows to our heart,  
"Don't forgive, don't forget, don't let your fears depart.

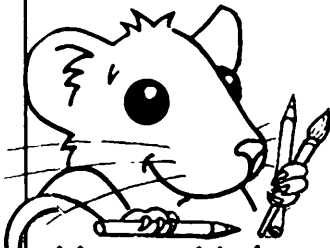
Why should I love my neighbour, their life so different from my own?"  
But God says, "The love I have for you must like a seed be sown."

There's no reaping without sowing. Just one loving word or deed  
can heal a broken hurting heart, so sow that tiny seed.

*"Reflections" consists of 12 of Doreen's poems, and a copy can be obtained from Doreen Turner or Rosie Gee. Donations to the Monday Friendship Group.*

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### Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle

#### Into Jerusalem

read Matthew 21:1-11

- DONKEY • ROAD
- BRANCHES • PALMS
- KING • HOSANNA

#### Last Supper

read Matthew 26:17-30

- PASSOVER • ROOM
- BREAD • WINE
- BODY • BLOOD
- CUP • MEAL

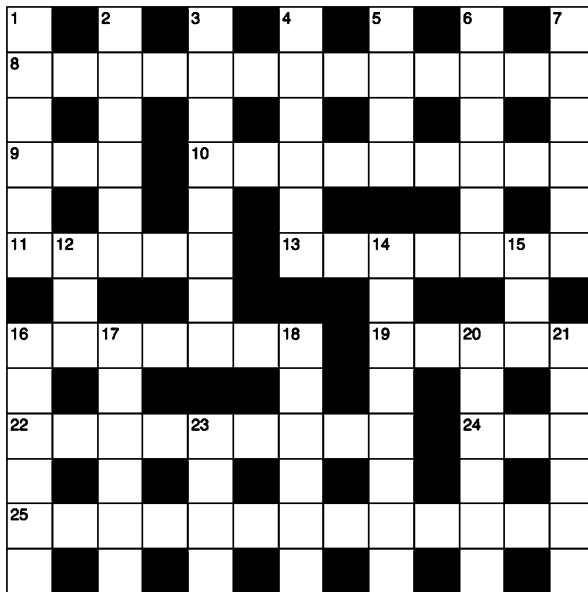
#### Betrayal and Death

read Matthew 26:36 - 27:56

- KISS • MESSIAH
- CHRIST • SON
- CRUCIFY • JESUS
- CROWN • THORNS
- ROBE • TREE
- NAILS • CROSS
- DARKNESS • QUAKE
- DEATH • LOTS

### Easter Wordsearch

B	R	A	N	C	H	E	S	D	



**Across**

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

**Down**

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handed implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

*Solution on page 28*

# Sudoku

Easy

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	7				6			4

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Intermediate

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		1		7				
		5	2			4		
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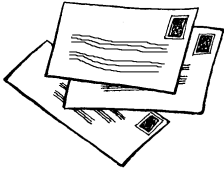
# Wordsearch

A happy and blessed Easter to you! Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah! The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk. Our word search this month is built around the theme of Easter.

PALMS TRIUMPHANT MESSIAH PRAISE DONKEY PASSOVER BREAD  
BODY BETRAYAL FALSE MOCK JERUSALEM PILATE JUDAS  
GETHSEMANE CRUCIFIXION SOLDIERS CROSS VINEGAR TOMB  
ANGEL STONE RISEN MARY

H B M S M L A P U M E L E  
N M L A Y A R T E B D E M  
G O I D E A E L M A S G R  
N T O P I L A T E L O N A  
E B R S H S E R A T L A G  
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*Solution on page 28*



# Lent Lunchtime Services at St. John's Church, Sandylands

Based on the "York Course" -  
Rich Inheritance Jesus' Legacy of Love.

Services to be held on five Wednesdays in Lent commencing on 16th March 2011 at 12.15pm. There will be a Guest Speaker at each service. Please bring a packed lunch - a hot drink will be provided as we share fellowship.

16th March - Session 1 "An Empty Tomb" Father Tom Davis, St. Barnabas

23rd March - Session 2 "A Group of People" Revd Jim Murphy,

St. Patrick's

20th March - Session 3 "A Story" Deacon Mary Neal, Wesley Methodist

6th April - Session 4 "A Power" Revd Richard Gill, Sefton Road URC

13th April - Session 5 "A Meal" Capt. Mark Spencer-Arneaud,

Salvation Army

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## Churches Together Holy Week Services (April 17th - 22nd)

Sunday 17th	3.00pm	St. Patrick's	Stations of the Cross
Monday 18th	7.30pm	Salvation Army	
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	St. Barnabas	
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Sefton Road URC	Augmented choir "The Crucifixion"
Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Wesley Methodist	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 22nd	10.30am	Sefton Road URC	

*Some churches will have their own additional services.*



## 300 lives transformed in three days

A BMS Action Team in Brazil describes how a sleepy, remote town in the north of the country came alive in worship to God after an incredible mission trip.

We were told that BMS Action Teams would give us many new experiences but, when we found ourselves lying facedown on muddy grass in the pouring rain in a remote town in northern Brazil, we had to admit that it was not quite what we had expected.

We were taking part in a mission trip – a collaboration between the youth at several different churches in the city of São Luis, Maranhão, where about 100 passionate, God-seeking young people took over a tiny, isolated town called Matões for four days aiming to bring Jesus to the people there.

### **Distant**

Matões is a ‘drive-through’ town; just a couple of roads and dirt tracks bordered by mud and brick houses, which quickly give way to an expanse of empty shrubland and distant palm trees, hours away from the nearest city.

It is a place with many problems – health, poverty, sanitation and education to name a few. It is the type of place where you can’t really imagine anything happening.

### **Blazing**

Yet in early January, the town was full of Christians walking through the streets visiting homes, evangelising, playing worship music, performing plays, running children’s Bible clubs, driving around with loud speakers blazing and generally creating an atmosphere of change.

We found ourselves sleeping on a hard, tiled floor in an empty school, waking up to freezing cold bucket showers at 5.00am, devotions at 6.00 and out onto the streets at 7.00, followed by an action-packed day of meeting local people and attempting to share the Good News with them.

It was an incredible encouragement to see how this affected the inhabitants of the

town. We visited many homes, asking the families questions about faith and leading Bible studies.

### **Blown away**

We were amazed by how receptive people were, listening to what we had to say and giving their views, which often ended with people being blown away by the gospel and committing their lives to Christ.

To see God work so powerfully in the town, changing and transforming the hearts of the people we met in spite of their difficulties, was a dynamic testament of God's love and his ability to save. It reminded us how all things are possible with God.

In the course of three days, over 300 children and adults gave their lives to Jesus. Praise God!

### **Moving**

In the evenings there were different events in the streets; people just sat outside their homes and watched as a hundred singing, dancing, dressed-up youth praising God and lifting the town up in prayer walked past. Loud and ecstatic worship events were held, in which we often found ourselves participating in powerful, moving dramas.

So it was that on the last night, in spite of the monsoon rain that had been pouring down and turning the dust into mud all afternoon, we found ourselves lying face-down ready to perform our last drama.

Afterwards when we were praying we were all just struck again by the incredible motivation and passion of the youth here who, despite their exhaustion, had been so eager to bring people to Jesus. And it had a powerful impact.

*The BMS Brazil Maranhão Action Team is Tim Glover, Sophie Bryant and Ben Sheldon. The trio have been working with local Christians on social action projects in Brazil since October 2010 and returned to the UK in March to embark on a two-month tour of churches and schools.*

Find out more about Christian gap years with BMS:  
[www.bmsworldmission.org/actionteams](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/actionteams)

*14 March 2011*

Humanitarian conditions in Ivory Coast are deteriorating rapidly as the political crisis worsens, according to Tearfund staff.

Their assessment comes as the UN predicts the instability could lead to 150,000 refugees moving into neighbouring Liberia by June.

The ongoing dispute between incumbent president Laurent Ghagbo and opposition leader Alassane Ouattara over who won last November's elections is no nearer being resolved, despite regional and international diplomatic efforts.

Political polarisation has led to violence which has been steadily escalating and has claimed at least 392 lives since mid-December, according to the UN.

A high-ranking UN official warned that human rights violations, including rapes, abductions and killings, are increasing, with at least 27 people killed in just the last week.

### **Confusion**

The effect of the insecurity is that partners working with Tearfund are constantly having to assess whether they can continue their day-to-day development work.

'The situation is deteriorating fast in the western parts of the country,' said Bapatope Akinwande, Tearfund's Country Representative for Ivory Coast. 'There is a lot of population movement and confusion.'

'Parts of the city of Abidjan are becoming a war zone, with 200,000 people displaced there alone.'

More than 77,000 Ivorians have fled to neighbouring Liberia, says Tearfund's Daniel Breneman, who is based there.

'There's fighting along the border and Liberians tell us they've heard the use of rocket-propelled grenades and heavy artillery,' said Daniel.

### **Food shortages**

'The number of refugees is going up and the estimates from UNHCR are that there will be 150,000 by the end of June, with potentially another 100,000 on top of that.

'Members of host communities are sharing food with refugees but shortages are becoming an issue.'

Tearfund partner Equip is working in Liberia to help refugees by providing health screening for the new arrivals.

In Ivory Coast, a consortium of six Tearfund partners is drawing up plans to provide water, sanitation and hygiene assistance and also to offer psycho-social help.

Many partners, as well as local churches, are already opening their premises and compounds to offer sanctuary to people fleeing intimidation and unrest.

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# Mission Aviation Fellowship

## Flying a Princess

On a royal visit to Bangladesh last week, HRH Princess Anne flew with MAF to visit the cyclone affected areas of Gabura and Chila Bazar, where she visited projects funded by Save the Children.

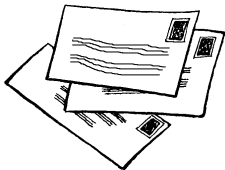
MAF operates an amphibious plane, able to land on water and land, in Bangladesh - a country where a high percentage of the land mass is underwater, and is prone to cyclones and seasonal flooding.

MAF pilot Chad Tilley had an opportunity to talk with Princess Anne and shares: 'She was very intrigued by MAF and the amphibian aircraft, already knowing that this was the only aircraft of its type here in country. She remarked "what a great tool to help a country with so much water" .'

With a number of damaging cyclones in the past few years, there is still a lot of work to be done to rebuild the affected areas and to make them less vulnerable. MAF's work in Bangladesh supports organisations helping with rebuilding, flying in supplies, equipment and teams, as well as supporting local medical work at two floating hospitals.

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## Easter Reflection: 'There was a Garden'

We were standing looking at the snowdrops in the churchyard. It's been a bitter, frozen kind of Winter hasn't it? But now the sun was shining, the temperature had climbed above freezing, and those little bulbs buried in the soil had responded to it. A few weeks ago, all looked dead. But now, all around us, were the signs of Spring.

'Makes you think,' said my companion. 'Death and resurrection - it's simply part of the way things are.' I agreed, and pointed out that in a few days time we'd be celebrating, in the church in the middle of that graveyard, a man who rose from the dead and said, 'Because I live, you will live also'.

This idea, of life blossoming in the place of death is right there in the Gospels, too. 'In the place where Jesus was crucified,' St John tells us, 'there was a garden'. And in that garden was a new tomb, in which, after his crucifixion, he was buried. But within three days the tomb was once again empty. Like the Easter flowers blooming in the graveyard, life had conquered death.

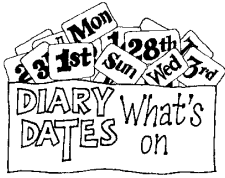
If you visit Jerusalem, you will find the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the probable site of the tomb of Jesus, which you can just about find underneath all the pious artefacts. Less than a mile away is the Garden Tomb, which General Gordon thought was the tomb of Jesus, located beside a craggy hill and set in a garden. It was, in fact, inside the city wall in the time of Christ, which means it can't be the actual place of his crucifixion and burial, but there is no doubt that if you want to feel and see what it would have been like, and even peer into a genuine first century tomb, this will probably quicken your pulse more than the Holy Sepulchre.

As Jesus himself said, the seed has to die before it can produce fruit. 'In the place where he was crucified there was a garden'. The seeds and bulbs are buried, and at the right time they burst into life. As my friend said, it's the way things are, and it is the heart of the Easter message.

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# HE'S RISEN





## April

1st	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
	Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Gill Hendra</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Early Evening Extra</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>Pub Quiz at the Cumberland View Hotel</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
4th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
6th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
8th	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
	Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
<b>10th</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Rev. Emilian Cirtina</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>Bands Night at the Cumberland View Hotel</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
11th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
16th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
15th	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
<b>17th</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Steven Hewitt</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>Games Night at the Cumberland View Hotel</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
18th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
<b>24th</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Steven Hewitt</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>

**Sunday Night Project -**

**Discussion - Gill Hendra - Being in Tune with**

**God's Song at Stanley Road Church Hall**

**6.30 pm**

25th Friendship Group

10.00 am

27th Parents & Toddlers

9.30 am

29th Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys

5.00 pm

Boys' Brigade - Junior Section

6.00 pm

Boys' Brigade - Company Section

7.00 pm

**May**

**1st Sunday Services**

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**10.30 am**

**Early Evening Extra**

**5.30 pm**

**Sunday Night Project -**

**Pub Quiz at the Cumberland View Hotel**

**6.30 pm**

2nd Friendship Group

10.00 am

4th Parents & Toddlers

9.30 am

6th Prayer & Praise Meeting

10.30 am

Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys

5.00 pm

Boys' Brigade - Junior Section

6.00 pm

Boys' Brigade - Company Section

7.00 pm

**8th Sunday Services**

**tba**

**10.30 am**

**Early Evening Extra**

**5.30 pm**

**Sunday Night Project -**

**Line Dancing at Stanley Road Church Hall**

**6.30 pm**

9th Friendship Group

10.00 am

**Magazine Deadline**

11th Parents & Toddlers

9.30 am

13th Prayer & Praise Meeting

10.30 am

Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys

5.00 pm

	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
<b>15th</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Steven Hewitt</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>Games Night at the Cumberland View Hotel</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
16th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
18th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
20th	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
	Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Steven Hewitt</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>“Expression of Worship” with SPARK Worship Band</b>	
	<b>at Stanley Road Baptist Church</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
23rd	Friendship Group	10.00 am
25th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
27th	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
	Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
	Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
<b>29th</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	
	<b>Steven Hewitt</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday Night Project -</b>	
	<b>Planning Meeting at Stanley Road Baptist Church</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
30th	Friendship Group	10.00 am

**NOTE:** Leaders of the above organisations/meetings are asked to keep the Editor informed of any changes e.g. holidays, times etc. so that this diary can be kept up to date.

# REMAIN IN TIME

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# Stanley Road Baptist Church, Morecambe

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## SUNDAY

Sunday Special and Family Worship	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project	6.30 pm
Communion Service - <i>Evening (5.30pm) of the 1st Sunday in the month and morning (10.30am) of the 3rd Sunday</i>	

## MONDAY

Friendship Group	10.00 am
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## WEDNESDAY

Parents and Toddlers	9.30 am
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## FRIDAY

Prayer and Praise meeting	10.30 am
Boys' Brigade - <i>Anchorboys (5-8 years)</i>	5.00 pm
<i>Junior Section (8-11 years)</i>	6.00 pm
<i>Company Section (11 onwards)</i>	7.00 pm

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