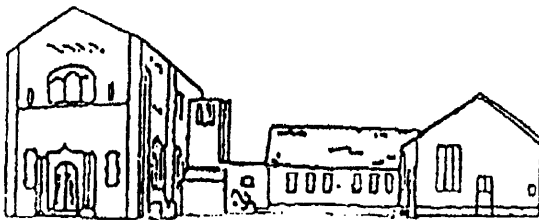
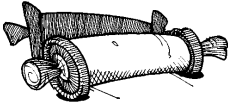


The Messenger



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Minister's Message

Yesterday, I walked 20 yards down the road to get in my car in rain harder than I can remember experiencing. I was outside for less than 10 seconds but I got totally drenched. I thought to myself: 'summer has ended'! We might get the odd sunny spell over the next few weeks, or even a couple of days, but to be honest, the wind, rain and cold now take over. What has also ended is our Summer of Prayer when we committed as a church during August to pray individually and collectively for ourselves, our church and our mission.

I wrote in the last Messenger that I was 'so excited' about the summer and how we were 'a tremendously privileged church'. To be honest, I look back and my hopes have been surpassed. From the first night when we had 29 people at church praying, to the last when towards 50 came to worship together, your commitment has been wonderful to experience. And it is clear that as we have 'seeked' God, so we have found Him: in the Bible, in our prayers, in our worship and in our lives. The testimonies put on the noticeboard reveal that.

But what now?

Well, I want to return to those 'lettuces' (or 'let-us-es') in Hebrews 10 that I mentioned last time.

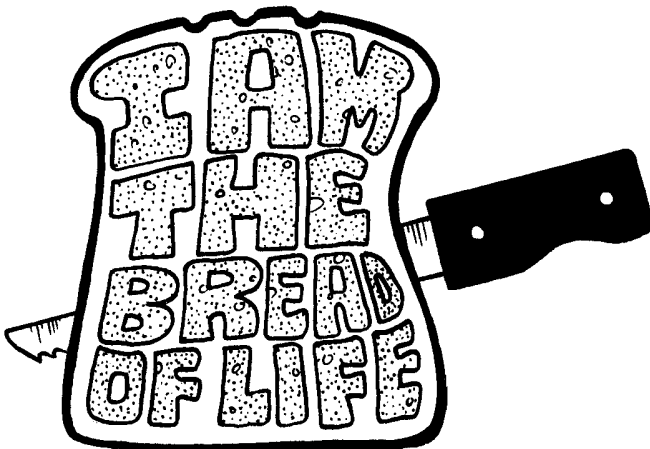
The first one encouraged us to draw near to God. This is what we have been doing this summer. The second is 'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.' Our God has promised much and has been faithful. Many of you will have seen that this summer. We say we have faith in that God. We have hope in that God. So we hold on unswervingly to that hope. We do not move to the right or to the left. I did not want to leave church after the last prayer gathering. There was such a good spirit there. The presence of God was clear. I didn't want August to end. But we have to move on. We have to move on confident of the hope we have in Jesus and hopefully more open to God and his guidance for our lives. Maybe God is prompting you in a new direction? Don't ignore it.

As September, then October, then winter comes, the sunny days of summer can seem distant. Holiday memories get lost amid the busy-ness of the Autumn and dare I say it, Christmas! So I would urge all of us to take stock of the summer. That goes particularly if you do not profess a hope in God and would not call yourself a ‘Christian’, or have doubts about whether you are.

Perhaps you need to respond to God, to fully put your hope in Jesus. Do you truly believe that Jesus lived, died on a cross and rose again? Do you believe that in doing so Jesus has invited us to experience a new life of forgiveness, of purpose, of love, of grace, of fulfillment with God? Perhaps this month has prompted you to make that commitment between you and God quietly at home? Maybe you feel you should be baptized and become a member of the church? Don’t run from it. That is the easy thing to do. Instead speak to someone you know at church and they will be happy to hear what God is doing in your life.

When we came into our first gathering on August 1 it was a nice summer’s evening. When we left, it was pouring with rain. God wishes to ‘rain’ His blessings on His people, if we are open and ready to receive them. May God ‘drench’ us at Stanley Road Baptist Church!

Steven





Church Flowers

Our thanks to the following friends for October and November's church flowers:

October

2nd *In memory of Billie Wiggs*
Oct 1st 1920 - Nov 9th 2010

9th Friend of Miss Godwin and
Alf Hurworth

16th Betty Smith
in memory of Roy

23rd Tony & Sylvia Walsworth

30th Mrs. Barbara Mann
in memory

November

6th Mrs. Edna Henson
in memory

12th Paul and Angela
for their wedding

13th Mrs. Dorothy Tyzack

20th Sandra & David Todd
and family

27th Mr. Alf Hurworth
in memory

Thankyou to Tony & Sylvia for filling in a vacancy on October 23rd. Another vacancy filled is from a friend of Miss Godwin and here is a part of a letter to Alf Hurworth explaining why:-

‘Dear Alf,

...And £10 note as a lady I give your magazine to read, which she enjoys and says they are more interesting than the Cirencester one, thought she would like to send this £10 note for church flowers. I think she has a relative living somewhere “up country” so I will leave you to kindly do the necessary.’

Just think, our Messenger reaches many people who get much pleasure from it. Many thanks to all who put articles in and especially to Paul for editing

and printing (*actually, Norman prints it and is folded, collated and stapled by Norman and Sandra, so enormous thanks to them - Paul*) it for us.

Thankyou

Another year has rolled by so I would like to take this opportunity to thank again “Daisy Florist” of 122 Heysham Road, Morecambe (Tel: 425849) for their continued support and interest over the last 12 months in supplying our beautiful flowers for church. Many thanks to Lynne Brown and Jean Sowter for their wonderful flower arrangements and support to me.

Also many thanks to Marcia Nursey for the supply of greenery from her garden.

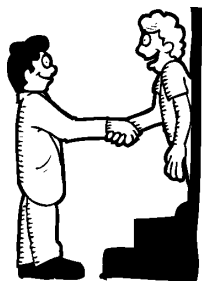
The cost of flower donations would have had to rise this year but grateful thanks to Irene Leeming for her regular donations to the flower fund which has kept the donations to £10 still.

I do hope our combined efforts from myself and all of the above people continue to bring pleasure to you all.

Many thanks,

Rosie Gee (411162)

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IN ME**



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.

October

2nd Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Sue Morris

9th Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys' Brigade

16th Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Doris Taylor

23rd Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Derek Stillings

30th Opener Mr. A. Marsh
Steward Kath Johnson

November

6th Opener Mr. A. Marsh
Steward Meg Walkden

13th Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys' Brigade

20th Opener Mrs. M. Walkden
Steward Margaret Holmes

27th Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Jacqui Wigham

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

Kath Johnson

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Due to my marriage to Angela on the 12th November, the deadline for the next issue of the Messenger (December/January) will be a week earlier, on the 2nd November. As I'm sure you'll understand, I'll have other things to deal with.

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

Paul Woodhead



Church Web Site

The church web site can be found at www.stanleyroad.org.uk. If you have any comments about it please contact Matt Fletcher.



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 Stella Walsh. Alternatively you can E Mail your request to walshy65@gmail.com

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.

Bulletin Sheet

Stanley Road Baptist Church

Sunday 14th March 2004
 10.00 AM Regular Service
 Coffee Will be served after the service.
 Pray 1 Corinthians 13

Welcome

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 snooker table at front of the church for parents with toddlers under 4.

NOTE
 The building is fitted with a loop system, switch your hearing device to "T" to make use of the facility.

Offering
 We have an offering at some point during the services today. Please do not feel obliged to give, it is for our members and regular worshippers to contribute to the work we do here.

Stanley Road Baptist Church, Stanley Road, Morecambe, LA3 3UP
 Member: Rev. Graham Cole
 01524 42005 - graham@stanleyroad.org.uk - www.stanleyroad.org.uk

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.

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 July (5 Sundays) were £2,914 and August (4 Sundays) were £2,284



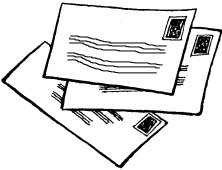
Fund Raising Stall

SATURDAY 19th November 2011

Christmas Stall in church to raise funds

I know that there are many very clever people in our church who are good at making things. This stall will be all Christmas things so if you are good at cards or decorations get them to me. I want to say thank you to all the people who have helped so much to raise money. The total raised will be announced as soon as possible..

Gena



Early Evening Extra

We will have our last Early Evening service on Sunday October 2nd at 5.30pm till 6.15pm with communion.

Due to the darker evenings and increasing poor weather there will be no services in November, December, January or February.

We will start again on Sunday March 4th 2012. If anyone would prefer to continue, please contact Jan, Jean or myself. Thankyou for your continued support.

Rosie Gee

Sunday Special Birthdays



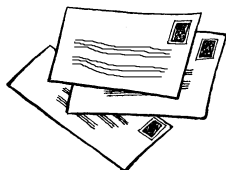
October

2nd Beth Hewitt
11th Lucy Brown
17th Joanna Kurowska

November

3rd Sam Walsh
10th Zoe Bell
15th Lillie Rudd Carter

Message from Steven



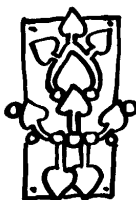
I returned to college on September 12th to start my third year. During term time, I will be in Manchester on Mondays and Tuesdays. My days for work connected with church will be Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

I am slowly making my way through the church directory. I am aiming to meet as many people as possible in their own homes before Christmas. I will see how I do!

I would like to thank those people I have visited so far for their hospitality and warmth. I have enjoyed hearing everyone's stories. If I have not been round yet, please don't take it personally and I will do my best to come visit soon.

If there is anything particularly pressing, then please speak to me at church or drop me a line on steven@stanleyroad.org.uk or 33185.

Steven

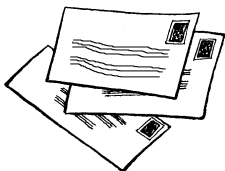




Congratulations

Our love and best wishes go to Paul and Angela on the occasion of their wedding which will take place at 1pm on November 12th in our church, here at Stanley Road.

God bless you both.



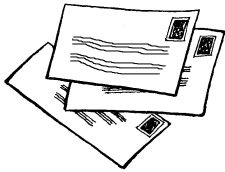
Friday Fellowship supporting MacMillan Nurses

On July 29th the Friday Fellowship hosted a coffee/sale in support of MacMillan Nurses. From donations and the sale, the amount raised to date, is £452. (Watch the stop press for the final amount).

We are most grateful to all who helped us raise this sum. To Impact, for the loan of tables, to Sandra and her team for a non-stop service of tea and coffee throughout the morning. Sandra, wearing her other hat, is our banker (no bonus paid). To all the stall holders, for everyone who donated money or goods. To Gena for her tireless efforts in organising and running such a successful morning.

Reminder: Friday October 7th - Our Prayer and Praise meeting will include information on the formation and organisation of MacMillan Nurses. Our fund will close on this date by which time we hope to achieve our target of £500.





Edward Thorley's Funeral August 8th 2011

We are all very sad to lose our friend Edward. I attended the services for Edward's funeral and would like to say that it celebrated Edward's life in such a wonderful way. I particularly liked the way a number of his friends in the congregation felt able to come forward and give testimony to Edward's Christian life.

The services were led by our minister, Steven Hewitt, and we appreciate his care, kindness and Christian leadership throughout. He made it a very special service.

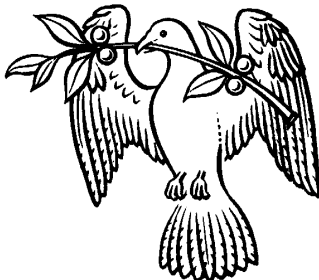
Muriel, Edward's cousin, has donated Edward's Boys' Brigade cap, badges and trophies to our church historical memorabilia for which we are very grateful.

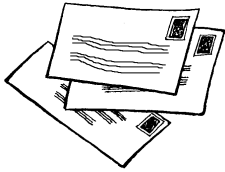
The church flowers went to Hillcroft Nursing Home, Woodlands Drive in memory of Edward. If anyone missed the service in church, a DVD is available.

If only we could all smile with inner joy in our Lord as Edward always did.

God bless,

Rosie Gee





Pastoral Care Team

The new pastoral care team is now up and running well. The team comprises Margaret Bateson, Rosie Gee, Margaret Holmes, Susan Parker, Doreen Turner, and me, working closely with Steven Hewitt, our new minister. Each team member has approximately 14 individuals in their care - when setting this up, I simply divided the Directory up alphabetically so that no partiality was shown!

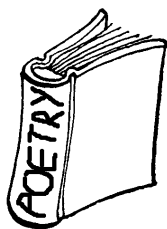
Pastoral care is, in fact, the responsibility of the whole church. In Galatians 6:2 Paul says 'Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ'. The new system never intended to take the place of established friendships or family support networks. Indeed, the idea of having a Pastoral care Team was to develop friendships that might never have happened in the past. As a relative newcomer to Stanley Road [5 years], I have been delighted to meet church members who are no longer able to attend services or take an active role in the church – in a relatively short time I know I have made new friends!

Another aspect of the new team is that we are all able to support each other when individuals are ill or folk hospitalised. Recently several of the team were able to support Rosie when Queenie [one of Rosie's 14] was in hospital and relief transport was needed. The visiting of the sick still continues and is greatly appreciated by those who are visited. I believe that it is imperative to show that we care about each other, and we can only do that by being in contact – either visiting or telephoning those on the fringe of our church. "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us." 1 John 4. 11-12

If anyone has been missed off the list or knows of someone who is unwell, please contact me on 01524 833452 or pauline.elder@tiscali.co.uk. Please hold us in your prayers as we seek to serve God in this way.

Pauline Elder

Pastoral Care Team Leader



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

God's Tiny Treasure

Such a myriad of beauty, let us show appreciation
As we gaze in admiration at God's wonderul creation.
When I awoke this morning as the birds began to sing
In the corner of the garden was a bird with broken wing.
It looked so helpless lying there just gazing at the sky
Watching all its friends just soaring there on high.
I gently held it in my arms and began to realise
Even this tiny bird was important in God's eyes.
As I laid it on the ground I saw a wondrous sight unfold,
God took that little bird and gave it wings of solid gold.
As my bird flew up to heaven its broken body now made whole,
I knew God loved that little bird the way He loves us all.

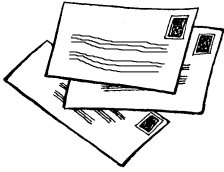
"Reflections" consists of 12 of Doreen's poems, and a copy can be obtained from Doreen Turner or Rosie Gee. Donations to the Monday Friendship Group.

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Quote from a Radio Service from Durham on 21st August 2011

A church without history is like a tree without roots.





Sunday Night Project

Just got back from a very windswept beach where we were hoping to have a picnic and games to meet up with some people from Lancaster Baptist Church. Of course it was Bank Holiday Sunday and rotten weather, but it was a good turnout and fun. Not sure what the people dining at the Midland thought - mad comes to mind!

We have been walking, cycling and running during August or playing dominoes in the hall. Everyone is welcome. If you feel you would like to join us, please do. We would love to see you.

Thanks to our brilliant teams

Kath, Marcia, David!

Future Events

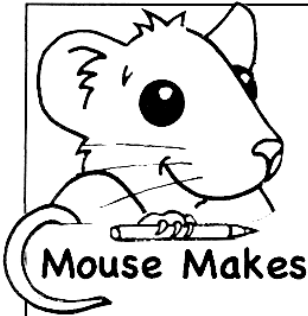
October

- 2nd Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 9th Craft/Art Evening** Stanley Road Chapel Rooms
- 16th Games Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 23rd “Songs of Praise”** Stanley Road Baptist Church
- 30th Planning Meeting** Stanley Road Baptist Church

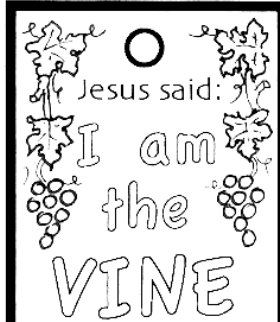
November

- 6th Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 13th Remembrance Meal** (British Legion fund-raiser) - Stanley Road Church Hall
- 20th Games Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 27th Talk/Discussion** (to be announced)

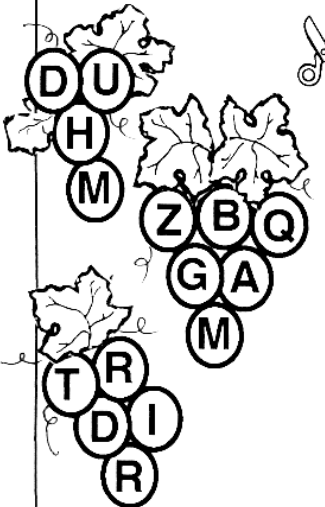




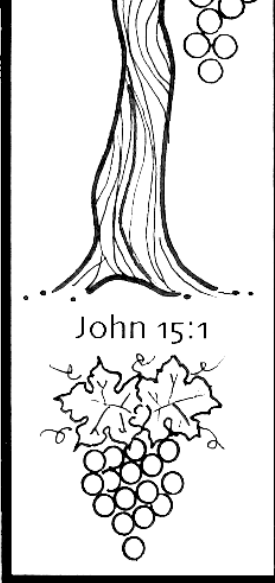
Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.



Jesus said
**"I am the
 real vine, and
 my Father is
 the gardener.**
 He breaks off
 every branch in me
 that does not bear
 fruit, and he prunes
 every branch that
 does bear fruit, so
 that it will be



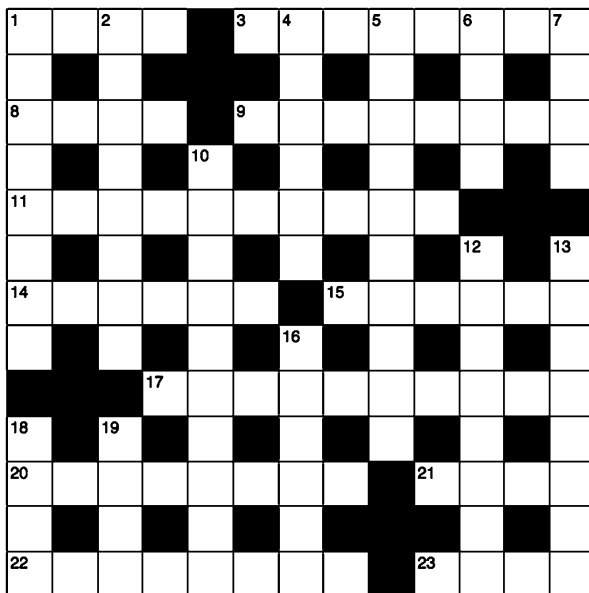
Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words



clean and bear
 more fruit...
 ...A branch cannot
 bear fruit by itself;
 it can do so only if
 it remains in the
 vine. In the same
 way you cannot
 bear fruit unless
 you remain in me.
**I am the vine,
 and you are the
 branches.**
 Those who remain
 in me, and I in
 them, will bear
 much fruit; for you
 can do nothing
 without me."

John 15
 verses 1-2,4-5

Oct11



Across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- 3 He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40-41) (8)
- 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
- 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- 14 Donald — , Archbishop of Canterbury 1974-80 (6)
- 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
- 17 Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
- 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- 21 ' — all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
- 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 23 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

Down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same — ?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
- 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
- 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
- 6 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
- 7 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
- 10 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 12 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — ' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
- 13 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- 16 A long A (anag.) (6)
- 18 'For God does not — favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
- 19 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)

Solution on page 32

Sudoku

Easy

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	7		8			3	1	5
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Intermediate

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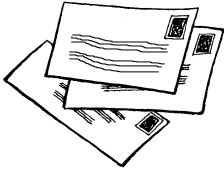
Wordsearch

October and the leaves are turning! This is the month of Harvest, when we thank God for all his many blessings. The Psalmist praises him for crowning the year with his goodness, for his bountiful provision. October brings us St Francis' Day, when we celebrate the gift of animals. It brings St Luke's Day, when we thank God for those in the medical profession. It brings Bible Sunday – when we thank God for his Word, which guides and comforts us. The clocks go back, and the dark nights draw in. October also means World Mental Health Day and Parents' Week.

Leaves Red Orange Trees Raking Pumpkins Dark Clocks Harvest Bounty Food
Thanksgiving Beans Medical Luke Bible Word Bonfires Hallows Doctors
Parents Depression Healthy Families Yellow Francis Animals Birds Kindness
Compassion

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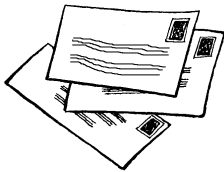


Apologies

In last issue's (August/September) article 'Fruits and Seeds from the "Prayer and Praise" Orchard or Simple Science with religious applications', on page 20 it states '...of Jesus as being invisible but in one place at one time (like a solid), ...'. This of course should have read '...of Jesus as being visible but in one place at one time (like a solid), ...'.

My sincere apologies to Jean for any upset caused.

Paul



NISCU

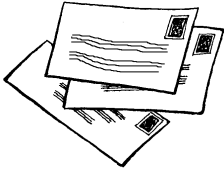
Stanley Road Baptist Church is a committed supporter of the work of NISCU in the schools in our area.

Some of you may know that Tony Bower, who has led the work for many years, has left NISCU to work with Yoyo, a similar schools ministry in York. This will be a huge loss to NISCU. Many of us have experienced Tony's incredible gifts in relating the gospel effectively and powerfully to all ages, but especially the young.

In a letter to church leaders, the NISCU committee have said they thank God for Tony's ministry, leadership, example and godly friendship. They feel God has been strengthening and preparing the North Lancs team for this time.

The schoolwork will continue in North Lancashire with Debbie Green and Ali Lamb working in 31 primary and five high schools this term. There is also a strong working relationship with the two NISCU Kendal workers who will support Debbie and Ali.

The NISCU committee are now considering the way ahead and would value our prayers at this time.



Monday Friendship Group

I would like to update the church on our Friendship Group where we reach out to share God’s love and care to the homeless, those struggling with addictions, or just feeling lost and lonely.

There are many ways you may be able to support our Friendship Group. There is always a desperate need for socks, T-shirts, jeans, toiletries, sleeping bags in winter and tins of food ie: tinned meats, beans, soups etc.

We thank all who have donated goods in the past.

Thankyou.

God bless you all,

The Monday Team

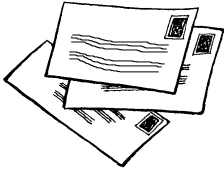
As you can imagine, the winter months are harder for the homeless. We would like to send out a plea to you all for people to ‘drop into’ our ‘Friendship Group’ on a Monday 10am - 12noon, especially any gentlemen, as most of our clients are gentlemen. We need people who can chat to our clients and listen to them too.

I know it is a difficult task for many but if you cannot call in, please pray for us and pray for people to step forward to help us.

Many thanks.

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Succeeding at Work

(by Rick Warren, writer of *Purpose-driven Life*)

Work dominates our lives. Typically we will spend about 150,000 hours or 40% of our waking hours through life working. You'll spend more time, working, thinking about work, and commuting to work than you do eating, relaxing and on holiday combined.

Since work comprises such a major component of life, God wants you to succeed in it. In fact, he's ready to help you out.

In the Bible, God offers this guarantee: **'Commit your work to the Lord, then it will succeed' (Proverbs 16:3).**

What does it mean to 'commit your work to the Lord'? How do you do it?

There are four specific steps:

1. **SEEK GOD'S DIRECTION.** Ask Him to guide you everyday – in your planning, your organising, your decision-making, your implementing, and in relating to everyone you come in contact with. **'The Lord is pleased when good people pray' (Proverbs 15:8).**

2. **SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS.** Be the best you can be for God's glory. Never stop learning. Look for ways to cultivate the talents He's given you. **'If your axe is dull, and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success' (Ecclesiastes 10:10).**

3. **STAY POSITIVE IN YOUR ATTITUDE.** Refuse to be infected by the worrying, the complaining, or the laziness of others. Remember, enthusiasm comes from the Greek words ('en theos') that mean 'to be in God.' **'In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people' (Colossians 3:23).**

4. **TITHE ON YOUR PROFITS.** If you're serious about committing your

work to God so He can bless it, then God expects you to demonstrate your commitment by tithing your income. **‘Honour the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barn to overflow’ (Proverbs 3:9-10).**

These are the conditions that guarantee God’s blessing on your work. The choice is yours.



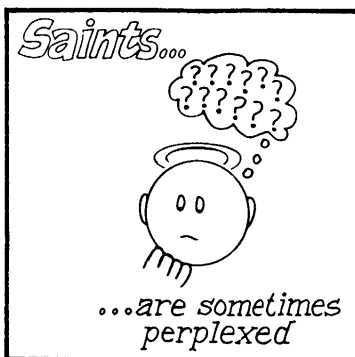
Prayer for Mission

We have just finished the Month of Prayer with a lovely service on a Wednesday night with a very good turn out of our lovely church people. My prayer for mission is that more people could feel the love I think we all felt tonight. Lillie asked me, ‘Nanny, are all the people at church your friends?’ ‘Yes,’ I said. ‘What a lot,’ she said.

Bless her. This Month of Prayer has made me think a lot more and I think like Mary said, it’s made me listen to God and other people. Sometimes we are so busy we forget other people are hurting.

God bless,

Kath and Lillie xx





Senior Camp 2011 in Devon

Our camp this year was held at a farm in Bow, Devon, near Exeter. The farmer's wife is the sister of a good friend of mine from Balham Baptist Church where I grew up. They were brilliant as usual and very helpful. We took 16 boys and 9 staff and we enjoyed a really excellent week together.

The BB was the first to pioneer camping as an activity for young people and we are celebrating the 125th anniversary this year. The camp is laid out with large white ridge canvas tents down parallel sides of a rectangle and the long canvas mess tent in which we meet, eat and have devotions, is at the head. Near the mess tent is the cooks tent which is fitted out with all the facilities we can manage to make a difficult task as easy as possible.

Boys are organised into tents with a senior boy as tent commander and a second who are responsible for the boys in their tent for the week, especially in the morning competition to get the tents tidy and boys clean. It's great training in leadership. The boys' tents are down one side and the staff have tents down the other. All this equipment is stored in the church and has to be transported to the camp site, put up and then dismantled and packed away at the end of camp. As well as our normal staff we have officers who have moved away from the area for university or work who still give up a week a year to help on the camp.

The camp week is packed as full of as many activities as we can manage. As usual, the high point of the week was the surfing, which this year was at one of the UK 's top surfing venues; Croyde Bay, North Devon. We also did a high ropes course and sea kayaking at Brixham, Gorge scrambling at Okehampton and visited a Water Park in Torbay. There was also plenty of activity at the camp site with games including volleyball, football, and a real camp favourite of swingball where there is a toughly fought competition

between the boys for the trophy. At the bottom of the field was a stream and great fun was had jumping across and trying to avoid the mud (always supervised of course). The one or two who did not make it needed hosing down! There was a great and very positive spirit built up in the camp over the week and as usual when it was time to go home the boys are very sad. We have had great reports from parents about how much the boys enjoyed the week.

Excellent meals were prepared by the cooks Emily and Sheila Henderson but on one morning the tents were responsible for cooking their lunch over an open fire with wood collected from the field. The roasted chocolate banana with custard was delightful!

On Sunday we paraded to the Bow Congregational church for an excellent service and very warm reception by the congregation. We also had morning and evening devotions, the morning ones taken by one of our young staff sergeants, Daniel Jarmin (who had to leave early from camp to attend the prestigious officer cadet King George VI memorial scheme at Felden), who did an excellent job on his first time, and the evening devotions were taken by me on the theme of the journey. Camp is a brilliant opportunity to tell the Christian story over a number of days and for the message to be built up piece by piece. To so many these days, church and the Christian story is just something they heard about in RE lessons at school and is no more meaningful than that. It certainly is not even taught as part of their culture let alone as their faith. So when at the end of the week we held our usual communion service where boys were encouraged to take part in the Communion itself only if they felt that on the camp week they had progressed in their journey of the Christian life, nearly every boy took part and nearly all of the books that we made available of how to start along the road of the Christian life were taken. Where these boys are on their journey we never really know, sometimes until years later, but I am sure that many are on that road and I pray they will continue to progress along that road in the year ahead. It was an excellent week and I am sure that those who will be there will remember it for many years to come. This is one of the ways in which we really reach out to the community around us and can make the

gospel meaningful to them.

Each year as we pack up on the Saturday, we really hope for fine weather. The canvas tents have to be bone dry before we can pack them away and the thought of having 15 tents to dry in our halls is a nightmare. This year it only rained once on the Friday, but very heavily, and so we were hoping against hope that they would dry. That is why we were so late home, as we had to wait until midday before they were dry enough to start taking down. Still, boys and staff worked like Trojans as a great team together so we were able to leave the camp field at 3pm. We were home by 10.30 pm and all the boys were dropped off by 11.30pm, however, after all the boys' equipment was sorted and the camp equipment stored, I had to get the bus cleaned and washed down and returned to the Lancashire County Council depot. Sheila and I finally got back home at 2.30am! Still it was a great to know they were all safe and sound back home after a great week together. Sixteen boys is about as many as we can manage currently and if we continue to grow we will have problems. This camp is only possible with a great deal of effort by the staff whom I thank unreservedly and to all those who so generously support us financially within the church. Thank you all so much for helping us give this week to our boys from the West End.

Rob Henderson



What is KGVI?

KGVI (or King George the 6th) is the Brigade's 2 week long residential experience with all that you need to become a leader in The Boys' Brigade. KGVI is held at each of the Regional Headquarters. In England this is Felden Lodge in Hemel Hempstead.

Life as a new entrant.

This year from the 30th July to the 5th of August I was lucky enough to be able to attend KGVI for the first time. For me this was part two of a Boys Brigade fortnight, after returning from life on camp early especially for this.



After travelling down on the train on the Saturday, I arrived to a sunny Hemel Hempstead where I was shown to my room and met my new roommates and course mates for the week. Over the week we all got to know each other and in the end became a really close group.

As a new entrant most of the week is spent learning the theory of youth leader training. This includes topics such as challenging discrimination, empowering young people, working with under and over 11's,

child protection, health and safety and well using faith in youth work and many more.

Another highlight of the week was on the Tuesday, where we went on a trip into London. We arrived in London, to one of the few scorching days of summer, with temperatures in the high 20's. We went on a duck tour which involves a road tour of the sites, before plunging into the Thames where the bus becomes a boat. This was an interesting experience and a sigh of relief was breathed when the boat floated upon entry to the river. This was followed by some free time to do as we liked in groups. We ended up at the newly opened M and M World in Leicester square. This is literally 4 floors dedicated to everything related to the popular sweet.

(The picture was taken at the end of the day, i'm sat on the right paw, which was very very hot!)

The week closed with a formal meal with a guest of honour, a high court judge. This was followed by a quiz, which I am pleased to say my team, named Stevie D's in honour of the Brigade Secretary who was on our team won.

To sum up, it was a brilliant week and I am looking forward to returning for my second year, and becoming a lieutenant in the Boys Brigade.

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The Faith and Work Page

A resource for working Christians from ICF

Britain's High Streets are increasingly populated by retailers whose product ranges are dictated by the whims of a host of "kitemarks" - assure us that our products are Organic, GM Free, Carbon Neutral, Age Friendly etc. We live in a world where values are displayed and even up for sale!

Are the Church's ethics and values always relevant? What opportunities does the workplace offer to manifest their beliefs and faith identities? How can they exist in the context of church alongside other values?

Is our response to such issues restricted to a consumer (e.g. using only fair trade coffee) or can our faith also inspire us to be an entrepreneur (e.g. starting a business that produces it!) This is taking our faith into the workplace.

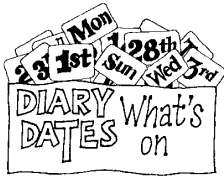
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A Faith and work moment

Match of the Day 2, the football roundup, recent "day in the life" feature on Chairman Bill Kenwright famed for his acting role on Street. The piece follows charismatic celebrity at Goodison Park stadium on a matchday while he introduced viewers to various characters of his beloved football club. He began the day and was quick to call the camera crew across to chaplain Revd. Harry Ross whose role and message he keen to emphasise. Amidst the glitz and glamour of League football, viewers were reminded of the unobtrusive presence of workplace chaplaincy.



Industrial Christian Fellowship,



October

	2nd Sunday Services - Harvest	
	Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
	Early Evening Extra	5.30 pm
	Sunday Night Project - Pub Quiz	
	at the Cumberland View Hotel	6.30 pm
3rd	Friendship Group	10.00 am
5th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
7th	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
9th	Sunday Services - BB Enrolment	
	Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Craft/Art Evening	
	at Stanley Road Chapel Rooms	6.30 pm
10th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
12th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
14th	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
16th	Sunday Services - (Communion)	
	Jan Leighton	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Games Night	
	at the Cumberland View Hotel	6.30 pm
17th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
19th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
21st	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
23rd Sunday Services - (Communion)	
Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project - 'Songs of Praise'	
at Stanley Road Baptist Church	6.30 pm
24th Friendship Group	10.00 am
30th Sunday Services	
Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project - Planning Meeting	
at Stanley Road Baptist Church	6.30 pm
31st Friendship Group	10.00 am

November

2nd Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
Magazine Deadline	
4th 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
6th Sunday Services	
Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project - Pub Quiz	
at the Cumberland View Hotel	6.30 pm
7th Friendship Group	10.00 am
9th Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
11th 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
13th Sunday Services	
Rev. G. Harris	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project - Remembrance Meal	

(British Legion Fund-Raiser)

at Stanley Road Baptist Church

6.30 pm

14th Friendship Group	10.00 am
16th Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
18th 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

20th Sunday Services - (Communion)

Steven Hewitt

10.30 am

Sunday Night Project - Games Night

at the Cumberland View Hotel

6.30 pm

21st Friendship Group	10.00 am
23rd Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
25th Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
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Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm

27th Sunday Services

Graham Stamford

10.30 am

Sunday Night Project -

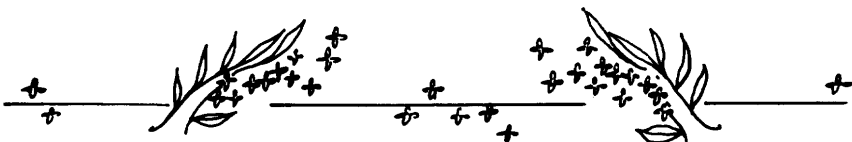
Talk/Discussion - (to be announced)

6.30 pm

28th Friendship Group	10.00 am
30th Parents & Toddlers	9.30 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.

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Stanley Road Baptist Church, Morecambe

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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