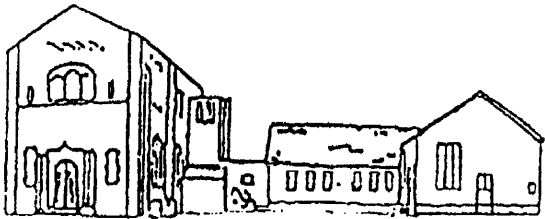


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Christmas

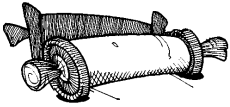


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I WASN'T surprised how many different things people thought of when I asked in church last week (Oct 30) about what Christmas promises for them.

Minister's Message

There were the nice things such as holiday, family, presents and turkey as well as the not-so-nice, such as stomach ache, hard work in the kitchen and stress.

But one other thing that Christmas brings is television shows that review the year, like the 'Top 100 funny moments of 2011', or 'Top 50 songs of 2011' – you get the drift.

It is also a time when we look back over the year just gone, as we count down the days until the start of another year. I wonder what you look back on in 2011? There may be soaring highs of joy and celebration, or there may be sinking depths of disappointment or despair.

Can I give you a question to ponder as you review your 2011? It is a question that if we are serious about it, would make a huge difference in our lives and the lives of those around us.

The question is: how much has Hebrews 10:24 been applied in your life this past year? The verse is '**Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.**' It is the third 'let-uce' ('let-us-es') in this really helpful passage in Hebrews and this third one is – in my opinion – one of the most potentially powerful verses in the Bible.

'Let us consider' forces us to ask what we have been thinking about. What have been the focuses in our lives this year? Have I sat down and thought about whether I can spur one another on?

Instead of 'spur', one translation uses 'stir up'. We are to avoid people becoming stale and stagnant with all the good bits dropping to the bottom! No, we are to be alive and flowing, with all the flavour running throughout our lives – like sugar in a good cup of coffee!

We can become stale as Christians. We can end up going through the motions. Our walk with God can become just a case of turning up on a Sunday to church and leaving it there. We need stirring up! We need stirrers (positive not negative!) in the church. We need to be stirred on ‘to love and good deeds’ that God calls us to do.

This Bible passage was written to Christians who were finding it tough. It can be hard work doing ‘love and good deeds’. At times, it can feel unrewarding. That is why we need one another to spur each other on.

We have many people in our church who have given many hours this year in love and good deeds. Thank you to all of you. This Christmas, could you show your appreciation to someone, perhaps with a card or just a word in conversation?

You never know, that might be just what that person needs to spur them on to ‘love and good deeds’ in 2012?

And why stop at church? What about at work, at home or wherever? Why not ‘consider’ over these next few weeks what you could do to stir things up? You might be surprised how God can use you.

I hope to see you at some of our events over Christmas as we celebrate and consider again the message of Jesus’ birth.

I wish God’s blessing on you and those you love this Christmas,

Steven Hewitt

PS Thank you to those who have completed surveys. It has been interesting reading. If you haven’t done one yet, it will only take a minute. Your views will be welcome and will be a help to the church leadership.

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Church Flowers

Our thanks to the following friends for December and January's church flowers:

December 2011

January 2012

4th Vera Riley

1st Meg & Track Walkden

11th Norman &
Sandra Woodhead

8th Vera Riley

18th Brian & Mavis Liddy

15th Margaret Pollitt

25th Mr. Alf Hurworth
in memory

22nd Betty & Peggy
in memory of our sister

29th Sheila Winskel
in memory of Robert

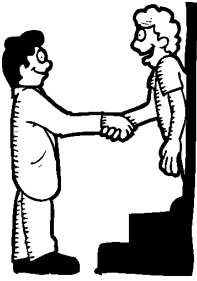
Many thanks to Meg and Track for filling in a vacancy.

Also to Sheila Winskel for her letter and donation to the flower fund. Sheila is now attending the Evangelical church with her daughter and family where she has received a warm welcome. She is happily settling into her new home and sends you all her love and best wishes.

Rosie Gee (411162)

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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.

December 2011

4th Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Sue Morris

11th Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys' Brigade

18th Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Doris Taylor

24th Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Kath Johnson

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January 2012

1st Opener Mr. A. Marsh
Steward Kath Johnson

8th Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys' Brigade

15th Opener Mrs. M. Walkden
Steward Derek Stillings

22nd Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Jacqui Wigham

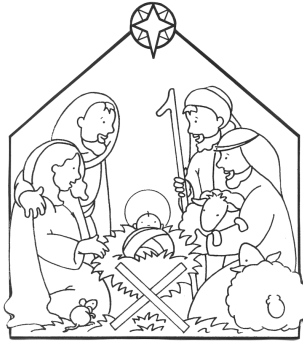
29th Opener Mr. A. Marsh
Steward Margaret Holmes

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

Kath Johnson

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CHRISTMAS at SRBC

December 18 - 10.30am

Christmas family service:

‘The promise of Good News for all people’,
followed by Church lunch and party in the hall

December 24 - 6.30pm

Carol service:

‘What does Christmas promise for you?’

December 25 - 10.30am

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION





The deadline for the next issue of the Messenger (February/March) will be Tuesday the 9th January.

I'd also like to thank you all for your contributions this past year and to wish you all a happy Christmas and blessed New Year. Remember, the

more articles we have, the better read it is for everyone.

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 use 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 September (4 Sundays) were £2,504 and October (5 Sundays) were £3,019.96.



Brenda & Doreen's Open House

**Cream Tea - Sefton Road -
for Baptist Church Funds,
4th September 2011**

Brenda Butler wants to say thankyou to Chris Butler (daughter) for the fun quiz, and CD prizes. Thankyou to Brenda's team of helpers; Margaret Holmes, Margaret Bateson and Doreen Turner.

Brenda was grateful for all your donations, £80.65p total, and gifts of prizes.

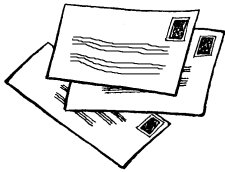
There was a good friendly fellowship at Stanley Road Baptist Church and the fund and games of the event, for a worthy cause.

I thank the Lord, "I am lucky to have good church friends, and a good daughter. Their help and support I appreciate."

Kindest regards,

Brenda E. Butler



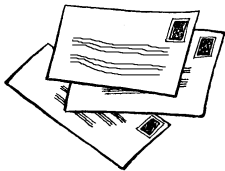


Message from Steven

In the New Year, we'll be asking two questions in our morning gatherings at SRBC. The first one will be 'What is the Church?' and we'll be looking in Ephesians for some answers. The second question is 'Can God really use me?' and we'll be asking this at our all-age services in the Spring.

Remember that many of the sermons at SRBC are available online at stanleyroad.org.uk. We have had several people comment on how they have logged on and caught up on sermons they have missed. Why not have a look if you happen to be away on Sunday?

Steven



Thanks

Dear friends,

My grateful thanks for the beautiful flowers and card brought for my Birthday. I was amazed as I did not know anyone knew the date. I look at them with great pleasure as you all know how I love flowers.

Also many thanks to Pauline for her welcome visits when we talk over old times and she keeps me up to date with Olivet news. I do appreciate the time she spends with me.

My thanks also to Steven who visited me in hospital. I was so sorry not to get much time with him as all the family were also visiting, but to come and visit after a busy Sunday morning was extremely kind.

By the time this gets into print it will be getting on to Christmas so my love and best wishes to you all and I hope you have a blessed and peaceful time.

Edna Henson



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Gena recently received the following letter from the Macmillan Coffee Morning team:

A BIG THANK YOU



Mrs G Harrison
17 Lake Road
Morecambe
Lancashire
LA3 1AS

2412090

Dear Friday Group & friends,

Thank you so much for all your work in hosting a World's Biggest Coffee Morning event – it really was a fantastic effort.

When all the expenses are added up, it costs around £25 for every hour a Macmillan nurse spends with someone living with cancer; offering them medical, practical and emotional support. Your event raised a total of £700.00, so you can see for yourself what a valuable contribution every penny you raised will make. Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make your event such a success.

With more people looking towards Macmillan for support than ever before, we are hoping this year will be the World's Biggest Coffee Morning ever. We are still collecting contributions from our hosts, but with fabulous events like yours held up and down the country, this year is sure to be a success.

Right now, there is one more thing we can be sure of. By hosting an event, you personally have made a difference to someone living with cancer and their family.

They can't thank you, but I can. So thank you again for everything you have done for Macmillan Cancer Support. Without your efforts, our work simply would not be possible.

Best wishes,

Hannah Redmond
Coffee morning team



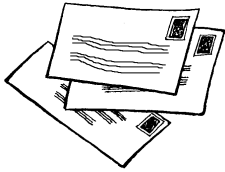
Condolences

Our love and sympathy go out to Rosemary and all the family on the passing away of our dear friend Amy O'Neill over in Yorkshire.

Amy died peacefully on November 3rd at the grand old age of 105. Those of us who knew her remember her with great affection as she took part in our church life.

God bless you in your loss.





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!

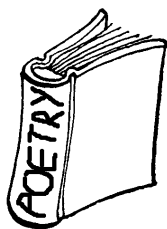
Pastoral care is, in fact, the responsibility of the whole church. In Galatians 6:2 Paul says 'Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ'. The new system never intended to take the place of established friendships or family support networks. Indeed, the idea of having 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.

Jesus loves you

Isolated, depressed, lonely and confused
Sad, misunderstood, alone, severely bruised,
All these feelings are familiar, even Jesus felt the pain,
But God sent us a saviour, in our lives He longs to reign.

Give me the faith dear Lord to know that you are there,
To carry all our burdens and always be aware
That however many times we fail or sadly let you down
You forgave our sins upon that cross and bore that painful crown.
But You knew Lord that we sinners could never play our part
So you sent Your Holy Spirit to dwell within our heart.

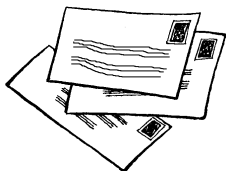
"Reflections" consists of 12 of Doreen's poems, and a copy can be obtained from Doreen Turner or Rosie Gee. Donations to the Monday Friendship Group.



Thankyou

We would like to offer our most sincere and grateful thanks to all at Stanley Road Baptist Church. Not only were we touched by the card and gift vouchers, but we have been pleasantly stunned by the weight of support for us as a couple. What a fantastic way to start married life. It is a struggle to find the words that would adequately express how much we appreciate this support. However, rest assured that we *are* extremely grateful for the gift and support in equal measure.

Angela and Paul Woodhead



Sunday Night Project

What exactly is the Sunday Night Project?

It is a slightly different take on church and religious expression. We try to make meetings enjoyable, accessible and Christ-like.

We have initially worked on four different areas of activity: Building Relationships; Social Action (local, national and international); God, Bible & Thinking; Worship as Journey

We have had some great events. Last night (30th October) we were invited to Home Church to a jazz evening which was very good. We felt we should support them as they support us. As always, our teams are do a great job every week with all sorts of events. Everyone works really hard.

A very merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone.
God bless from all of us at the Sunday Night Project. xx

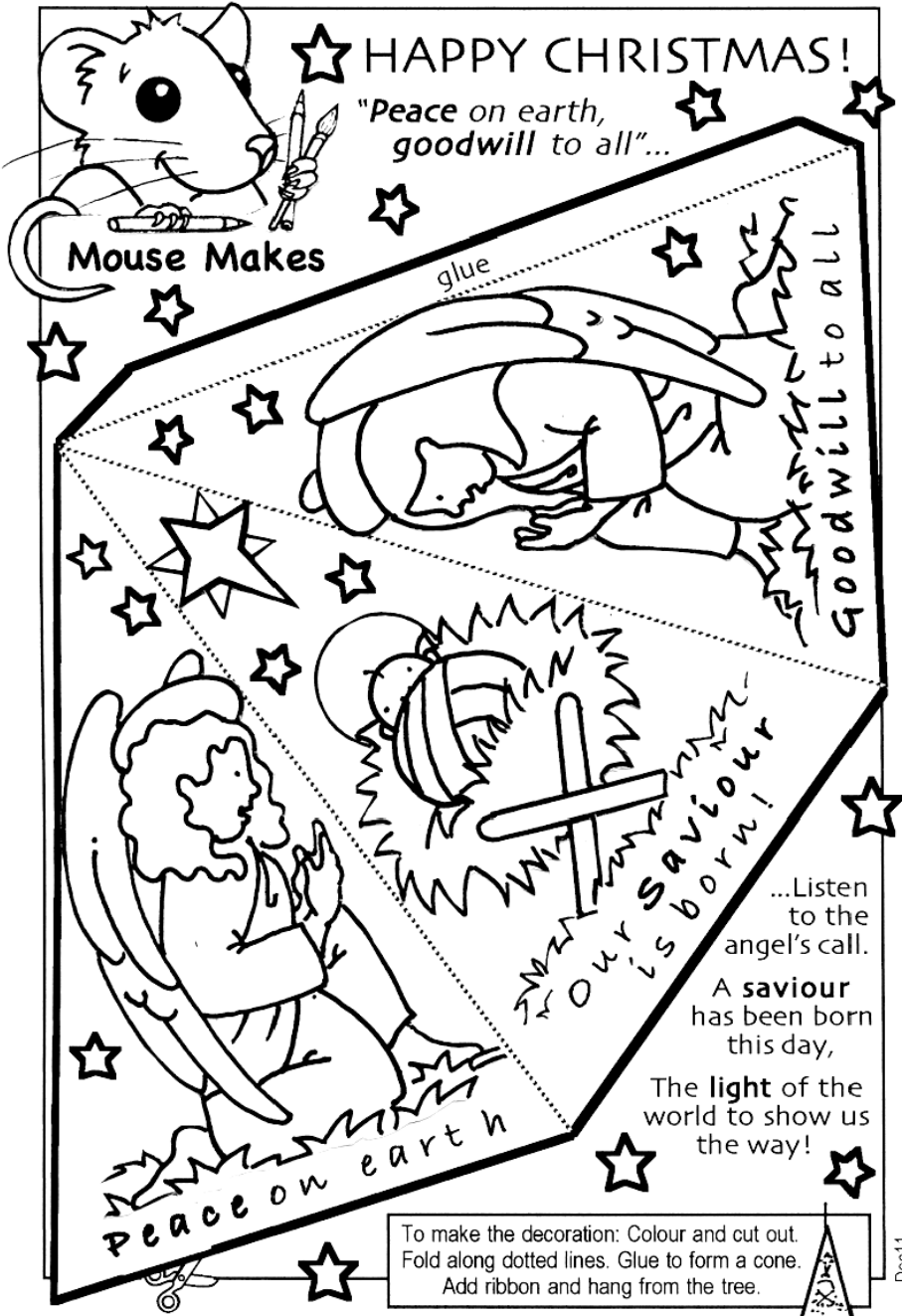
Future Events

December 2011

- 4th Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 11th Carol Service/Carol Singing** (to be announced)
- 18th Christmas Party** (to be announced)
- 25th NO SUNDAY NIGHT PROJECT** (Christmas Day)

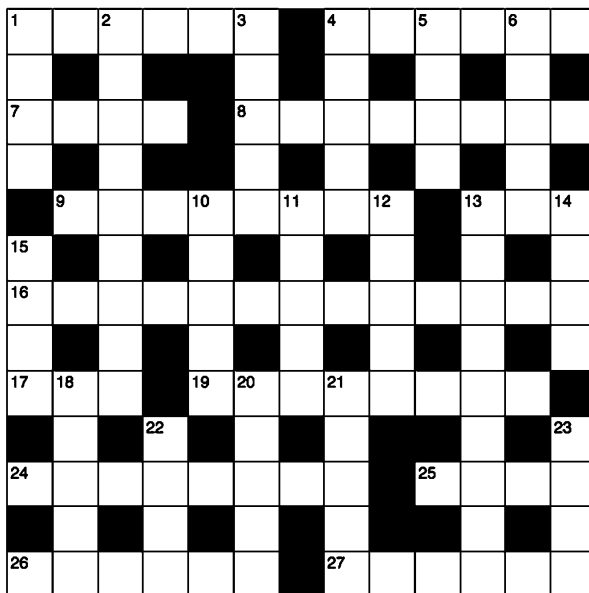
January 2012

- 1st NO SUNDAY NIGHT PROJECT** (New Year's Day)
- 8th Ten Pin Bowling** (to be announced)
- 15th Games Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 22nd Talk/Discussion** (to be announced)
- 29th Planning Meeting** - Stanley Road Baptist Church



To make the decoration: Colour and cut out. Fold along dotted lines. Glue to form a cone. Add ribbon and hang from the tree.

Dec11



Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)

- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

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Sudoku

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Wordsearch

December again! The nights are long and cold, and the days short and dull. But Christmas lights are everywhere, and throughout the month anticipation grows: Christmas is coming! December is never dull: there are Christmas cards to write, Christmas presents to be bought and wrapped, Christmas trees to drag home and decorate, Christmas parties to attend, Christmas puddings and cakes to make, Christmas concerts and carols to enjoy. All to celebrate the coming of the most precious gift of all: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah, God's present to us.

December Cold Cards Presents Mistletoe Trees Concerts Carols Pudding Cake
Messiah Manger Bethlehem Angels Shepherds Birth Busy Joyful Celebrate Gift
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Christmas Greetings

May I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year 2012.

May God bless you all,

Rosie Gee

Just wishing all at Stanley Road Baptist Church all best wishes for Christmas and God's continued blessing for 2012.

Miss you all,

Sheila Winskel

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

As last year, I shall be making a donation to Kidney Research in lieu of Christmas cards so may I wish everyone a happy and joyful Christmas and say thank you for your love and support in what has been a difficult year for me.

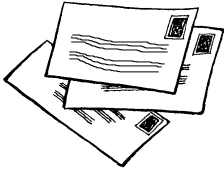
Please continue to pray for Fran and Jenny as they still have the occasional setback.

Thank you and God bless.

Jan Leighton

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Seven secrets of success

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

Few people have made as much of an impact with their lives as the apostle Paul. By the end of his life, he had spread the faith across the entire Roman Empire – travelling mostly on foot. Imagine what he might have accomplished if he'd had a jet, a mobile phone and a laptop! Here, in his own words, are the keys I've discovered to his successful life:

Sense of Direction: 'I run straight towards the goal in order to win the prize...' Phil 3:14

Understanding: 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.' Phil 4:12

Commitment: 'I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task that the Lord Jesus has given me...' Acts 20:24

Compassion: 'I may have all knowledge... and the faith to move mountains... and may give away everything that I have – but if I don't have love, it does me no good.' 1 Cor 13:2-3

Enthusiastic faith: 'I have the strength for all things through Christ who empowers me. I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me.' Phil 4:13

Service to others: 'I will be glad to spend all I have, and myself as well, in order to help you.' 2 Cor 12:15

Staying power: 'I am hard-pressed on all sides, but I'm never frustrated; I'm puzzled, but never in despair; I am persecuted, but I'm never deserted by God; I may be knocked down but I'm never knocked out!' 2 Cor. 4:8-9

Try building these qualities into your own life and see what happens.



Prayer for Mission

This time of year is great for some people and very sad for others. Firstly, let's pray for everyone in our church. A lot of our members have suffered this year - we pray things get better in the future.

We also pray for all the mission charity we, as a church, support, for all the wonderful work these charities do and we pray for the dedicated people who work so hard in this country and abroad.

We pray people everywhere will have good food and plenty of fresh water all year round.

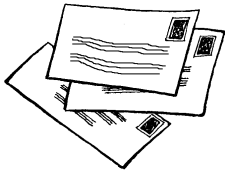
Please Lord, put your loving arms around everyone in need. Our prayer is that all you lovely people have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Love to all

Kath and Lillie xx

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The following article was recently enjoyed by the Friday Prayer and Praise members meeting:



There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs.

He was hard of hearing, so he had no radio.

He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no newspapers.

But he sold good hot dogs.

He put signs on the highway telling how good they were.

He stood by the side of the road and yelled, “Buy a hot dog, Mister.”

People bought.

He increased his meat and roll orders. He bought a bigger stove.

He finally got his son home from college to help him out.

But then something happened.

His son said: “Father, haven’t you been listening to the radio? There’s a big depression coming on. The European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse.”

That made his father think: “Well, my son’s been to college, he reads the papers, and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know.”

So the father cut down on his meat and roll orders, took down his advertising signs and ... no longer bothered to stand by the highway to sell his good hot dogs.

Sales fell fast, almost overnight.

“You’re right, son,” the father said to the boy., “We certainly are in the middle of a great depression.”

“There just isn’t any business.” ... Need we point out the moral?

18 October 2011

After months of getting by on poor quality and unreliable supplies, mother-of-five Asha has clean drinking water for her family.

Nearby, her neighbour 60-year-old Dahabo and her children are sleeping under a mosquito net and for the first time have better protection from contracting malaria.

These are just two people who've been tangibly helped by Tearfund's East Africa food crisis appeal, two people who've been given hope in the face of a critical drought affecting much of the region.

Both of them live in Somaliland, the semi-autonomous north west region of Somalia, an area that is bearing the brunt of the arid conditions.

Asha used to walk miles to collect water from shallow wells but the water quality was poor and her children succumbed to diarrhoea and other illnesses.

Water trucking

Tearfund partner World Concern is helping thousands of people like Asha and Dahabo survive the drought, which is also affecting northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia.

Tearfund has supported work to supply basic household items to 500 vulnerable families and provide them with emergency food aid.

Many of these families comprise people displaced by the drought and insecurity as well as widows, orphans, people with disabilities and female-

headed households.

Each of the 500 received two cooking pots, three jerry cans, two mosquito nets, two plastic sheets and a kettle.

World Concern has also been organising convoys of water tankers to bring supplies into the area, benefiting some 3,000 people.



Mission Aviation Fellowship

Flying to combat measles and cholera

25 October 2011

Our team has been working hard to provide desperately needed flight services to assist medical agencies in their efforts to combat cholera and measles in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

During a 4-week period in July and August, MAF pilots carried some 100 medical staff and over 6 tons of vaccines and medical supplies to support the 24 mobile clinics that MSF launched to fight measles. In one village, the residents wanted help so desperately that 300 people worked for 4 days to clear and reopen an overgrown airstrip so we could land with the medical team and supplies.

According to UN reports, as of beginning of October, there have been at least 6,910 cases and 384 deaths from cholera. The cholera outbreak was first reported in March in the north-eastern province of Orientale before spreading along the Congo River to the capital Kinshasa. At least 15,630 cases and 1,418 deaths from measles have so far been recorded. In addition, the DRC is now also facing outbreaks of polio.





Arabic Christian videos on the horizon

Cutting-edge Christian teaching videos for use in Arabic-speaking countries are being created, thanks to a grant from BMS World Mission, in a project involving BMS mission workers and friends in the region.

A £7,000 grant from the BMS Mission Innovation Fund is supporting the development of a creative teaching film series called Rouah, based on themes, challenges and issues identified by Middle Eastern Christians.

Once completed, the videos, which will consider aspects of Jesus' teaching from a Middle Eastern and North African perspective, will be aired on Christian satellite broadcast channel, SAT-7.

The BMS grant will fund one season – 13 episodes – which will then be produced by SAT-7. Each episode will be between 12 and 13 minutes long, with a storytelling style, not unlike the Nooma, Alpha and Christianity Explored series.

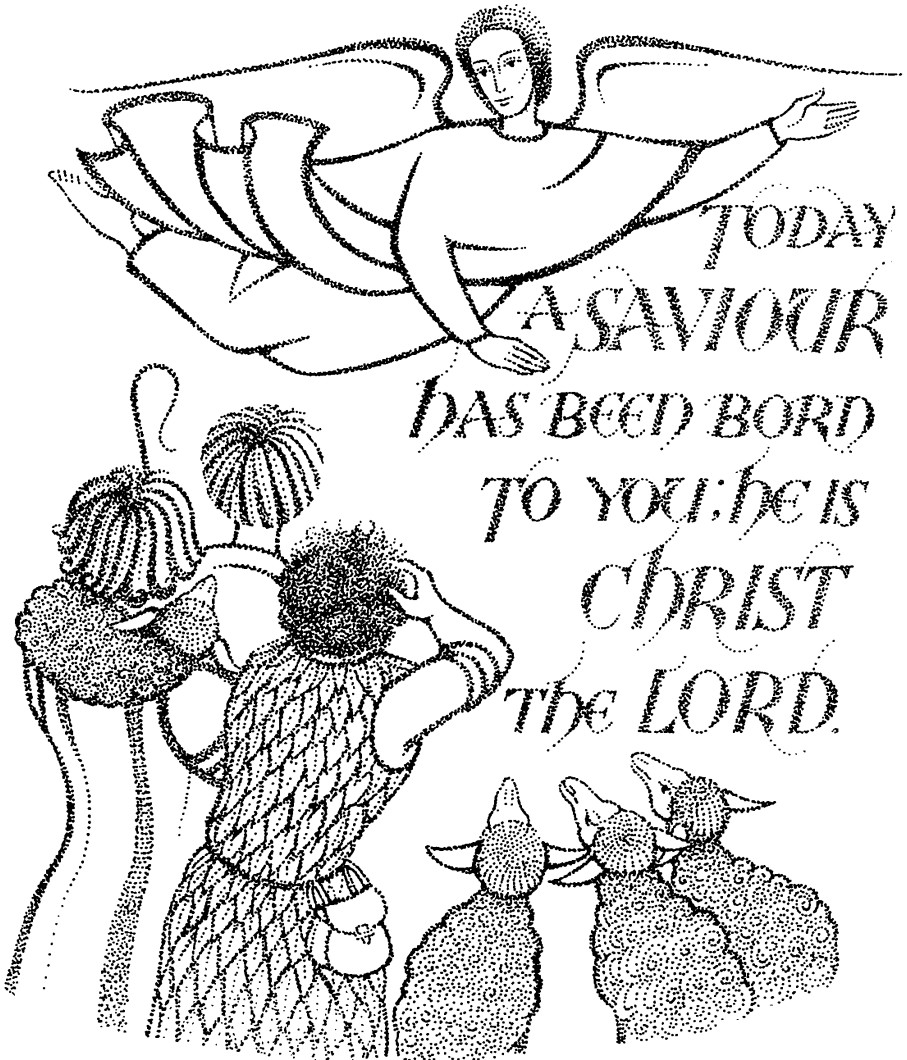
“People here love stories,” says Lebanon-based BMS worker, Arthur Brown. “They want to see biblical perspectives on their own experiences, rather than just more materials translated from the West.”

Of the planned episodes, Convoy will deal with the issue of leadership. Arthur says: “There is so much change going on in the Middle East at the moment. Why do we follow the people we do? What does it mean to be a follower of Christ, whatever religious background you come from?”

Hope is particularly relevant to this region. “Perhaps people see the ‘Arab Spring’ as a source of hope,” continues Arthur. “But no-one really knows what the future will look like.”

“This project will involve some of the most creative thinkers, theologians and teachers. It’s really exciting that the Mission Innovation Fund is going to make this possible.”

The BMS Mission Innovation Fund exists to encourage exciting and innovative new expressions of mission that cross boundaries of method and location throughout the BMS world.



The Faith and Work Page

A resource for working Christians



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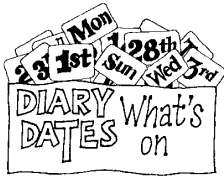
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Industrial Christian Fellowship,



December 2011

	2nd	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
4th	Sunday Services		
		MAF	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Pub Quiz		
	at the Cumberland View Hotel		6.30 pm
5th	Friendship Group		10.00 am
7th	Parents & Toddlers		9.30 am
9th	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
11th	Sunday Services -(Communion)		
	Mary Fisher		10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Carol Service/Carol Singing		
	(- to be announced)		6.30 pm
12th	Friendship Group		10.00 am
14th	Parents & Toddlers		9.30 am
16th	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
18th	Sunday Services -(Nativity Service)		
	Steven Hewitt		10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Christmas Party		
	(- to be announced)		6.30 pm
19th	Friendship Group		10.00 am
24th	Carol Service "What does Christmas promise for you?"		6.30 pm

25th Sunday Services - (Christmas Day)
Steven Hewitt - Christmas Celebration **10.30 am**

January 2012

1st Sunday Services
Pauline Elder **10.30 am**

2nd Friendship Group 10.00 am

8th Sunday Services - (All Age)
Steven Hewitt **10.30 am**

Sunday Night Project - Ten Pin Bowling
(- to be announced) **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

15th Sunday Services - (Communion)
Steven Hewitt **10.30 am**

Sunday Night Project - Games Night
at the Cumberland View Hotel **6.30 pm**

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

22nd Sunday Services
Steven Hewitt **10.30 am**

Sunday Night Project - Talk/Discussion
(to be announced) **6.30 pm**

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
29th Sunday Services	
to be announced	10.30 am
Sunday Night Project - Planning Meeting	
at Stanley Road Baptist Church	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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