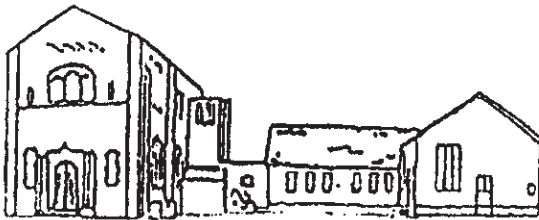


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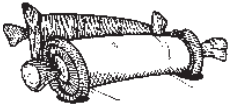


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“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Minister's Message

I have been looking forward to 2012 ever since it was announced we were hosting the Olympics seven years ago. All around the world, people are preparing to come to London to face the challenge to do their best, and potentially win a medal. Words of motivation will spur them on as they train and prepare for one of the biggest moments of their lives.

When Joshua was preparing for his ‘big moment’ – leading the Israelites into the promised land of Canaan – God urges him to ‘be strong and courageous’ three times. One of those times is our verse for Stanley Road Baptist Church in 2012. The full version of Joshua 1.9 is at the top of this page but for us we have shortened the verse to **‘Be strong and courageous...God will be with you’**. I urge you all to memorise it, take one of our free fridge magnets and ask God to place the words in your heart this year.

We focussed on the verse on ‘Let’s Go’ Sunday on January 8 and we saw that there are three particular reasons why Joshua could be strong and courageous, and why we can follow his example in 2012.

The first was **‘GOD’S PRESENCE’**. God would be with Joshua wherever he went. The Bible promises that there is nowhere we can go where God is not present (Ps 139:7-10). There is nowhere you can go this year, where God is not already there. Often we let events take over in our lives and they can obscure what God is doing – may this not be the case in 2012 and wherever we go, be encouraged that God is there with us.

The second way to be strong was **‘GOD’S PRIORITIES’**. Joshua is told that obeying God’s law was vital to prosperity and success. In 2012, one of the most courageous things we can do is to recognise that believing in the Word of God in the Bible, pondering it and following it wholeheartedly, will make a real difference in your life. I believe it will be ‘a light for your path’

(Ps 119:105). If you need help in reading the Bible, please do speak up.

Thirdly, Joshua was reminded about the role of '**GOD'S PEOPLE**'. All the tribes of Israel were to be involved in taking the promised land, even the tribes who were not going to live there. This year, your life can only be lived by you – no-one else – but you do not live it alone. God is with you, but so is the rest of Stanley Road Baptist Church. May we as a community all play a part in loving supporting, helping, encouraging, challenging one another this year.

This all fits in with the next 'let-us-es' in the Hebrews passage I have been talking about in the last few Messengers. Hebrews 10:25 starts with 'Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing'. My hope is that **God's presence** will be real when we meet together on a Sunday; that we will all learn from **God's priorities** as we study the Bible; and that we will be changed by being amongst **God's people**.

As the verse says, some are in the habit of not meeting together. For some, it takes strength and courage to come to church. I hope that 2012 will be memorable for us all – may God bless our time together each week and inspire us by His Spirit to show His strength and courage in all areas of our lives.

Happy New Year,

Steven Hewitt

*** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."**

It would be great to hear about how this verse has impacted your life in the past, or particularly if it makes a difference to you this year. We are always keen to hear stories of how God is working amongst His people at Stanley Road Baptist Church. Speak to Steven or one of the deacons if you have a story to share.

Church Flowers



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

February

March

5th Kath & Mark *in memory of Maxine and Dad*

4th Brenda Butler
in memory of Brian

12th Mrs. Edna Henson
in memory

11th Betty Smith
in memory of Roy

19th Norman & Sandra
Woodhead

18th Miss Vera Riley

26th Queenie & Jim Murdoch

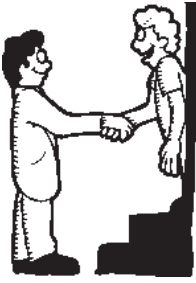
25th Miss Margaret Pollitt

Many thanks to Queenie and Jim for filling a vacancy.

Sheila Winskel's donation for 29th January has, on her agreement, been donated to Lancaster Baptist Church towards the flowers for their anniversary day.

Rosie Gee (411162)





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.

February

- 5th** Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Sue Morris
- 12th** Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys’ Brigade
- 19th** Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Doris Taylor
- 26th** Opener Mr. C. Taylor
Steward Meg Walkden

March

- 4th** Opener Mr. A. Marsh
Steward Jacqui Wigham
- 11th** Opener Mr. J. Wiggs
Steward Boys’ Brigade
- 18th** Opener Mrs. M. Walkden
Steward Derek Stillings
- 25th** Opener Mr. N. Woodhead
Steward Margaret Holmes

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

Kath Johnson





The deadline for the next issue of the Messenger (April/May) will be Friday 9th March.

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.





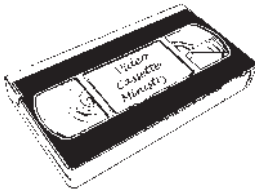
Church Meeting Agendas and Minutes

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 17th March 2004
 Adult age appropriate Service
 Coffee will be served after the service.
 PPs - Contributions 11

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 the morning service there is a support available at least at the church for anyone with visitors under 16.

Loop
 The building is fitted with a loop system, please local hearing devices to TV 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 members and regular worshippers to contribute to the work we do in the name of Jesus.

Stanley Road Baptist Church, Station Road, Morecambe, LANCASHIRE, LA3 3AQ (UK)
 01752-410017 - pauline@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 November (4 Sundays) were £2,841 and December (4 Sundays) were £2,494

Thank you for everybody's giving in 2011. From an offerings budget of £31,000 we achieved £32,990 and income exceeded expenditure by £4,600.

If anybody who is a tax payer and wishes to give via numbered envelopes or standing order and would be happy for us to reclaim the tax (up to 20%) they have paid on the money they have given, please speak to me.

Thankyou

Dawn Warburton



ROUNDING UP THE ANIMALS - 1
NOAH AND THE BUTTERFLIES

Sunday Special Birthdays



February

24th Samuel Stoneham
Lucy Stoneham

March

16th Daniel Fletcher



Early Evening Extra

We will commence our Early Evening service on Sunday March 4th at 5.30pm - 6.15pm

This first service will be taken by our Minister-in-Training, Steven Hewitt, with music by Jean Hayes and will include communion.

Jan Leighton will continue the service each first Sunday of the month until October.

I hope you will choose to join us as often as you can and that you will gain spiritual joy in our close gathering.

Rosie Gee



Easter Fair

I am now collecting things to sell for the Easter fair to raise money for the church. All goods gratefully received as any left over will go to the fund raiser for Macmillan

later in the year.

Gena



Thankyou

Happy New Year to everyone from Mavis and Brian Liddy.

Our grateful thanks for all your Christmas cards and to Rosie for the visits and news.

We are settled now in Flat 14, Tarnbrook Court, Euston Road, Morecambe LA4 5LA, same phone number 414689.

My eyes are better, just my legs to improve and then we hope to see you soon.

In Christian love,

Mavis and Brian Liddy

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Thankyou

Dear friends,

first, my best wishes to you all for a Happy and Blessed New Year and may Stanley Road Baptist Church continue to grow.

My thanks also for the visits, cards and phone calls over the Christmas period. It is most kind of you to remember me at such a busy time.

Once again, my grateful thanks to Pauline for her visits, beautiful flowers and letters. I do wish her well on the 14th January and will pray for her.

Again, many thanks.

Edna Henson



A little girl asked her mother - "How did the human race come about?"

"God made Adam and Eve," said mother, "and they had children and so all humankind was made."

Two days later the little girl asked her father the same question.

"Many years ago there were monkeys," said dad, "and we developed from them."

The confused girl went back to her mother. "Mum," she said, "how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God and dad says we developed from monkeys?"

Her mother replied, "It's very simple dear. I told you about the origin of my side of the family and your dad told you about his side!"





Thankyou

Peggy and I want to thank you all for your loving concern, your letters, cards, visits but most of all for your sustained prayers throughout Peggy's prolonged stay in hospital.

You may not realise just how much I relied on the prayful support of the Fellowship when it seemed impossible that Peggy would recover, but how good God has been. It was as if I was experiencing His love through His people at Stanley Road.

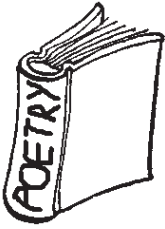
So many folk came to hospital with me during those dark days, I thank each and every one of you.

To Steven, I would say “thank you for always being ‘there’ for both Peggy and for me.” To Sandra who shared the very worse times with me, my heartfelt thanks.

Peggy is now living at Flat 14. Eric Morecame House and we are both looking forward to the time when she will be able to come to church again.

Betty Godfrey

**REMAIN
IN ME**

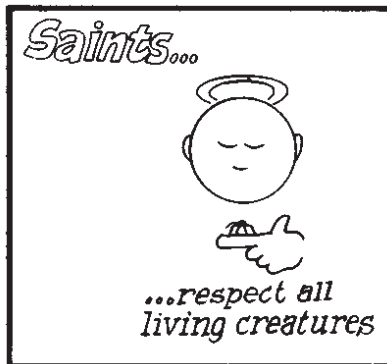


The following poem is taken from the book of poems, "Reflections", with kind permission of Doreen Turner, the authoress.

Across the Bay

Across the bay the sun went down, a wondrous sight to behold,
The image in the water reflecting differing shades of gold.
As it disappeared into the water, the sight now almost gone
I then began to realise our life is like the sun.
Sometimes we are happy, shining rays reflecting our God's glory.
But other times we just feel sad, a very different story.
But when we sink just like that sun and know not where to turn,
We can turn our eyes to Jesus, that's a lesson we must learn.
Jesus is with us, whether happy or sad.
He is there to support us in good times or bad.
Just as we gaze at the sun on the bay,
Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the Truth and the Way.

"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.





Sunday Night Project

We had a fantastic night on the 22nd dec at the Cumberland View Hotel. It was a carol service piped through from Radio Lancashire (thanks David). There were about 70 people there and we really sang our hearts out. A big thank you to Gena for organising it. Thanks to Steven and everyone who brought food, we had a lovely buffet. Afterwards there was a quiz. A truly great start to Christmas.

We are now thinking of new ways to get people involved in the Sunday Night Project. If anyone has any ideas please have a chat with any of us.

Thanks for all your support.

God bless

Kath, Marcia and David

Future Events

February

- 5th Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 12th DVD (to be announced)**
Stanley Road
Baptist Church
- 19th Darts Night** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 26th tba**

March

- 4th Pub Quiz** at the Cumberland View Hotel
- 11th Social Action**
(details to follow)
- 18th tba**
- 25th tba**





Steven's Support Group

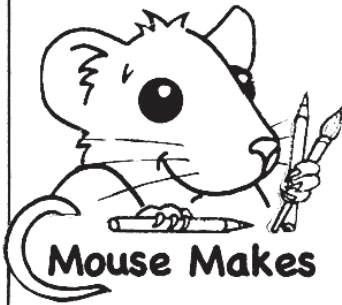
As you will know, Steven Hewitt is currently our Minister-in-Training, having been with us for the past seven months. In order to facilitate a supportive environment for him while he trains for Ministry in the Baptist Church, the group was established and had its first gathering back in October 2011.

The members of the group are: Sheila Henderson, Colin Taylor, Stephen Jarmin, David Bedding [Lancaster BC] and myself, and our main focus is to be a 'sounding board' for church members to go to with feedback on how you feel things are going for him. We also meet with Steven on a regular basis to enable this feedback, together with our own supportive reflections, to be discussed in a confidential and supportive environment.

So how do you think things have been for Steven? Is there anything that you'd like to contribute to these meetings? If so, please don't hesitate to let us know, so that we can all play a part in Steven's support group!

Pauline Elder, Convener
Tel: 833452





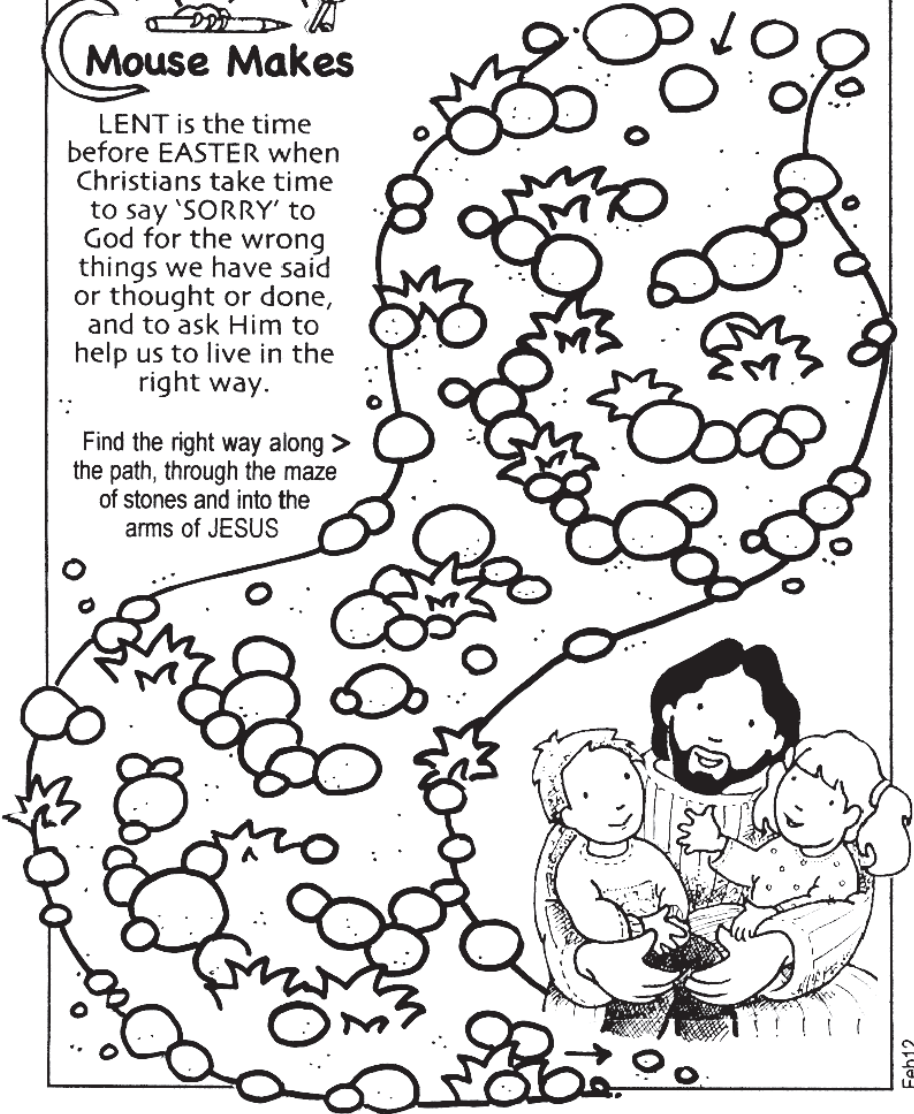
Mouse Makes

LENT is the time before EASTER when Christians take time to say 'SORRY' to God for the wrong things we have said or thought or done, and to ask Him to help us to live in the right way.

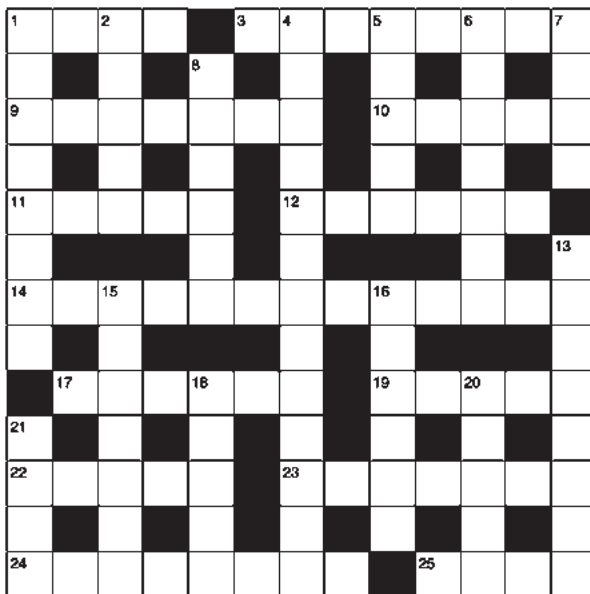
Find the right way along > the path, through the maze of stones and into the arms of JESUS

"Teach me how to live,
O LORD.
Lead me along
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11



Feb12



Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, ‘Were not all ten — ?’ (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 ‘So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him’ (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 ‘[He] said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He — — , and his hand was completely restored’ (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 ‘Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?’ (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 ‘Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins’ (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 ‘He — — here; he has risen’ (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers’ quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 ‘Pillars of marble’ were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 ‘[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan’ (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 ‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God’ (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: ‘When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have’ (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

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Sudoku

Easy

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Intermediate

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Solutions on page 32

Wordsearch

February brings us the beginning of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Valentine's Day, and Lent. All three are about celebrating commitment and love and giving. What relationships in your life need your commitment, love, and generosity? Lent is a good time to reflect on the love in our lives: God's love for us, our love for him, and our love for each other. Our wordsearch this month reflects these themes.

king country coronation diamond jubilee queen princess death mourning
love romance flowers hearts commitment wilderness prayer fasting
Jesus temptation stones bread kingdom devil angels foot kindness



Solution on page 32



Cafe Impact

A date for the diary!

Cafe Impact is coming to The Trimpell club, Morecambe at 6.30pm on Friday 30th March.

The cafe is a performance evening, featuring the fantastic, Dalton girl group, Magician David Lancaster and musician Phil Wood as well as other special guests. There will also be a meal included in the ticket fee, and on the night there will be a raffle with some incredible prizes.

All this at the price of just £10 for adults, £8 concessions & U16s and U6's get in for free! And even better than that, all of the profit will go towards the work that West End Impact do in the West End, especially developing the new buildings into buildings to benefit the community.

More details on when and where to buy tickets and the final line-up to come later. Please put it in the diary and support this great cause.

Jono Peatman

on behalf of West End Impact





Run for the World (R4TW)

If you feel like you want to start the new year with a challenge and get yourself fit at the same time why not join the Stanley

Road Team who will be again taking part in Run for the World? It takes place on Saturday 12th May 2012 on Morecambe Promenade. R4TW is endorsed by Sports link which is a part of Operation Mobilisation and it has the following values.

1. Our health is a gift from God. We should do our best to keep healthy and fit and R4TW wants to help people do that!
2. Through our activity we can bless others. From the richest to the poorest we need to be thankful for what we have, and seek to help others.
3. Participation in a sports activity breaks down social barriers and brings communities together. R4TW seeks to do this locally and internationally through this global event.

R4TW aims to raise money for various charities. People help to raise money by paying an entry fee and also if they like by getting sponsors.

Despite the name of the event you can run, walk, skip or even complete the 5k (3.1) mile flat course on stilts. Age is no barrier either and in the past few years babies in prams have finished alongside pensioners dressed in dinner jackets!!!

If anyone feels like they would like to try to get fit so that they can run the course then the Stanley Road Runners will be doing some practice 2k and 5k runs to help people prepare. These will be on a Sunday night after Sunday Night Project. We guarantee that nobody will be left on their own and someone will always keep pace with you (unless you are too quick.)

When details are available of how to register this will be published in the bulletin sheet. If you require any information please have a word with Steven Hewitt or Stephen Jarmin.

Thank you

Stephen Jarmin

R4TW – Run for the world is an annual run taking place all over the world on 5 continents.

This year, on the **12th May 2012**, there will be a 5km or 10km run or walk along Morecambe Prom to raise money and awareness of charity projects locally and around the world.

In 2012 money raised will be used to support the charities:

Ambassadors in Sport International & Christians Against Poverty Lancaster

Last year we gave away over £5000. You can see below that we did really well through the money boxes but this year we would love to get more funds through increased sponsorships. That's why we're having the launch day - to explain how easy it is to get friends to sponsor you and give more money to good causes.

www.r4tw.org

martin.bateman@r4tw.org



- Money boxes
- bookstalls
- 22 Q&As (no fee)
- 228 registration fees
- 96 sponsored
- misc gifts

£8 – very early bird (register before March 12)

£10 – early bird (register before April 12)

£12 – normal fee inc pay on the day - 12th May

} REGISTRATION FEES

February 12 – R4TW 2012 INTERACTIVE SUNDAY

- Come to St. Thomas's Church on Penny Street, to sign up for our extra early bird rate, hear about the great causes we are supporting & get a free 'goodie bag' thrown in as well.

- Find out how to register a fund raising page online and help us break **£10 000** this year!

"R4TW is a fun way to enjoy fellowship with people from different parts of the world of all ages and of all faiths; it's a great witness and best of all it's a life changing project which will transform the lives of those who are less fortunate. Lancaster Baptist Church loves such challenges and every year has participated with a large number of people. Looking forward to next year's challenge and... more lives being changed!"

Pastor Emilian Cirtina, LBC



Prayer for Mission

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and love to all for the New Year.

Our prayer is for people everywhere to find peace and contentment in their lives. We pray for the homeless and for all the wonderful people who help them. We pray people everywhere who have enough to eat and always have fresh water. We pray for our church and all our lovely members.

We thank you Lord, for always being there for us all .

God bless

Kath and Lillie x



Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

Honda... because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Volkswagen Beetle: 2 Cor. 4:8 "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

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Mission Aviation Fellowship

Rebuilding efforts in Haiti

Two years after a devastating earthquake crippled Haiti and killed thousands, Mission Aviation Fellowship remains actively involved in the rebuilding process, supporting more than 30 relief organisations with critical flights to 15 airstrips.

‘We have been encouraged by the progress made in Haiti over the past year, but we know there is still a long road ahead,’ said John Boyd, CEO of MAF USA. ‘It is a privilege to serve the people of Haiti daily and we look forward to continuing our role in assisting with rebuilding efforts.’

MAF, which currently operates three planes in Haiti and has been serving the country since 1986, provides daily flights for relief workers, medical personnel, churches, and work teams involved in community development efforts. In a country where roads are nearly impassable and bandits threaten travelers, MAF services are invaluable.

MAF has also distributed micro grants to help families and small businesses get back on their feet after the earthquake. MAF funding has allowed families to rebuild their homes and send their children to school. MAF also assisted in repairing a school, provided meals for school children, and constructed 26 small homes for those in need.

Since cholera broke out in late 2010, nearly 500,000 cases have been reported, resulting in more than 265,000 hospitalisations and some 6,800 deaths. The Haitian Ministry of Health recently reported that it expects the cholera epidemic to continue for the next two to three years as it spreads from urban centers to rural areas. MAF has aided in the ongoing battle against cholera by flying medical teams and supplies to clinics and hospitals. While the country has suffered through some dark times, many people seem encouraged about Haiti’s future.

‘The country is optimistic right now about what is going on,’ said Haiti Country Director David Carwell. ‘We’ve also seen many churches and mission organisations that have been strengthened and are moving forward. We pray that MAF can be a catalyst in the process.’



Don't be surprised when bad things happen

‘Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.’ Matthew 4:1

Jesus had just been baptised in the Holy Spirit, and now he was being led by the Spirit into a place of temptation. This is always God’s way. He will confront us as soon as possible with the need to ‘grow up’. To say ‘No’ to the world, the flesh and the devil and to realise that doing the will of God is never easy. There are mountains to be climbed! There’s an enemy to be faced and conquered. Remember, spiritual blessings on the mountain top are to equip us for the valley that lies ahead.

Are you going through some real battles today? When Jesus faced the enemy, he used the Word of God. Three times he said: ‘It is written’. He knew what God had said, therefore he was more than a match for the devil. Do you know the Word? If not, then you need to get into it right away! Please remember that it’s not just one big fight and afterwards smooth sailing! Every morning when you waken, the enemy will be there to face you through a circumstance, a health condition, a financial problem, a critic or even a close family member.

Even if you have failed and fallen in the battle in recent days, get back up, take the sword in your hand and remember his promise: “I give you power over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19) He wants you to be an over-comer today.

From Word for Today

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Storms leave Angolans facing food shortages

Hundreds of Angolan families in dozens of villages are facing serious food shortages for months to come after flooding and hail storms wrecked essential crops.

Peanut and cassava plants were destroyed by the extreme weather last month in the northern province of Uige.

Tearfund partner IERA has been assessing aid requirements in several areas and has found widespread need, with an estimated 65,000 people at risk.

In Lukunga, 49 homes were destroyed and homeless families are living with family, friends or neighbours in ‘deplorable conditions’.

In the Negage region, IERA found more than 200 homes uninhabitable or in need of repair after a violent hail storm.

Villager Samuel dos Santos said, ‘It was like a horror movie when my house fell down but thankfully we were all unharmed.’

In Songo, hail stones wrecked many hectares of crops, while flooding in Mayengo and Kirama resulted in the loss of an estimated 63 tonnes of food for 600 families.

Roofing sheets, clothing, blankets, soap, kitchen utensils and seeds farming tools are among the basic essentials needed to help families. IERA is hoping to start a food-for-work scheme and to provide free food for the elderly and to provide roofing sheets.

An IERA spokesman said, ‘It’s not just the rain that causes great concern to the population. The lack of health services in the villages is a problem. We noticed a great number of children without clothing, the homes in very poor conditions. The situation is one of heartache and misery.’



Following Jesus on a bumpy road in Chad

BMS doctors Andrea and Mark Hotchkin reflect on the ups and downs of their first year in Chad and the opening of the Guinebor II hospital.

Many things have gone to plan over the past year: unpacking and sorting a mountain of supplies from the USA in July and a useful trip to Cameroon in August. Finally, in September it was time to hire a new staff for the hospital as we tested 200 candidates for the nursing and midwifery posts.

The first bump came when the highest mark on a test we thought was basic, was 40 per cent. The following practical test for the top 20 per cent proved to be fun, with a watermelon masquerading as a buttock needing an injection and a 'lady' made out of balloons who was bleeding after childbirth. The last piece was a final interview that gave us the 18 members of staff we needed.

Bumps soon came thick and fast as Mark had to return to England to be investigated for swallowing problems; thankfully it was nothing serious. It did, however, mean that we opened the hospital two weeks late, and the official inauguration had to be postponed. On top of that we were unsure if we would see our first patients as the staff decided the wages were too low and had plans to resign en masse.

Finally, at 8.00am, on opening day, the prayer and diplomacy began and by 10.00am we saw our first patients. Although we were happy to start working, a huge bump came when Mark was taken ill the next day with what proved to be typhoid, and spent the best part of a month in bed.

Although it has been a bumpy road so far, we are grateful for the work and staff we do have. Typically we have around 20 inpatients, 40 new outpatients, 20 follow-ups and about one baby born every day. We operate about eight surgical cases a week. These are not huge numbers but it keeps

us busy and you can never be quite sure what will happen next.

Please pray that we will overcome the bumps and turns, and lead others to Jesus in all we do.

Find out more about BMS work in Chad. Go to www.bmsworldmission.org/chad



You can start again!

‘You will give me added years of life, as rich and full as those of many generations, all packed into one.’ Psalm 61.6

A man out walking in the early Spring saw a bird’s nest lying on the ground. It had been destroyed by a storm. He thought sadly of the time and work it must have taken to build it, but suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by a bird singing. When he looked up into the tree, he saw a wonderful sight: the little bird was busy building another nest!

You can’t go back. You can’t rewrite the past! But you don’t have to wallow in regret or remorse. Your experiences have made you the person you are today and, if you’re still breathing, then you can start your life over again, beginning right now! David blew it – his mistakes were bigger than most people’s, but he decided not to be a prisoner of his past. He prayed: ‘You will give me added years of life as rich and as full of those of many generations, all packed into one.’ Psalm 61.6. Get your eyes off the rear view mirror! All of us have things we wish we had done differently – or hadn’t done at all. What is past is past. Put it under the forgiveness of a merciful God and move on. Your best days are ahead if you can accept this promise and move on it.

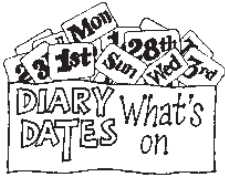
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Misinterpretations of Biblical proportions

- I remember my father-in-law loved to sing “The Old Rubber Cross.”
- When my twin daughters were young, I taught them to say this prayer before going to bed. As I listened outside their door, I could hear them say, “Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses.”
- When I was a child, I learned this prayer as “Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name.” I always thought that was God’s real name.
- When I was younger, I believed the line was “Lead a snot into temptation.” I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble.
- My son, who is in nursery school, said, “Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?”
- I remember thinking this prayer was “Give us this day our jelly bread.”
- I was a little girl when we sang a song in Sunday school about Noah. Part of the chorus was “And the rains came down, and the floods came up.” We lived next door to a couple of charming little girls who always sang this song while playing in their garden. Their words were, “And the rains came down, and the spuds came up.”
- When my older brother was very young, he always walked up to the church altar with my mother when she took communion. On one occasion, he tugged at her arm and asked, “What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?”
Mom whispered something in his ear. Imagine his shock years later when he learned that the priest doesn't say, “Be quiet until you get to your seat.”



February

1st	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
3rd	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
5th	Sunday Services	
	Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Pub Quiz	
	at the Cumberland View Hotel	6.30 pm
6th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
8th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
10th	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
12th	Sunday Services	
	All Age Service	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - DVD (to be announced)	
	at Stanley Road Baptist Church	6.30 pm
13th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
17th	Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
19th	Sunday Services - (Communion)	
	Colin Taylor	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Darts Night	
	at the Cumberland View Hotel	6.30 pm
20th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
22nd	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
24th	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
26th	Sunday Services - (Communion)	
	Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - (to be announced)	6.30 pm
27th	Friendship Group	10.00 am
29th	Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am

March

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	
	Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
	Early Evening Extra	5.30 pm
	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	Magazine Deadline	
	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	
	All Age Service	10.30 am
	Sunday Night Project - Social Action	
	(details to follow)	
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 - (Communion - Mother's Day)

Steven Hewitt	10.30 am
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Sunday Night Project - to be announced	6.30 pm
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19th Friendship Group	10.00 am
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21st Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
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23rd Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
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Boys' Brigade - Anchorboys	5.00 pm
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Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
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Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
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25th Sunday Services

Justine Horsfall	10.30 am
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Sunday Night Project - to be announced	6.30 pm
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26th Friendship Group	10.00 am
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28th Parents & Toddlers	9.30 am
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30th Prayer & Praise Meeting	10.30 am
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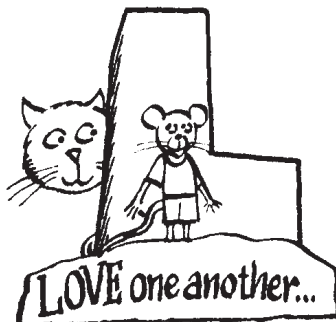
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Boys' Brigade - Junior Section	6.00 pm
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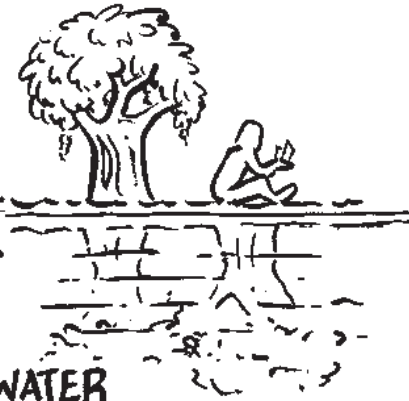
Boys' Brigade - Company Section	7.00 pm
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NOTE: Leaders of the above organisations/meetings are asked to keep the Editor informed of any changes e.g. holidays, times etc. so that this diary can be kept up to date.

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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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