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Pastoral Letter — April 2009

Joy and Surprise!

“Jenson’s fairy tale” is the title in the sports news, as Jenson Button of England won the Australian Grand Prix in Formula One, having won a race only once previously in all his years as a racing driver. “Long after the champagne had been sprayed, Jenson Button could still be found in the Brawn GP garage – whooping and high-fiving his mechanics, engineers and anyone else lucky enough to cross his path”. The surprise was felt by all, and the joy was experienced by all the people connected with him. The “fairy tale” had happened!

When the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the very disciples of Jesus first thought that it was an “idle tale”. Several women had told them that they had met the risen Lord, but they needed more evidence. So Peter and John went to investigate, and they found the tomb of our Lord empty. Later on, Jesus appeared to the group of disciples together. What joy! The Saviour is risen! What surprise, even though our Lord had told them before His death, that He would rise again!

Joy and surprise are overwhelming emotions. Jacob in the Bible had long thought that his much loved son Joseph was dead, killed by wild beasts, whereas he had been sold to traders heading for Egypt by his own brothers. The brothers finally had to tell Jacob: “*Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt!*” And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them” (Genesis 45: 26). Jacob could not believe the good news, but (as we would say) his heart stopped – there was a flicker of hope, yet a suspicion that they were ‘having him on’. They gave him more evidence, such as the generous gifts sent from Joseph, and finally “*the spirit of Jacob their father revived*”. His son had, as far as he was concerned, risen from the dead! What joy! What surprise!

What’s the lesson? Should not the far greater, and literal, resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, inspire us to a renewed joy and surprise? Joy that because Christ is risen, believers in Him will live forever! Surprise, not so much that He is risen from the dead, but that God should love us so much as to

sacrifice His own beloved Son for us!

On that first appearance on Easter Sunday evening, our Lord said to the disciples “Peace to you”, but they were petrified, still not fully believing He had risen. They thought they were seeing a ghost, as we would say. But He graciously gave more evidence. They could, if they wished, handle Him and touch His wounds, for in His resurrection our Lord was willing for their sakes and ours, to bear the marks of His suffering, even in His new and glorious Body. And then we read:-

“But while they still did not believe for joy, and marvelled, He said to them ‘Have you any food here?’ ” (Luke 24: 41), and they enjoyed a fish meal.

Two themes run through all this. The first one is the matter of evidence. Perhaps you are genuinely looking for more evidence of the resurrection of Christ. Just think of the physical evidence. Who moved the stone? Not the Jewish leaders, they wanted to have the Body kept under guard so that no claim of resurrection could be made! Not the Romans either – the Roman guards had to cook up a story when the power of God’s miracle overwhelmed them. The disciples could not possibly break through the guard and move the stone. Similarly, who took the Body? And then there were over 500 witnesses who saw Him after His resurrection. And, very importantly, the nervous and frightened Christians became bold, and their lives were changed radically for the better, when the Spirit of Christ came upon them.

The other theme is the matter of joy and surprise. Perhaps as reserved English people, we don’t expect Christians to be “whooping and high-fiving”! Nevertheless, may God grant us freedom from the inability to feel joy again, for the great love of God in sending His Son, and the utter purity of Christ in overcoming death for us. *“He ever lives to make intercession for us”* (Hebrews 7: 25), and therefore saves completely and for ever.

With loving greetings this Easter

Glyn Williams

A Very Big Thank You

“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever”

Psalm 106: 1



My mum (Betty) and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for so much love and kindness shown as mum has celebrated her 90th birthday during her visit to Leeds for two and a half weeks in March. She had a lovely day on the actual day (16th March), even receiving a delivery of Interflora flowers from my cousin, but the exciting day for

her was Saturday 21st when we had invited the whole church to join us in a birthday coffee morning in the lower extension room. A large number of people came – more than we anticipated – and it made the morning wonderful for mum.

We began the coffee time with singing two hymns – “O how the Grace of God amazes me”, and “All the way my Saviour leads me”. Mum says she will remember the sound of voices singing those hymns around her for the remainder of her years. Glyn gave a short epilogue to bring the morning to a close and spoke about how Job, at the end of many difficulties, was blessed by the Lord more in later life than at the beginning. This has been mum’s experience, especially in spiritual terms, for which she is full of thanks and praise to the Lord.

Mum had requested no birthday presents, but instead asked that anyone who wanted to give a small donation could do so for “Top Kids” – a Christian orphanage in Belarus in which Andy and Avril



Wesley work (Glyn's niece and her husband). Mum was absolutely delighted with the response, and when she added it to the gifts she had received in some birthday cards on the day itself, the total came to £277.20.

Mum says thank you very, very much for all your love, support and generosity, and I would also like to thank so many who made the effort on a Saturday morning (and I know how precious Saturday mornings are in a busy week!) to come and 'be there'. When we got home after the coffee morning and she opened all the cards she had been given the final number of birthday cards was 90!!

With much love in the Saviour

Margaret Williams and Betty Smith

Second Tuesday — 10th March 2009

Behold a White Horse

These brief notes are a basis for the Second Tuesday seminar

1 Introduction (Read Revelation 19: 11-16)

Our last dramatic feature to look at in the book of Revelation is "*Behold a White Horse*". The phrase first appears in chapter 6, where it indicates that the rider represents any conqueror in the world and in any age. This is followed up by a red horse representing 'war', a black horse representing 'famine', and a pale horse representing 'death'. There was a film released in 1964 called "Behold a Pale Horse", starring Gregory Peck and others. It was based on a novel called "Killing a Mouse on Sunday" which sets the scene of death. A Catalan guerrilla exiled in France after the Spanish Civil War returns to Catalonia to visit his mother; not only does the mother die before he gets there, but others die too. Not a promising theme for entertainment.

"Behold a White Horse" then indicates victory and conquest, but this time the word 'white' indicates 'pure' also. Notice that the last time we met, the 'Great White Throne' pictured a throne on which a very pure Person sits – it was the Judgement Seat of Christ. Now we have a White Horse, on which the same Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, sits.

Before we go on, we must explain that the pictures we see here and elsewhere in Revelation are symbolic, representing real spiritual matters. That might be disappointing to some because our imagination is excited by pictures, and enthralled at what might happen at the end of the world in terms of dramatic scenes.

2 Behold!

Behold is a very significant word in the Bible. It means that you must really look at the picture before you. Really look and consider this white horse (and its rider)! Well our Lord said *“Behold, a greater than Jonah is here”* (Matthew 12: 41). He was speaking of Himself, but without pride – it was purely factual. When our Lord came out to the people wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, having been mocked by the Roman soldiers, Pilate announced to the crowd *“Behold the Man!”* (John 19: 5), either to see Christ as a failure or to see Him as a hero! But **look** at Him!

So we are to gaze at Christ on this white horse, a horse of total victory. The scene is set during the battle of Armageddon – a spiritual battle between ungodly governments backed up by the false church, and the true church of Christians saved by faith. That battle has well and truly started already. Christ enters the fray and wins the battle, preparing the way for final judgement and the deliverance of Christians for Heaven. 2 Corinthians 2: 14 tells us *“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ”*.

In the Roman triumphal procession approaching the Caesar, the victorious general rode his white horse up the Via Sacra (Holy Way) to the temple of Jupiter on Capitol Hill, Rome. The Lord Jesus began on a colt on Palm Sunday, humbly; He is now seen as conqueror on His war horse against all evil.

3 His Description

We see that His eyes were like a flame of fire. This represents very piercing eyes, purifying those who belong to Him, and challenging those who do not. Nothing can withstand this fire, as with the bush fires in Australia recently. Those eyes looked at Peter in sorrow and compassion when he denied our Lord.

On His head were many crowns indicating that not only is Christ a King but He is the King of Kings, and God has given Him power to judge each one of us when the end comes. Those who have faith in Christ as Saviour need have no fear.

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood. That might indicate that His clothes are saturated with the blood of His own cross – His own blood. By the shedding of that blood He has gained the victory over sin and Hell for all who believe in Him. However lovely that is to us, it is more likely to mean the blood of His enemies, indicating His total success in the spiritual warfare, and the total judgement upon Satan, evil spirits and evil people. The description of that judgement follows in verses 17 to 21. Note how the battle first rages in v 19:-

“And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army”.

His army follows Him and they are clothed in fine linen, white and clean, following Him on white horses (v 14). Napoleon of France always rode on a white, or nearly white, horse. They were top class Arabian horses. His army rode on brown, black or mottled horses, in contrast. On the other hand, Christ has His followers riding on white horses like His own. What does this indicate? Well, first we ask who His followers are here? The answer is that they are the angels of God in Heaven, together with the souls of Christians who have already died, and live in Heaven, awaiting their resurrection.

The angels can (symbolically) ride white horses because they are holy angels, made by God and perpetually at the command of God. In the spiritual battle of Armageddon, angels will help our Lord in various physical ways. Angels are sent to minister to those who are “heirs of salvation”. They can engineer things to help protect Christ’s people or to help them avoid temptation. Those in Christ who have died do not help in the battle, but they do come to earth following Christ’s Second Coming for their resurrection. They are wearing white because they have been perfected through Christ. While on earth they were considered white and innocent

because they were “in Christ”. Their good deeds done in the Name of Christ followed them to Heaven and they received their reward. Now, coming from Heaven’s glory they are spotless in Christ.

The final item in Christ’s description is “*Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword*” (v 15). Without doubt it represents the word of God, the Scriptures. Christ does not need a physical battle. Our Lord used the Scriptures against Satan when He was tempted, and He will use the Scriptures to condemn His ungodly enemies. One word from His mouth will be enough to pass sentence.

4 His Names

In four out of these six verses, names are given to our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Faithful and True (v 11). Christ is faithful and true to His Heavenly Father, to His church, and He is faithful to the truth itself. Our Lord is described in Revelation 3: 14 as “*the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God*”. The Lord then criticises the church for its lukewarmness, but is faithful enough to correct them for it. He is doing no favours if He ignores it. He always was faithful and true to the words and works which the Father gave Him to say and do when on earth. He is also 100% righteous in His war against evil, and the judgements He will make.

2. An unknown name (v 12). Alfred Wainwright, the fell walker and writer, loved the hill called ‘Haystacks’ most. There is a tarn on the top which he called, for posterity, “Innominate Tarn” – the tarn without a name! The Lord Jesus has a Name which He knows but which we don’t know. It’s possible that we will never know the Name, as it emphasises that we will never know everything about God. But plenty of His names have been revealed to us.

3. The Word of God (v 13). “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*” “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1: 1, 14). Jesus is the full expression of God in His personality of love, truth and grace towards us – indeed He is in Himself every trait of the Godhead. What we read about the Person of Christ represents God as a unity.

We think of the ‘Word’ being the spoken word, and it certainly includes that. But Christ expresses all that God is, including doing the work God gave Him to do on earth – namely dying on the cross for our sins.

4. King of Kings and Lord of Lords (v 16). These are the only Names that are pictured as actually written on part of Christ, namely on His robe and on His thigh. At Christmastime I love the carol which goes:

“On His shoulder He shall bear,
Power and majesty, and wear
On His vesture and His thigh
Names most awful, Names most high”.

Those names are King of Kings and Lord of Lords! He has Sovereign power over all things in Heaven and on earth. Even before King Nebuchadnezzar had a humbling encounter with God, but after Daniel had explained one of the King’s dreams to him, Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed “*Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of Kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret*” (ie of his dream) – Daniel 2: 47.

5 Conclusion

Christ on the ‘White Horse’ goes out to conquer His evil enemies. He helps true believers in the final battle with sin and Satan which has already begun. Our land is becoming more secular, in which people are feeling afraid to express their faith. The nominal, or ritualised, church is not the true church, even though there may be some ‘born-again’ Christians found there. The angels of God unite to defeat Christ’s foes, and then Christ will come in great glory, accompanied by the souls of the Christians who have died.

At the end of Revelation 19, all the foes are condemned except the biggest foe, Satan. Revelation 20 has a place for him all his own. The passage we have looked at is tremendously encouraging – Christ assures us of the victory and a home in heaven, if we have received Him as Lord and Saviour of our lives. He is the Rider of the White Horse. Behold Him!

Glyn Williams



Leeds City Mission Praise Evening

In March Leeds City Mission had the privilege of Edwin Orton coming to visit for a week. He spent time going door to door in Middleton with Rob Mitchell the director of LCM, meeting the team and giving us a chance to glean from his wealth of knowledge and experience in mission and evangelism. Edwin is the founder of Birmingham Mission and has visited many other City Missions world wide. He spoke of the early mission in Berlin before the wall went up and after it came down. He told us of the great difficulty that many of the Christians had when the wall went up and how some took the decision to go over to the East side of Berlin because they felt that God was leading them to go and help the Christians there despite the great cost to them personally. Edwin answered a lot of our questions on mission and for every answer came a wealth of knowledge and a good story that fitted the occasion. He told us not to be afraid to branch out into other things and described how other City Missions were involved with homeless people, providing housing, furniture and similar ministries to 'New Hope' helping people with addictions. Others were involved with outreach to specific groups of people, young and old alike. To the forefront of all these things however was the spiritual need of lost sinners. He also pointed out that the Mission could make use of people who wanted to come on a gap year from work, or they could come as a part of a college or University placement.

Edwin told us the story of one particular Mission who were saving up for a mobile unit to reach out to people, but they could only raise £8000 falling short by £4000. Edwin told them just to order it and have faith in God to provide the rest. They took his advice and by the time it came to pay for the unit the Lord had provided the exact amount needed. Praise God! Edwin also told us many similar stories but stressed the need also to make our

needs known to our brothers and sisters so that they too could lay the matter before God.

Edwin was our main speaker on the Friday 13th of March at the Praise Meeting held at Bethel, Armley. It was a great night where people were introduced to the two new full time workers to the Mission, Tom and Claire.

Rob in the introduction spoke of the need to expand the work and for the praise meetings to grow in number and in strength. He spoke of the need for other churches to be involved so that they too see it as their mission to reach the lost in Leeds. Both Tom and Claire got up and introduced



Tom

themselves and told us a little about their background and testimony before Tom played his guitar and the team sang a couple of hymns by themselves which went down very well. Rob then introduced Edwin and told us a little about him before inviting him to bring



Claire

God's Word to us. Before Edwin spoke he drew attention to Rob, pointing out that he was a true man of God and that we needed to thank God for him. He said that, we should support him with prayer and encouragement. He said that the Mission needed a man who truly walked with God and that Rob was such a man. Edwin once again thrilled us with many of his stories and told how the first City Mission began in Glasgow and about Dublin City Mission. He went on to preach from Philippians 1.

He began by drawing attention to all the bad news in the world and how our own Governments are at a loss what to do and then contrasted that with the news that we have as Christians. It's Good News and we need to bring that good news to those around us! He spoke of the victory of the cross and the relevance of the message of the Resurrection to people today. He said how sad it was that many churches have not even bothered to reach out to those in their own neighbourhood. He told the story of one couple whom he visited and for a long time they began to have an interest in spiritual things, God, the Bible and the Lord Jesus. But they did not know where to

go, so they decided that they would talk to whoever knocked on their door next. One day some Jehovah's Witnesses knocked on their door and before long they joined their organisation. Edwin said that, while he was talking to them in their front living room, he could see an Evangelical church not far from their house but no one had ever called! Edwin spoke about all the different groups of people, such as Postmen, Policemen, Factory workers etc that need to be reached. He then spoke of the great need to pray and he told us about an old lady who prayed for a City Mission in Birmingham for thirty years and how God had finally answered her prayers. We are to ask in prayer being confident that God will answer us.

'Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ' Philippians 1: 6

He told us that Jesus has the resources, the people, and the money to carry these things out. He told us that we are to be involved in personal work meeting people where they are and then bringing them to Christ. *'Ask and it will be given to you'*. Edwin told us that we must take part in the joy of the Lord for He is a wonderful Saviour and that we must have that joy in us. For this reason we must be a people of prayer, meeting together regularly and a people of vision and expectations. Jesus will continue the work in us and He will give us a great abundance of His grace. We must be a people who rejoice in serving God and rejoice in His abundant grace and that God would provide for us abundantly.

As Edwin spoke there were many 'Amens' and affirmations of what he was saying to us. After the service there was a great feeling that we had turned a corner in the Mission. The Praise service was better attended, with a larger number, than in other times. All who were there felt that they had received Edwin's message with joy and left with a great sense of what God can and will do through us, if we just allow Him to work in us. We were greatly blessed by Edwin's words of encouragement and we pray that we will carry on in the hope and vision that God has set before us on this occasion. Coming up to Easter we look to the Risen Saviour knowing that we have a great Lord who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross and the shame for us so that we might have that living hope and joy of the

resurrection within us. So let us rejoice for Christ is risen!

Jenny Murphy

MAF News to SHARE

Tanzania safaris – a pilot’s report

Bringing spiritual hope and physical care, Mission Aviation Fellowship uses light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need.

In Tanzania, a lot of MAF’s flying centres on medical and evangelistic ‘safaris’ where national and missionary staff are taken out to remote villages for several days at a time. These regular trips to isolated communities around Haydom, Malambo, Mbeya, Mbesa and Kilimatinde enable people who are cut off for most of the year to receive medical help and to hear the Gospel. It is vital that the villagers maintain the airstrips otherwise the aircraft can’t land.

Pilot Martin Zimmerman writes about a few days of flying, including the first visit to Chidudu for several months.

‘On Wednesday and Thursday, I flew the Magambua Safari. Since it wasn’t safe to land at Handa airstrip, the medical team decided to try to go by car. As we were still waiting at the Magambua clinic, a pick-up truck arrived with a patient lying on the back of it. He had been in a fight and was seriously injured by a knife. He had already lost a lot of blood.

‘The doctor in Magambua decided that he needed to be flown to Makiungu Hospital, since he not only needed a blood transfusion but also surgery. I offered to fly the patient, together with the relatives, to Makiungu. After some discussion, everyone accepted this offer. The patient was driven to the airstrip and loaded into the Cessna 206 aircraft. The flight to Makiungu took only 18 minutes.

‘When we arrived at the hospital, a pick-up truck and a medical doctor were waiting for us. The patient was loaded on to the vehicle and driven to the hospital where they immediately started treating him. Unfortunately, he was

in such bad condition and had lost so much blood that they couldn't save his life, and he died a couple of hours later in the hospital.

'The next day, I flew the team to Birise. The villagers had worked hard on clearing the airstrip, and I could tell they were really eager not to miss out on the medical help this month. 'On Friday, I flew an evangelistic team to Chidudu. The airstrip was in very good condition, and the people were really looking forward to having the team again in Chidudu after several months of absence. The previous months, the condition of the strip wasn't good enough to land.

'On the ground in Chidudu, I was approached by one of the villagers who asked me if I could fly an elderly man to Kilimatinde Hospital for medical help. He had some sort of stomach problem and needed hospital care. I flew the patient together with two relatives to Kilimatinde, where I was going to pick up the medical team for Chidudu.'

Safaris in Tanzania offering basic healthcare, education and spiritual guidance really make a difference in the lives of remote communities.

MAF is involved at the heart of reaching vulnerable people, whether they are in spiritual or physical need.

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MALTA – A Century Achieved!

This century was not scoring 100 runs in a cricket match, it was far more important. For approximately two years plans had been in place for Bob Dickie, Senior Pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Michigan, USA, to visit Trinity Baptist Church, Malta, on a fact finding mission to the island made famous in Acts 28: 1 – *“The island was called Malta”*. In God's sovereignty this visit coincided with my 100th visit to Malta.

Pastor Glyn Williams, Pastor Erroll Hulse and Pastor Paul Mizzi requested I went to the island to act as a guide to the visitors. On Thursday 19th March at 12.35pm the flight from Frankfurt arrived on time. It was a first for me to stand at the 'Arrivals' between local representatives, taxi drivers holding

up the familiar name board we see in arrival halls at most airports. Pastor Bob and Chris Brady, a deacon at Berean, came in on the flight followed the next day by Bob's son Bob Dickie Junior. My request for a large car hire proved negative and I was given a Peugeot 206. I noted that Americans travel with lots of luggage. With the assistance of Pastor Paul Mizzi we soon had our friends at the hotel, but only after I managed to jam up the parking ticket machine and Brother Paul ran off to move his car at the approach of a traffic warden. Welcome to Malta!

Paul had arranged a special prayer meeting by way of welcome to our American friends, so after a 12 hour flight from Michigan via Frankfurt, only 3 hours later the visitors were meeting the Trinity fellowship. Bob and Chris both gave short testimonies and we could sense a quick bond between members and visitors. Berean church holds two services on Sunday morning with 800 attending both services. There we were in Trinity building, a converted garage, all 15 of us.

We had an early start on day 2. We drove north taking in many of the tourist sights. The Silent City proved to be popular, plus a small harbour in the north west, the film set of the film Popeye. Our schedule also took in time to return to the airport to welcome Bob Dickie Junior. This time without incident. In the evening we shared the hospitality we read of in Acts 28. Paul and Michelle Mizzi provided us with a lovely evening meal in their home in Luga. Bob and Paul were able to spend time together cementing relationships. It was evident that by the end of the evening jet lag was setting in so we headed back to the hotel.

By day 3 Bob and the team were already expressing love for the Maltese islands and keen to explore the capital city Valletta. I was able to show them the best vantage points and views of the Grand Harbour, the Chinese dry dock and the 3 cities. They had a good knowledge of the history of the great siege and wanted to see all they could of the fortress city Valletta. After a short time with them I decided it was going to be a long day so I suggested I left them to explore and give me a call to pick them up later. This proved a good idea as the call came at 5pm. We then returned to the hotel.

I arrived at the hotel on Sunday morning to be told that Bob Dickie Junior

was ill. Bob senior and Chris attended the morning service. The service was in Maltese with English translation by Dr Joey Mizzi. Again Bob and Chris gave short speeches to the 24 member congregation. After the service they again expressed how much they were enjoying the visit and especially the Trinity Church. Because of Bob Junior's sickness, after the service Dr Joey visited him in the hotel. Jet lag, tiredness and slight tummy upset had caused the illness. Because Chris Brady was also feeling unwell rest was the order of the day. Thankfully both Bob J and Chris recovered enough to share a meal and fellowship in a local restaurant in the evening with Paul Mizzi.

Bob Dickie invited Paul Mizzi to attend a conference in Michigan later this year and there was a promise of a partnership deal with Berean and a further promise of taking Paul's situation to the Berean board of the church. He hoped that support for Trinity would be offered at some future date.

With the assistance again of Paul we took the visitors to the airport for their flight to Rome and then to the USA. Both Paul and I agreed that the visit had been a success. Good relationships had been established between Trinity Malta and Berean USA. For me it was 'mission accomplished'. Thank you all at Tinshill for your prayers and support. The Pastor and team from Berean send their greetings and thanks for the help Tinshill gave in making the visit a success.

Kenneth Link

The thief is coming

At Carols by Candlelight in 2007 I sat next to an elderly couple who had come in from a leaflet popped through their letter box. During the service they heard a clear gospel message, as always, and I was able to chat to them and give a word of testimony whilst we enjoyed coffee and hot mince pies! They said they had enjoyed the evening and asked to be kept informed about other events so I offered to post the church magazine through their letter box each month.

I duly did this but they never returned and once or twice I knocked on the

door but they were never in. Eventually I stopped taking the Magazine round. It was a surprise then, when I started my new job at the charity OPAL (older people's action in the locality), to be sent on a home visit to the lady's home as she wished to become a member.

I discovered that her husband had suffered a stroke in late summer, been taken into hospital but had died a few days later. Her family wanted her to get involved with the community to try and get over her husband's death. It was obvious that she had been close to her husband and talked about him a great deal. Once again I had opportunity to witness to her.

About 2 weeks ago we received a phone call from her daughter to say she had been rushed into hospital with a chest infection which developed into pneumonia. Today I was checking through our database and was shocked to find that she had died last week.

This made me really sad because God had given this couple the opportunity to hear how much He loved them but they were tied up in their own false understanding of what being a Christian really was. It made me think of the verse in Luke 12: 39 *'But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into'*.

People put off facing the truth about the Lord Jesus and Satan delights in blinding their eyes until it is too late.

The reason I originally volunteered to help at OPAL was because I was challenged by a BBC news report on how many elderly people lived alone with no family or friends to visit them. Being involved in Thursday at Two and seeing the numbers going down also made me look to ways that I could bring others along who would benefit from the meeting and the best way I have always found is by personal contact and friendship. The Lord has given me many opportunities to chat to and invite people to events at the church that have originated naturally in conversation.

It is with this in mind that I make a plea for you to consider. Could you spare an hour to help at OPAL where I now work? There are lots of different things to be involved with. The biggest project coming up is

something that I am involved in organizing. We are launching an intergenerational choir in June. Although OPAL has funding for this it is open to anyone who lives in the Leeds 16 area as the aims are to build up the community and break down barriers between generations. So if you enjoy singing and think it could be a springboard to meet others then contact me for more details.

Anne Sellens

A Big Thank You

A very big Thank you to all friends at Tinshill who have prayed for me, sent cards, telephone calls and visits during my operation and recovery at home.

It is early days yet but I pray I will now have more mobility and other problems may get sorted out.

I hope to be back worshipping with you very soon.

Christine Blayney

PREACHING PLAN

		Morning	Evening
April	5	Glyn Williams	Roger Norris
	12	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams (Easter)
	19	John Harris	John Harris
	26	Glyn Williams	Jonathan Chell
May	3	Martin Sellens	Glyn Williams

Jesus said *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live”*. John 11: 25

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

Do remember our men as they minister outside the church in the coming month as follows:-

Glyn Williams:

Thursday 9th April “Food for Thought” at City Evangelical

Jonathan Chell:

Sunday 5th April am/pm Stowmarket Baptist

Wednesday 8th April pm Bethel Free Church, Armley

Sunday 19th April am Bethel Free Church, Armley

Sunday 3rd May am/pm North Preston

DIARY

April

Wed 8 7.30pm Followers’ Prayer Group at 68 Moseley Wood Walk

Thurs 9 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Paul Crossley

7.45pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Speaker: Jonathan Chell

Fri 10 7pm Good Friday Service Speaker: Martin Sellens

Tue 14 7.30pm Ladies’ Prayer Group at 14 Bedford Drive

Tue 14 – 10.45am Groundbreakers – Good News Holiday Club

Fri 17 - 12.15pm

Fri 17 7.45pm Missionary Prayer Group at 1 Tinshill Mount

Tue 21 7.45pm Men’s Fellowship Speaker: Glyn Williams

Wed 22 7.30pm Followers’ Prayer Group

Thu 23 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Mike Wilde

7.45pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Speaker: Graham Leng

Sat 25 7.30pm Spring Supper Speaker: John Harris

Tue 28 7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group

May

Fri 1 4pm Asda Chaplaincy

Thu 7 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Jonathan Chell

Fri 8 7.45pm Annual General Meeting

Sun 10 am Dedication of Joseph Hickman

pm Baptismal Service – Natalie Walker, Lucy Naylor and Katy Sellens to be baptised.

Tue 12 10.15am Second Tuesday

The deadline for the next edition of the magazine will be Thursday April 23rd – all items to Martin Sellens by then please.

ROTAS

Week ending

Cleaning

April	4	Carol Getzels	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	11	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Rosemary Hilton
	18	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
	25	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Alex Hamilton
May	2	Anne Sellens	Carole Brearley	Ruth Barugh

For Sunday

Flowers

April	5	Kathryn Hibbard	12	Rosemary Hilton
	19	Mavis Mathers	26	Deborah Williams
May	3	Anne Sellens		

Library

Morning

Evening

April	5	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
	12	Yvonne Chell	Mavis Mathers
	19	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard	Jack/Ruth Rozday
	26	Paul Crossley	Rosemary Hilton
May	3	Yvonne Chell	Angela Mathers

All shall be well

All shall be well!
for on our Easter skies
see Christ the Sun
of Righteousness arise.

All shall be well!
the sacrifice is made;
the sinner freed,
the price of pardon paid.

All shall be well!
the cross and passion past;
dark night is done,
bright morning come at last.

All shall be well!
within our Father's plan
death has no more
dominion over man.

Jesus alive!
rejoice and sing again,
'All shall be well
for evermore, Amen!'

Based on Romans 6: 5-14

Timothy Dudley-Smith
(*Hymn 264 in Christian Hymns*)

Diary of Services and Activities

Sunday	Prayer Meeting	8.00am
	Morning Worship*	10.30am
	Key Club (Children aged 4-11)	10.30am
	Evening Worship	6.30pm
<p>Holy Communion follows the first morning and the third evening service each month</p> <p>*A fully supervised crèche for young children is run in the church side room during the sermon.</p>		
Monday	Followers (Young people of secondary school age)	7.30PM
Tuesday	Second Tuesday (monthly)	10.15AM
	Ladies' Prayer Group (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) venue as announced	7.30PM
	Men's Fellowship (3rd Tuesday monthly)	7.45PM
Wednesday	Tots' Club (term-time)	1.30 - 3.00PM
	Followers' Prayer Group (fortnightly) at 68 Moseley Wood Walk	7.30PM
Thursday	Thursday at Two (senior citizens – fortnightly)	2.00PM
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7.45PM
Friday	Good News Club (Children aged 5-11)	6.00PM
	Missionary Prayer Group (monthly) at 1 Tinshill Mount	7.45PM

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