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Pastoral Letter — August/September 2010

Joyful Hope

A Baptismal Service is always a time of special joy and praise to God. Last evening we again enjoyed the special atmosphere and expectation of such a Service, when Rose Chamberlain and Chen Wei Ng obeyed the Lord in this way, witnessed by a nearly full church. It is a platform for refreshed vigour and hope in God.



After the August period, we will be looking to the Lord again in hope for the worship, work, and witness of the church in the new academic year. We need to build on the children's work which has developed in recent years – year groups have come to the church for explanations of Christmas and Easter; they have also come for a special session on moving from Year 6 to Secondary School. After 7 consecutive years, the Bible Exhibition has grown to 18 classes this year (only one of which had to back out owing to a mini Olympics which clashed!), with prospects of the same or more next year. The new meeting of FYN – Friday Youth Night – has taken off, as evidenced by the number at a recent Bar-B-Q together with the 'Youth After Church'. A regular monthly ministry to the older folk at Cookridge Court/Grange has commenced. At the other end of the age scale, Tots Club continues to be popular – a tribute to the staff who are so committed.

We look in hope also to a new phase in the search for a new Pastor to replace me by April 2011, though of course the timing must be with God. We have new bookings of men looking for the right ministry, and this we commend to your prayers.

Though we are six miles out of town, we still have a heart for student work, and would hope to make a contact again with the nearby college only one mile away, in the not too distant future.

We have reason for joyful hope, in these and other areas of evangelism and service **but** we must not lose sight of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

He is our sure and certain Hope for the future, in which all His promises of Presence and Power are valid, for those who are faithful to Him. Wherever we can hope for things in the sense of having a vision for progress in the future, these things in the end are variable! What is not variable is Christ Himself and His promises. Our hope is certain for everlasting life and a home in Heaven. Titus 3: 7 tells us “...*having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life*”. Colossians 1: 5 tells us of the “...*hope which is laid up for you in Heaven*”, which results in essential love between all real Christians.

But hope in the unchanging Christ also relates to the present. The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope now as a present reality. “*The God of hope fill you with all joy*” (Romans 15: 13); and whatever happens in circumstances outside of our control, we are to have the “*patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father*” (1 Thessalonians 1: 3), as the church at Thessalonica had. He will not let us down.

May He alone be our joyful hope.

Glyn Williams

At the heart of Kawangware.

Sukesh Pabari is Grace Baptist Mission missionary who worked with Keith Underhill for many years in Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi. He also worked in the seminary and helped train many of the Kenyan pastors that we support. The June edition of The GBM Herald contained the following update of the work of Sukesh in Nairobi as he seeks to plant a new church in one of the extremely poor areas of west Nairobi.

“In early March 2010 we finally took possession of our own plot of land in Kawangware. For almost two years we had been semi-nomads in this slum in the west of Nairobi as we searched for our own place for worship. We now have a quarter-acre plot in the heart of Kawangware. The area immediately around the plot is densely populated and there is a very busy open air market right on our door step. The most encouraging thing is that the people around us seem to show an interest in the church. Each Sunday that we have met there for worship at least two new people from the houses

near the church have been present. At the Holiday Bible Club we held in April about half the eighty children who attended were from the area around the plot.

There is a bungalow on the plot at the moment that serves as a meeting place but it is not big enough and already most Sundays we are fairly full. We hope to clear the back of the plot and put up a structure that will serve as a meeting place for about 180 people. This will also serve as a hall where teaching of pastors and young people can take place at other times. We also plan to build classrooms to facilitate the four Sunday Schools we hold at the moment. These will be in a block adjacent to the meeting hall. There are also plans to build an office for the literature ministry and two libraries, one for pastors in the area and one for children. As soon as these are done we hope to start collecting books suitable for both libraries.

We also plan to construct some dorms which will serve a variety of uses. The main use will probably be for pastors who come to Nairobi for training. Working alongside our sister churches in Mombasa, Eldoret and Kisumu, we plan to run a pastors training course in Kawangware for pastors from around the country. The four churches are currently working on the details of this course.

Injili Bible church is also committed to a vibrant ministry among children and young people. Three times a year we plan to have a Holiday Bible Club. We also have plans to bring in young people from our sister churches in Mombasa, Ukambani, Kisumu and Eldoret for youth retreats where they can be given teaching from the Scriptures and time for leisure.

God willing, building work should begin quite soon and it should be completed before August. Please join with us in giving thanks to the Lord for this fine piece of land in such a strategic part of Kawangware. Please pray that the Lord would be with us and guide us during the time when building is taking place, and please pray especially that the plot will be used for His service and for His glory and honour.”

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(submitted by Jonathan Chell)*

Coming to life

(A Testimony)

When I was a child I went regularly to Sunday School and as far back as I can remember I always believed in God and that the Lord Jesus had lived on the earth, but I didn't know Him as my Saviour. In the 1960s I went along to a Billy Graham Crusade and was converted having understood how Jesus had died on the cross to pay for my sin and asking Him to forgive me and be my Saviour. However, life was very busy and sadly I didn't go to church very often and I didn't grow much as a Christian.

Two years ago my second husband passed away. I felt very lonely and knew that something was missing from my life. One day I was talking to Ann Mountain in the local charity shop and telling her how I felt and she told me about Thursday at Two here at the church and arranged for me to be picked up for the next meeting. My life changed from that day. I wanted to get closer to the Lord and wanted to come regularly from then on to Thursday at Two. Also the desire grew in me to come to church. Here all the truths I had come to believe when I was converted years previously came wonderfully to life when I listened to the preaching. I loved the fellowship with new friends. I feel a different person now and friends and family have noticed the difference. I know and feel the Lord with me every day and I am sleeping so much better. Although I have always been nervous of water, I wanted to obey the Lord and be baptised.

I am so thankful for Thursday at Two, for the love and fellowship of the people in the church, for those who give me lifts there and back, for my dear friend Helen, and for Glyn's preaching. God bless you all.

Rose Chamberlain

On Sunday the 1st August Rose was baptised here at Tinshill (see photo with Chen on page 1). Rose is a lady in her seventies and has had a fear of water for many years dating back to when she nearly drowned, so her determination and courage to obey the Lord in baptism has been a real encouragement to all of us.

Farewell Fellowship Tea

It is with a combination of pleasure and sadness that we arranged the fellowship tea on 25th July to 'send off' Jonathan, Yvonne, James and Hannah Chell to pastures new. Jonathan took up the Pastorate at Salem Baptist Church, Ramsey, Cambridgeshire on 1st August and we have already received a positive report on the work there in their first week. (Contact details on church notice board.)



It is with pleasure because Jonathan is 'home grown' having spent all his life in Cookridge up to now, worshipping at Tinshill. We need to see new men like Jonathan enter pastoral work. It is also with sadness as we shall miss the family and each personality. They leave a big hole in the various services that they have undertaken in the church.

Yvonne came to Tinshill when she was a medical student here at Leeds University and met and married Jonathan here. We have had the great joy of the arrival of first Hannah then James who have been greatly loved and will be greatly missed in the church. (Rosemary gave a special card to Hannah and James signed by herself and Katy and all the creche helpers.) Jonathan has served very faithfully and very reliably as a Deacon here for the last four years. Together Jonathan and Yvonne headed up the Youth After Church with sacrificial commitment, and they have strongly supported fellowship events both in presence and contributions. Over recent years Jonathan's preaching role increased and he has been of great help to Glyn (in Sunday ministry, Bible Studies, Men's Fellowship and Thursday at Two). Jonathan was also greatly appreciated for his work on the Evangelism Group and his responsibility for our tracts, production of our Contact leaflet, and planning and doing much of the distribution of Contact and Carols by Candlelight leaflets. This is not an exhaustive list of what we are very thankful to God for in their service here.

Jonathan's parents, Gordon and Sue, were able to join us for the tea and see the presentation of gifts to Jonathan and Yvonne. Having sought advice from Yvonne's mum, Margaret Lacey, we chose a heated hostess tray, and also gave them two 'home made' framed pictures. The pictures (taken by Martin) were of Almscliffe Crag (where



Jonathan had spent many happy Followers hours, and also done rock-climbing) and of the view overlooking Linley Wood Reservoir (regularly passed by Jonathan en route to preach at Nidderdale). An alternative photo of Bolton Abbey was also given to ring the changes (where Jonathan and Yvonne have taken the Youth After Church on outings arranged during their faithful and enthusiastic leadership of that meeting).

We shall pray solidly for Jonathan and Yvonne in this most privileged but most responsible of roles in Christ's church and also for Hannah and James that they will come to know the saving power of Christ for themselves.

A good group of us are travelling down for Jonathan's induction service at Salem on August 28th.

Glyn and Margaret Williams

“Fear not!”

The following paragraphs are accounts of recent hospital visits which Ken Link has expressed a desire be shared with all the Tinshill Fellowship. We have already been praying much for Ken, and Gloria, at this time and will continue to do so.

“Following a slight stroke on the 19th of June I spent 6 nights in the hospital. Whilst in St James's Hospital tests were carried out. It is now common practice that following strokes, ultra sound and CT scans are routine. The ultrasound scan showed up a lump in the right side of my neck

under my ear. This resulted in a biopsy of the lump. On the 20th of July the result of the biopsy proved positive and potentially serious. The consultant arranged a day surgery appointment for a further biopsy under a general anaesthetic.

This took place on the 29th of July. This resulted in another positive and potentially serious situation. The result of this further biopsy was diagnosed as Malignant Neoplasm of the tongue. I had an appointment made to see the consultant at St James's Bexley Wing Cancer unit on Monday the 2nd of August to discuss the results and type of treatment required. We continue to value your prayers. Fear Not.

Having now had the important meeting with consultants Mr Sen and Mr Woodhead I can now report the following.

The diagnosis was confirmed as Cancer of base tongue and neck. Stage 4/A This is a treatable cancer.

The treatment will be with radiotherapy supplemented by Cetuximab chemotherapy.

The treatment will commence on 30th of August at the Bexley Wing of St James's Hospital.

Because of the nature of the illness, a number of primary procedures will take place at St James's and will also include a short stay in the Leeds General Infirmary.

Gloria and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who are standing with us through this difficult time. Thank you for your kindness and prayers”.

Kenneth Link

Editor's Note:

The title for this article, “Fear Not”, comes from a recent sermon by Nigel Westhead at Tinshill on July 18th when Nigel spoke about the power of these two words and used an illustration of a man going to receive his test results from a consultant which was so pertinent to Ken (who went to see his consultant for his results on July 20th!).

Sensitive Measures

A carrot, an egg and a cup of coffee... you will never look at a cup of coffee the same way again.

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her into the kitchen. She filled three pans with water and placed each on a high heat. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter she asked “Tell me, what do you see?”

“Carrots, eggs, and coffee”, she replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After peeling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked “What does it mean?” Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity – boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. “Which are you?” she asked her daughter. “When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?”

Think of this; Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain

and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour.

When things are at their worst, the Christian can trust in the Lord with all his/her heart knowing that He does all things well. When the hour is the darkest and trials are at their greatest the Christian waits patiently for God, trusting Him for all things. Whether the trial ends or strength is given to bear it, the fragrance of the presence of God brings light into the darkness and glory to God through the trust of His servant.

Remember this next time you have a cup of coffee.

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those friends who sent me cards, prayed for me and visited me during my recent surgery. When I felt low and in a lot of pain I knew there were many praying for me which soon picked my thoughts and feelings up. I've been told it will be up to 18 months before I'll know whether it has been successful.

In Christian love

Christine Blayney

Passing on the baton

From the end of August I'll be spending 10 months on a discipleship scheme called Relay. It is run by UCCF, which is the group overseeing the 200 or so Christian Unions in the UK's universities and colleges. I'll be working with the Southampton University Christian Union, helping them in their work and aiming to grow closer to Christ.

A Christian Union is a group of Christian students who meet with the primary aim of sharing the gospel with other students. It is very different from a local church in many ways, but plays an important part of the wider church's role, as local churches are usually unable to do any evangelism on university and college properties. Christian Unions, by contrast, are usually reasonably unrestricted in their activities because they are seen as part of student life, rather than an outside organisation coming in.

The Relay scheme takes its inspiration from 2 Timothy 2: 1-2 in which Paul tells Timothy to commit the proclamation of the gospel to faithful men who can pass it on to others, like the baton in a relay race. This is the essence of the Relay scheme – learning to be a closer follower of Jesus Christ, and passing on the lessons that are learned to more people. One of the reasons I chose to spend a year on Relay is a desire to help other Christian students live Godly lives at university using the lessons I learned during my time at university in Reading.

Over the course of the next academic year I will receive discipleship training from UCCF staff and spend time helping the CU in their mission. Training will come in a variety of forms, including one to one accountability with my supervisor, week-long training conferences, days spent with other relay workers and UCCF staff in the South East, and Bible study. My role with the CU is one of assistance, rather than leadership, and I will be helping with their evangelistic events and missions, will do some one to one Bible studies with students to help and encourage them, and help with whatever other needs the CU has.

As with any Christian activity, my time on Relay forms only part of the work God will undoubtedly be doing in Southampton over the coming year. Equally important will be those who partner with me in prayer throughout the year. I will be producing prayer letters, probably on a monthly basis, which I will be more than happy to send to anyone who wants them. Before then, please do join me in praising God for His provision of a house and funding for the year, two large concerns. At the moment my greatest prayer needs are the preparation I need to do for the year (which includes preparing Bible study discussions on the whole of

Colossians, something I feel very inadequate for), finding a church to be part of in Southampton, and making friends outside of the Christian bubble I'll largely be inside.

Thank you for the interest which has already been shown in the year and the financial support the church has committed to help fund the year. I expect to leave Leeds in mid-August.

Tim Hilton

Editor's Note:

We shall pray much for Tim Hilton over the coming year. Our congratulations to Tim who achieved a 2:1 degree in Robotics at Reading. Do remember our students as they return to continue their courses in September and October – Daniel Rozday at York, Timothy Rozday at Durham (Darlington), Chen Wei Ng at Bristol, Matthew Sellens and Bruce Gregg at Carlisle. Katy Sellens begins her course at Lancaster in September after a gap year and Lucy Naylor continues her catering course in Leeds.

PREACHING PLAN

	Morning	Evening
Aug 8	Martin Sellens	Glyn Williams
15	John Harris	John Harris
22	Glyn Williams	Martin Sellens
29	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams
Sep 5	Mark Rowcroft	Mark Rowcroft
12	John Orchard	John Orchard
19	Steve Barlow	Steve Barlow
26	Martin Sellens	Glyn Williams
Oct 3	Glyn Williams	Glyn Williams (Harvest)

We welcome to our pulpit in September John Orchard, Assistant Pastor at Freeschool Court Evangelical Church, Bridgend and Steve Barlow, Pastor at Grace Bible Church, Saltford, Bristol. It will also be good to see John Harris again in August and Mark Rowcroft, Pastor at Geneva Road, Darlington in September when he does a pulpit swap with Glyn.

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

(for information and prayer)

Pastor Glyn Williams

- Sun Aug 15 am Roundhay Evangelical
Mon Aug 16 7pm Leeds City Mission Committee
Sun Aug 22 pm Bethel Free Church, Armley
Sun Sep 5 am/pm Geneva Road, Darlington
Sun Sep 26 am Birstall

Martin Sellens

- Sun Aug 15 4pm Nidderdale Evangelical

DIARY

August

- Fri 6 4-6pm Asda chaplaincy
Sun 8 2.30pm Cookridge Court Service
Mon 9 7.45pm Evangelism Group at 87 Tinshill Road
Tue 10 7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group at 14 Bedford Drive
Thu 12 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Glyn Williams
7pm Followers' Summer Programme (instead of Mon 9th)
Sun 15 pm Rose Chamberlain being received into membership
in the evening service
Wed 18 7.45pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Speaker: Martin Sellens
Thu 19 11-1pm Asda chaplaincy
Tue 24 am/pm Followers' Day Trip
7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group
Thu 26 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Peter Murray
Sat 28 3pm Jonathan Chell induction service
at Ramsey, Cambridgeshire

September

- Thu 2 7pm Followers' Summer Programme (instead of Mon 30th)
Fri 3 4-6pm Asda chaplaincy
Thu 9 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Alistair Park
7.45pm Elders/Deacons Meeting at 87 Tinshill Road
Fri 10 6pm Restart of Good News Club after summer break
7.30pm Restart of FYN after summer break
Sun 12 2.30pm Cookridge Court Service
Tue 14 10.15am Second Tuesday Subject: Fasting (by request)
7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group
Wed 15 1.30pm Restart of Tots Club after summer break
7.45pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Speaker: Ben Henry
Thu 16 11-1pm Asda chaplaincy
Tue 21 7.45pm Men's Fellowship
Thu 23 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Graham Leng
Tue 28 7.30pm Ladies' Prayer Group

October

- Fri 1 4-6pm Asda chaplaincy
Sun 3 am/pm Harvest Services (church open on Saturday 2-4pm for receipt of Harvest gifts)

Please Note

There is no Second Tuesday, Men's Fellowship or Missionary Prayer Group in August, and there is no Missionary Prayer Group in September.

The next edition of the magazine will be a combined October/November edition due out on Sunday October 3rd (D.V.) – deadline for submission of news, articles and items will be Wednesday 22nd September – to Martin Sellens please.

Thought for the Month

God's grace is immeasurable,
His mercy is inexhaustible, His peace is inexpressible

ROTAS

Week ending

		Cleaning		
August	7	Carol Getzels	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	14	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Rosemary Hilton
	21	Beccy Henry	Ben Henry	Jennie Lewis
	28	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
September	4	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Katy Sellens
	11	Anne Sellens	Carole Brearley	Natalie Walker
	18	Carol Getzels	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	25	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Rosemary Hilton
October	2	Ruth Holder	Beccy/Ben Henry	Jennie Lewis

For Sunday

		Flowers		
Aug	8	Carol Getzels	15	Eva Ng
	22	Lai San Hamilton	29	Christine Crossley
Sept	5	Margaret Green	12	Mabel Simpson
	19	Deborah Williams	26	Rosemary Hilton
Oct	3	Christine Blayney		

Library

		Morning	Evening
Aug	8	Phil Leng	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard
	15	Paul Crossley	Mavis Mathers
	22	Rosemary Hilton	Christine Crossley
	29	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard	Angela Mathers
Sept	5	Paul Crossley	Phil Leng
	12	Christine Crossley	Rosemary Hilton
	19	Angela Mathers	Jack/Ruth Rozday
	26	Nigel/Kathryn Hibbard	Mavis Mathers
Oct	3	Paul Crossley	Christine Crossley

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
	Holy Communion follows the first morning and the third evening service each month *A fully supervised crèche for young children is run in the church side room during the sermon.	
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
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7.45PM
Thursday	Thursday at Two (senior citizens – fortnightly)	2.00PM
	Followers' Prayer Group (fortnightly) at 68 Moseley Wood Walk	7.30PM
Friday	Good News Club (Children aged 5-11)	6.00PM
	Friday Youth Night (Ages 11-16)	7.30PM
	Missionary Prayer Group (monthly) at 1 Tinshill Mount	7.45PM

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