

The Outlook

*Magazine of Hope Baptist church
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*Our mission is to be Christ's body in the community,
demonstrating the Kingdom of God and calling others to
become his disciples.*



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Life at Hope

Sundays 10.30 am Morning Worship **Visitors are always welcome!**

On the 3rd Sunday of the month we share bread and wine as Jesus called us to do in remembrance of Him.

Family Services are normally on the last Sunday of each month – please check the diary in the centre pages of this magazine.

Coffee and tea are served at the back of the church after the services.

A **crèche** is provided for children under 3 (except in Family Services).

Realm is a service aimed at 18-30s (but all ages are welcome)

It is held at 5.00 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month

Youth@Hope Activities for children and teenagers take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and weekday evenings. A full programme of activities is available. Contact: Andrew Gardiner 791993

Prayer Prayer groups meet regularly as detailed in the termly programme card.

Prayer chains are used to share requests for prayer with the fellowship. Contact: Debbie Houston 709909 or Margaret Tripp 768957

Mums & Babies (0-8 months) Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30 am Contact: Kelly Hopwood 518254

Parents & Toddlers Tuesday 12.45 – 2.45 pm and Wednesday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.45 – 2.45 pm term time only. Contact: Beryl Brown 778019

Coffee Morning Thursdays 10.15 am – 12.00 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Women's Rendezvous An informal gathering of ladies from the fellowship and their friends who meet monthly. Contact: Jenny Weeks 777416

Open House Meet in the Church Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.15 pm. £1.50, refreshments included. Contact: Pam Smith 219844

Men's Group Social events for all men in the fellowship and their friends. Contact: David Brown 707577

18s-30s Programme of social activities and a fellowship group. Contact Kathryn Rundle 601013

Fellowship Groups Small groups meet for bible study, prayer and friendship at various times & days throughout the week. Contact: Helen Pugh 767124

In for the long haul

Almost every morning I go running. I know, I know...this sounds really impressive, but it's not really..I don't run too far, it only takes about 12 minutes... half of it is steeply downhill, and I don't go when it's wet!

Why do I do it ? A good question really...I could be with the family, poring over the Word, deep in prayer, but I'm out running! The answer is that I really want to be fit and healthy. I don't want to get to 50 and be one of those Ministers who has to suddenly go off and take 200 miles of exercise in a foreign country just to get in shape !!!!

I love the first part of my run which takes me down into Hartley Vale. I just have to stagger out of the house, and the hill gives me the momentum I need to get going, and can hardly stop sometimes. The 2nd half is much harder – I have to summon up the energy to jog up the steep hill back, especially going past the bus stop (with people waiting, and watching) and the Jet garage (with the bored cashier looking out). I can't have them thinking I am struggling with the incline.

We have been thinking recently as a church about being healthy. About being sure that we are “in shape”. This is because we want to be fit for our ministry and mission to the local community. We don't want to be a church which is good in short bursts, but can't hold out for the longterm. Being effective as a fellowship is about building long-term relationships and taking the time over an extended period to be, and sow, good news into the locality.

Sometimes being a church can be a bit of an “uphill struggle”. Your legs can be moving, and you can get quite tired, but not seem to be getting very far. We have a lot of people who have been “running” at Hope for a long time, and are actually quite tired now. We need people who will come alongside and get some **exercise** with them.

It's a long haul, but we encourage you to come and exercise with us. Let's all make sure we exercise our gifts...whether it's teaching, giving, encouraging, hospitality...see Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 and 14 to see some lists of them – yours are in there somewhere!
Exercise is good for us. It's going to keep us going for the long run. Come and join the marathon!!

Andrew Gardiner

Prayer Focus for November 2007

Please pray for:

- The 24/2 prayer weekend 9th-11th November.
- The Prayer Catalyst Team's Away Day 11th November.
- That we will grow in confidence in sharing our faith as a result of 'Blowing Your Cover' on 13th November.
- That as we study 'confession' as a Church, we will be able to put it into practice.
- The leaders of Toddlers and Babies groups for energy, love and vision and the ability to make the most of opportunities that 'Christmas' gives.
- The Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support Council as $\frac{3}{4}$ of paid staff are made redundant.
- Mark and Emily Allen in Afghanistan.



Annual Report – Music Group 2007

The church 5 year plan drawn up in 2001/2002 gave me the specific objective of expanding the music group and finding an additional guitarist and keyboard player.

Well, the music group squad has indeed expanded beyond recognition over the past year. I have recently had to introduce a rota system for playing and singing on Sundays!

We are blessed indeed to now have available 3 keyboard players, 4 guitarists, 3 bass players, 3 drummers, 2 clarinet players, 2 flautists, a violinist, 6 female singers and a number who can play various brass instruments. I'm sure there are also a number of other instrumentalists in the congregation too. There are a lot of churches that would be pleased to have just one or two people with these abilities!

This growth is largely due to the influx of new people from the Salvation Army, many of whom have multi-instrument talents. It is great that these newcomers have integrated so well with the existing group and we welcome their input of abilities and new ideas.

Our main practice on Sunday morning was recently brought forward to 9.15 a.m. to accommodate the integration of the new musicians. I would like to hold additional practices to expand our repertoire but with such a large squad and so many of us involved in other activities, not least other aspects of church life, it is always difficult to find a suitable time.

I must also give thanks for our sound engineers, Phil, Chris and Mark, who have done an excellent job getting the new sound system up and running.

Looking ahead I think we need to consider how we can best use our resources not only on Sunday mornings, but also to reach out to community and possibly also to support other churches, which may not have so many musicians.

We would welcome any ideas and always appreciate feedback on the helpfulness (or otherwise) of music to worship.

My thanks to all involved in the Hope music group, who serve regularly; Mark Smith, Sue Syers, Lynda Henagulph, Andrew Townsend, Dave Hawker, Luke Hedges, Hilary Jopson, Paul & Linda Snell, Dave and Elaine Ponsford, Kevin & Karen Ponsford, Steve Ponsford, Kevin & Marion Harvey, Ivor Lander, Amanda Harris and Bronia Troughton. We are shortly also to welcome Martyn Ingham (back?) into the fold.

Praise God!

Tony Jopson

Annual Report – Prayer 2007

The prayer catalyst team has changed from Jenny and Cheryl to Jenny, Gill and Val. They have only met as a new team twice but are excited about their potential- such a mixture of age, personality and gifting.

We currently have 21 prayer partners/triplets(52 people), this includes 3 ' under18 groups' .

We' re excited to have the prayer room, it is being used by groups and individuals. It was too small to hold the Monday prayer group last time- we love problems like that.

The creative workshop was appreciated, 12 people attended, many of whom would love to do another one.

The prayer chain continues to work well with 40 members on e-mail and 4 on the telephone. We were unable to keep the ' devdional thought and picture' on e-mail without Cheryl. Our questionnaire revealed not many people were using it. The monthly bookmarks are well used by individuals and groups.

The Future: We look forward to a retreat in November where we' ll pray and plan. Prayer 24/2 is from 9-11 November. The last one was very successful and many were amazed how quickly an hour passed and how God really spoke to them. This time we' ve involved the children and young people in creating prayer displays. We need 48 people to sign up so that we can have a weekend of continuous prayer.

Gill Knight

Vacancy for Part-time Administrator

Congratulations to Jackie May, our Administrator on becoming the full-time Administrator for the new Children' s Centre atPlymouth YMCA, an opportunity which has arisen from her part-time post there as a receptionist.

Unfortunately, this now leaves the need for an Administrator to replace Jackie here at Hope.

We would like someone in place by 23rd November which would give Jackie a week to hand over. The hours are 20 per week, preferably to be worked in the morning but they are negotiable. We would like to hear from anyone within our fellowship who feels this is something they are qualified and able to do or if they know of anyone with the required administrative skills looking for such a post. If interested, please speak to Jackie in the office (tel. 708090) or Beryl (tel. 778019) for further information.

People at Hope – WHO CARES??!!



The answer is..we all do. There is however a group of people who take special interest in the care and support of people in the church.....

The Pastoral Committee

Meeting each month, this dedicated team takes 70-80 minutes to go through the name of every person associated with our church and check with each other

that we know how they are doing, and to identify any special needs or concerns at the time.

In response to the shared knowledge people will be despatched to make phone calls, send emails, make visits or reach out in some special way to those that we care about...which is EVERYONE!

Do we do it perfectly? Do we always know everything between us?

I am sure we don' t, but we do our best. With a steadily increasing number of people at Hope (Praise God !) it does get much harder to spot every need so please bear with us if we miss someone or something on occasions. We are human too.

An appeal >>>> It would be good for us to have one extra person on the team in the near future. If you would be interested in giving some time to this really important area of church life, please speak to me or Andy. Thank you for your prayers for us in this work.

Andrew Gardiner

Hope Toddler Group

Thank you to everyone who has been keeping the needs of Toddlers in their prayers following Andy' s interview with Sarah Aldæsley.

The meeting of leaders, helpers and interested persons has produced a temporary plan to see us through to Christmas by reorganising current staff and using help offered. Anne-Marie will oversee Wednesday mornings and our Ministerial Support Worker, Lynda Henagulph, who has been part of the Tuesday Group as a befriender, has agreed to oversee this Group. **However, it has to be stressed this is only until Christmas when the situation will be reviewed.** Anne-Marie and Lynda wish to return to their original roles after this. In the meantime we are actively seeking a regular leader for Wednesday mornings together with three other helpers for the Groups. **If we cannot get the leadership required regrettably a Group will close.** We shall be putting together a role description for a leader which might help anyone interested understand what it entails.

Nicola Evans attended this year' s Baptist Union Assembly and attended a Seminar which highlighted and encouraged Churches in the area of Parent & Toddler Groups. These Groups are seen as the biggest source of outreach a Church could have. We are in the fortunate position of having a huge demand on places for all three groups but recently have had to direct enquirers to other groups because we have had to close our waiting list to others than those from Mums & Babies.

PLEASE, PLEASE give this very important part of our Church Ministry all your thoughts and prayers that God through his Holy Spirit will direct and lead the way forward for our Toddler Group.

Beryl Brown



Women' s Rendezvous

In September a successful Table Top sale was held and the grand total of £118 was raised for the group' s fund. This money will be used to fund speakers and to buy flowers and cards when members are unwell. We were pleased with the response we had for the supply of cakes and home-made produce for the Women' s Rendezvous table and for the help and support of all those who came along on the morning of the sale. Thanks to everyone who supported us.

COFFEE AND CRAFTS - On SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER we shall be having a fundraising event for The Early Bird Project. This is a project being undertaken by the Peninsula Medical school to research diabetes in children. Government funding for the project is uncertain so all money raised will be put to good use by the researchers.

The ladies of WR are busy making items to sell at the Coffee and Crafts morning. Most items being made will make good stocking fillers and Christmas presents. Any contributions of craft items, home made cakes, jams, marmalade, biscuits, sweets or raffle prizes etc will be most welcome on the morning of the sale. Please see Marian Brown if you would like more information.

We do hope that this event will be well supported so please come along and bring a friend. Let everyone know about the Coffee and Crafts morning and help us to make it a big success.

Jenny Weeks

Open House

The date for your diary this month is November 19th, the time, 2.15 pm, the venue, the Church Hall. You are invited to join us to hear Mike Holland talking generally about his work as a Justice of the Peace. Something most of us probably know little or nothing about. There will be time to ask Mike questions and talk to him informally during afternoon tea. A selection of sandwiches and cakes will be served with cups of tea or coffee. The suggested donation for the tea is £1.50 and it will all go to Mike' s chosen charity, St Luke' s Hospice. Our annual outing for Christmas lunch will be on Monday 10th December. Nothing is finalised yet as the menu from the Crooked Spaniard' s Inn has risen by £8 on last year' s price so I am investigating alternative venues. Everyone is welcome to join us for our Christmas tea, which is on Monday 17th December at 2.15 in the church hall. We usually amuse ourselves with a quiz and a Christmas Carol sing-along.

If you require a lift to any of our meetings, or the lunch, you can arrange a pick up time with me, Pam Smith on 219844. Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

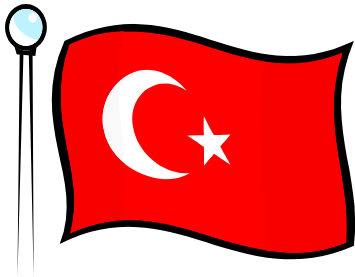
From Ann, Marian and Pam.

The Persecuted Church - Turkey

At the recent “ Growing a Healthy Church” seminar, we looked at the book of Revelations, Chapters 2 and 3. These chapters included the letters to the churches in Asia Minor. The churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philidelphia and Laodicea were all situated in what is present day Turkey. Those churches in the first century AD were thriving and spreading the gospel message throughout the area.

Today Christians in that same area are being persecuted and imprisoned for their faith.

Under the infamous Article 301 of Turkish Law, Christians in Turkey can be charged with “ Insulting Turkishness” and thrown into prison for practising their faith. Not only Christians, but scores of writers and academics are persecuted under Article 301.



Two Christian converts from Islam, Hakan Tastan and Turan Topal are awaiting a court decision after being charged with “ Insulting Turkishness” . They could face long prison sentences. Please pray for them and for their protection from Islamic extremists and fanatics. Pray that their families will be upheld and strengthened in their faith by the Holy Spirit.

Jenny Weeks

What is a Fellowship Group?

A Fellowship Group is a group of around 6 – 12 people including 1 or 2 leaders who meet regularly (but not always weekly). Many churches have Fellowship Groups (also called House Groups or Home Groups).

In Fellowship Groups we discuss a recent sermon and answer questions (or try to!) on the relevant Bible passage in order to further our understanding. We pray for each other and for the Church. There’ s usually a drink and sometimes a biscuit!

If you would like to join a Fellowship Group or just find out more please speak to Helen Pugh 767124

Money matters ... it really does

At the church meeting in October we agonised for a few minutes about how we convey to the wider church (ie those who don't come to church meetings) the financial position we are in, and the seriousness of it. Should we make an appeal from the front? Should Tony our treasurer get up and speak on it? Someone asked me why we don't have a series of sermons on giving.

Maybe we are a bit reluctant to talk too much about money publicly. Perhaps there are good reasons for that. We probably are NOT following the example of Jesus in acting in that way, but we seem to have some sort of embarrassment or reserve don't we?

For now...what we are doing is laying the position before everyone in print (or online!) so you can see where we are:-

Unless something significant happens within our church's giving before the end of December, our offerings target for this year will be around £3-4,000 below what we set for this year.

We are likely to just about balance the books, but only because we have received a one-off grant this year and rental income was a little higher than we expected. Some budgets are currently slightly underspent. So....does it matter for this year ?

We would really like to balance the budget WITHOUT relying on these other factors for the simple reason....2008 is coming !!

It is most likely that our budget will need to increase by a significant amount as costs rise, and we seek to invest increased amounts in youth ministry and much-needed improvement works to our buildings to bring them up-to-scratch

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS? Please could we ask every person who worships regularly with us to prayerfully and carefully consider this matter. **If everyone increased their weekly giving during November and December we will probably not have shortfall.**

If people could increase their Bank Standing orders now, rather than January, we will go into the new year in a better position.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue

November Diary

Sun	04	1030	Morning Worship ' Life beyond Regret'
Sat	10	1000	Women' s Rendezvous Christmas Sale in aid of Early Birds Charity (Diabetes in Children)
Sun	11	1030	Morning Worship ' Life beyond Scandal' 2 Samuel 11 and 12
Tues	13	1930	Blowing your Cover
Fri	16	1900	Barn Dance
Sat	17		DIY and Cleaning Day
Sun	18	1030	Holy Communion ' Life Transformed' Ephesians 4:20 – 5:2
Tues	20	1930	Church Members' Meeting
Sun	25	1030	Family Service
Weds	28	1930	Women' s Rendezvous Early Birds– Talk by a Representative on the investigative work with children with Diabetes

December Diary

Sun	02	1030	Morning Worship ' Barren Places' Luke 1:1 25
Sun	09	1030	Toy Service ' It' s a Boy!'
Weds	12	1900	Womens Rendezvous Christmas Party with Buffet
Sun	16	1030	Holy Communion ' Mary' s Song' Luke 1:26 56
Sun	16	1800	Carol Singing
Sun	23	1030	Morning Worship ' Zech' s Song' Luke 1:57 80
Sun	23	1830	Candlelit Carol Service
Mon	24	2315	Midnight Communion
Tues	25	1000	Christmas Family Celebration
Sun	30	1030	Family Service

Weekly events

Tuesday	10 – 11.30am	Mums and Babies
Thursday	10.15 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in the Hall

Weekly events term time only

Parent and Toddlers

Tuesday	1245 – 1445
Wednesday	1000 – 1200
	1245 - 1445

HY-Powered (school years 3-6)

Thursday	1830 – 2000
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The Hype (school years 7 – 9)

Friday	1900 – 2130
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RE-ACT (school years 10 – 13)

Friday	2015 – 2200
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Every Fourth Sunday

' Realm' 18 30' s at 5pm. Worship teaching, friendship and food

The Outlook

This edition of the Outlook had been edited by Helen Pugh. The deadline for articles for consideration for the January/February 2008 Outlook is:

14th December

Please send articles for consideration for the next issue to
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Please note, all articles forwarded by email will be acknowledged

Chrismons

This year at Hope we are looking at ways of 'living a generous life'. In the next few months I am sure we will be exploring ways of putting the Christ back into Christmas. Creating a Chrismon tree is one way, I believe, we can draw the focus back to Christ during this Christmas season.

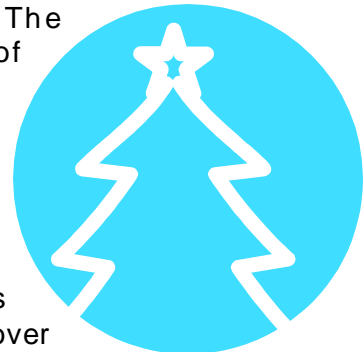
I first came across Chrismons some 30 years ago. Our then minister and his wife were given some, as a gift by their exchange church in America.

The name Chrismon™ comes from a combination of CHRIST and MONogram. They are handmade Christmas tree ornaments using various symbols of Christianity, limited only by the creativity and imagination of the person making them. Chrismons can be made from a variety of materials and depict a range of traditional symbols which Christians have used for centuries to represent various aspects of the Christian faith. They should proclaim the name, the life, and the saving acts of Jesus. They might even interpret a parable or saying of Jesus. The symbols used are interdenominational and the heritage of all Christians.

And so the Christmas tree becomes a Chrismon tree.

The evergreen tree becomes symbolic of the eternal life which our Saviour has won for us. It forms the background for tiny white lights that point to Christ, "Light of the World". The ornaments or Chrismons are combinations of white and gold; white, the liturgical colour for Christmas refers to our Lord's Purity and Perfection; gold refers to his Majesty and Glory.". Pearls represent the work of God.

Chrismons were first made by Mrs. Frances Spencer, who began making Christmas decorations from a variety of materials and left-over Christmas paper and decorations in the late 1940s.



Since she had become proficient in ornament making, her church, Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, asked her to decorate the church's Christmas tree. Rather than making the typical secular styles of ornaments, she decided to use the traditional symbols of Christianity in the main liturgical colours of Christmas, white and gold. In 1957 she coined the term Chrismons for her creations and began the Chrismon ministry that is continued today by Ascension Lutheran Church.

Since their humble beginning in Virginia, the idea has spread to Christians all over the world. However, Chrismons should not be bought or sold; they should only be made to give in love and in celebration of Christ's birth. The vision that I feel I have been given is to create a Chrismon Tree for which everyone (from the oldest to the youngest, no matter what their creative ability) in the church has an opportunity to be involved as we work together towards a more Christ centred Christmas.

Perhaps it can be just one of the ways in which we at Hope Baptist Church attack the problem of the commercialisation of the Advent season. I think it might even become quite a talking point as people see them in the sanctuary and the porch!

Bronia Troughton

If you are not already involved and would like to be, Bronia Troughton or Ann Munson would be pleased to help, also these web sites are useful...

<http://www.chrismon.org/site/chrismon.htm>

<http://christiansym.com>

<http://apmethodist.org/advent-trad.htm#christmon>

<http://grovecityalliance.org/chrismons/>

<http://www.cresourcei.org/symbols/chrismon.html>

<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/ebenezer-umc/chrismon.htm>

<http://waysidechurch.org/ninenine/cmonserm.htm>

<http://www.cummingfirst.com/chrismons.html>

<http://www.zianet.com/fpc/chrim1.htm>

Men' s Group

Hello Friends,

I am arranging a visit to the Roebuck Theatre, at H.M.S. Raleigh, on Thursday November 29th.

The Royal Marine Band will be giving a Concert at 7.30 pm. (Some of us will know the Drummer!)

If you are interested , please, let me know so that I can arrange some tickets.

We will leave Peverell Corner at 6.30 pm so that we give ourselves plenty of time to cross the Tamar on the Torpoint Ferry.

I am also arranging a Christmas Evening Meal at The Church House Inn in Rattery.

The day & date is Wednesday 5th December.

The time is 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The cost is £16.95

We will leave the Church at 6.30pm or you can make your own way there.

Please let me know if you are interested.

Best wishes to you all,

Dave Brown

Beautiful One-liners

- Give God what' s right– not what' s left.
- Man' s way leads to a hopeless end– God' s way leads to an endless hope.
- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
- When praying, don' t give God instructions– just report for duty.
- Don' t wait for six strong mento take you to church.
- The church is prayer-conditioned.
- When God ordains, He sustains.
- WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
- Plan ahead – it wasn' t raining when Noah built the ark.
- Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- Exercise daily – walk with the Lord.
- Never give the devil a ride – he will always want to drive.
- Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- God doesn' t call the qualified, He qualifies the called..

The Parable of the Lost Shoes

Written in early 2006 ...

Getting ready to go out is never a pleasant experience in our household. My stress levels rocket, Abi (aged 2) sees this as a cue to run around and scream wildly, Beth (aged 3 months) is normally sick on her (one and only) coat and Andy is left to try and shepherd us all out on time and with the correct bags. So it came as no surprise when last week we had our first experience as parents of the child with the totally and utterly lost shoes. I remember clearly being the child in this scenario myself, ecstatic at the prospect of a day off school as one shoe was missing – trainers were still decades into the future! We searched high, we searched low, we searched high again and we searched low again, but neither of the pink sequined shoes were to be found. Abi played happily in the hall, oblivious to the gravity of the situation and I stayed remarkably calm (I thought) with comments like – ‘ it doesn’ t matter if we’ re a bit late’ and ‘ they can’ t just have disappeared’ . With nowhere else to look, Andy and I joined Abi in the hall and debated whether to send her to Nutkins in her wellies (which were handily nearby) or whether to retrieve the slightly too small and far too exciting flashing party shoes which were in the loft

As a joke and with no expectation of success I asked Abi where her shoes were, at which she walked into the front room, and picked up the shoes from what seemed like the middle of the floor – but surely can’ t have been after all that searching!. More relieved than put out (honestly!) we set off, only a little late!

This week as I leafed miserably through book after book of advice on how to get your toddler to sleep (a far more serious issue than shoe loss!!), browsed websites on the topic, pestered friends for advice and dreamed of a full-time job out of the house, I remembered the incident of the lost shoes and wondered if God might not have been giving me a very practical example of my stupid insistence on relying on my own resources and not on the Creator of all things.

Just as seeking the help of the owner of the shoes had produced rapid results in locating them, so seeking God’ s help and admitting my own parenting inadequacies has brought its own rapid results: a sense of hope, a huge relief that I am supported in raising my children by someone who has raised more children than anyone else and a reminder that I am a child too.



Helen Pugh

CONTRASTING HORIZONS



@ 246 Peverell Park Rd
Peverell Corner

“ Goodwill to all Men ”

Fairtrade this CHRISTMAS

drop in and browse !

Open every Mon & Tues

10am –12.30

Also special open evenings

Fri 16th & Thus 22nd

November

6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Friday
16th
November
2007
At 7pm

Hope Baptist
Church.

Blu our favourite
caller has again
agreed to put us
through our paces.

Yummy

Pasty

What
A
Bargain

All proceeds go to St Luke's. For
more details speak to Debbie
Houston or Janet
Bowman~Powell

Be there
or be
square



Plymouth Breathe Easy is a local support group for people with lung conditions and their carers, affiliated to the British Lung Foundation. Our aims are two-fold; awareness-raising and fund-raising. I am currently the secretary for this group and to coincide with World COPD* Day in November we are holding a Table Top Sale between 1 and 4 pm on Saturday 10 November at Tothill Community Centre in St Judes. Tables are priced at £4 and refreshments will be available. We would be grateful for any support...come along and sell, or come along and buy...thank you in anticipation.

Nicky Hatherell

**COPD is an umbrella term for many chronic lung conditions including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and stands for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, there are apparently some 2 million people currently undiagnosed suffering with COPD in this country..most put it down to 'their asthma' or 'smokers cough' and do nothing until the disease becomes severe and much harder to treat.*

BMS Birthdays

The BMS Birthdays scheme is open to all, and is a way of giving the BMS a gift on your birthday! If you would like more information, please contact Beryl Chun

November

06 David Brown
21 Sandra Brown
21 Mike Holland

December

06 Margaret Tripp

The Bible in 50 Words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread

God remained

Sunday School Bloopers

Some bloopers of biblical proportions written by Sunday School students.

- * In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- * Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.
- * Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- * Noah built the ark, which the animals came on in pears.
- * Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- * Sampson slated the Philistines with the axe of apostles.
- * Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.
- * The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.
- * Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.
- * The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- * The Fifth Commandment is humour thy mother and father.
- * The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not ADMIT adultery.
- * Moses died before he ever reached the UK. Then, Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.
- * The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- * David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in the biblical times.
- * Solomon, one of David's sons, has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- * When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- * When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus and the manager.
- * St. John, the Blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
- * Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
- * He also explained, "Man doth not live by sweat alone."
- * The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- * The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- * One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was by profession a taximan.
- * St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- * A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

Just a note to say

Dear Friends of Hope Baptist Church,

This is just to let you know that owing to my falls I have had, damaging my back, and also at my age of 92 in February I do not feel able now to go out shopping etc, so this means I shall no longer be giving Christmas presents etc this year and onwards, and please do not give to me either, we can keep good friends just the same. I have told this to my relatives and other friends and they quite understand, and are quite happy about it.

I'm sorry about this as I used to love buying and wrapping up the gifts in nice coloured paper, but alas the years go on and alter what we used to like doing, but we know if we love our dear Lord Jesus and trust Him He has other plans for our lives to give us pleasure according to our disabilities and we thank Him for it.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas when it comes on 25th December.

God Bless you all,
Dorothy Camfield

Church Flower Arrangements for November 2007

- 04 Mrs Doreen Stirling. In loving memory of her husband, Mr Jock Stirling.
11 Remembrance Sunday, Wilfred and Thelma Smale.
18 Mrs Anne Adeney. In loving memory of her mother, Mrs Catherine Hutchinson.
25th Flower Fund.

Church Flower Arrangements for December 2007

- 02 Mr Mike Holland and Mrs Winifred Shelton. In loving memory of Mr Charles Shelton.
09 Mrs Ann Javan. In loving memory of her parents.
16 Flower Fund.
23 Flower Fund.
30 Flower Fund.

Who' s Who at Hope

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Prayer Chain	Margaret Tripp	768957
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Men' s Group	David Brown	707577
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	Helen Pugh	767124
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