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Word from the Minister

Dear Friends

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5 vv 14 – 16)

I begin this letter by acknowledging the passing of Don Blackmore who has been a loyal servant of the Church and whose life touched all who knew him. We very much continue to hold Don in our memory with thanksgiving and Dorothy and all the family in our thoughts and prayers at this time. It seems to me that one thing among so many one could say about Don is that he let the light of his faith shine forth in every sphere of his life and in so doing we have all been blessed and pointed towards the good things of the kingdom as spoken of in the above words of Jesus. We take comfort in knowing that Don is at peace and in that place where the light of God never dims and the joy and peace of God is ever known. Within this magazine you will also find words of thanks penned by Don and Dorothy shortly before Don made that journey by which he has inherited the good reward from the Master whom he ever served and for which we give thanks. In the words of St. Paul 'they who die in Christ will rise with Christ'.

We also think of the above words of Jesus in the context of this Olympic Year. On Tuesday 22 May the Olympic Torch will pass through Hanham and it will no doubt be an occasion that will live in the memory of all who will be present. And then on Friday 27 July when the flame is lit in the Olympic arena in London the eyes of the world will be upon us. Jesus challenges us not to hide our faith like a light under a bushel but to allow it to blaze forth in Christian love and witness for all to see. This as I shared in our annual covenant service can sometimes come at a cost. There may be some who mock us for our faith and we may find ourselves swimming against the tide of opinion in relation to the wider values of society and even sometimes in the circle of our friends. However such a public living out of the Christian life will also come at great blessing to us, as among those who witness the love we find in God and the peace we find in Christ and of which we speak there will be those who as a result seek the same for themselves. And might I add – can there be any greater gift we can give another? One Christian writer has said sharing the Christian Faith is akin to one person

who has been hungry telling another where he can find bread. Jesus also spoke of the kingdom of God as akin to the finest treasure any man or woman could possess, a treasure which by grace is in our possession to share. So let us embrace and live out the Christian life publicly and openly in this New and Olympic Year. Let us tell others of the faith and the Saviour we have found and let us with Don and all who have gone before us so let our light shine forth that others may see our good deeds and with us come to glorify God in Heaven. And let consider that Jesus is depending upon us! He says to us 'You are the light of the world'. What a responsibility but oh what a privilege!

Peace in Christ.

Andrew

P.S. We are glad and delighted to welcome Katie Dicks as our new Magazine Editor. We sincerely thank Katie for taking on this responsibility, wish her well and give her our every support. We also again thank Caroline most sincerely for all she has contributed as our Magazine Editor and for assisting Katie in taking up this role. You will no doubt by now have heard that Caroline with Phillip will be moving to Southend-on-Sea in the Summer as Phillip takes up his first appointment as a Probationary Minister. We continue to hold Caroline, Phillip, Theresa, Jessica and all the family in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this move.

Sunday's Services

February

5 th	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
	6.00pm	Mr Mike Phillpotts	
12 th	10.45am	Rev Den Harding	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
19 th	10.45am	Mr Howard Wilson	
	6.00pm	Mr Ian Withers	
26 th	10.45am	Rev Stephen Newell	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	

Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 5 Feb at 4.00pm: Messy Church
- Tuesday 7 Feb at 7.30pm: Bible Study (Mark Chapters 9 – 16)
- Saturday 11 Feb at 9.30am: Prayer Meeting
- Saturday 11 Feb at 10.00am: Messy Church Team Meeting
- Sunday 12 Feb at 10.45am: Parade Service (Guides – Thinking Day)
- Tuesday 14 Feb at 7.30pm: Church Council
- Friday 17 – Sunday 19 Feb: Weston Weekend
- Saturday 25 Feb at 9.30am: Prayer Meeting

One Sound Concert; Saturday 14 April 2012

In 2012 over the weekend of the 14 - 15 April we are privileged to be hosting One Sound a national youth orchestra and choir consisting of approximately 60 young people whose history is rooted in the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC). We need volunteers to assist us with the following:

Stewarding at the Saturday Concert

Serving Refreshments at the Concert

Assisting with Transport (To and from the concert and collecting and returning young people to Temple Meads on Thursday 12 April and Sunday 15 April)

And Catering

If you are able and willing to help please give your name to Rev Andrew Prout or Caroline Warrey. Please also put the concert date (Saturday 14 April 2012) in your diary. Tickets will be made available soon for the concert which will take place at Woodlands Church in the centre of Bristol with seating for over 400 people. Please give your name to Caroline to reserve tickets (£10 Adults with concessions for people under 18 and those in full time education).

Rev Andrew Prout

Christmas Shoe Boxes

As you will see from the photo our shoeboxes arrived safely in the Ukraine and were appreciated by the children. Every child will also have received a children's Bible provided by Aid Ukraine. We managed an all time high of 161 boxes and I thank everyone who contributed in so many different ways. I have really appreciated your support.

Unfortunately Aid Ukraine have to stop the Shoe Box side of their work due to ill health although they still continue to fund raise for their work in the Ukraine. As this is the second charity that has stopped due to ill health and because I found it all too much this year I have decided not to carry on with the Shoe Boxes.



I also found it difficult to find a local charity that did not have the restrictions of the larger charities. However, Unity Oldland have now located one at Rangeworthy and if anyone wishes to take up where I left off please speak to me. If not, I am sure Oldland will appreciate any contributions next year.

My sincere thanks to you all.

Joan Brabon-Hibbs

It Is That Time Of Year To Say Thank You

We are well into the new year of 2012, so one could expect that those letters have been composed, written, addressed, posted and received. Do I hear a question? I am sure you realise I am referring to those letters saying 'thank you' for gifts sent to you when you were unable to thank the giver. I know that the beginning of January saw the postman delivering words of gratitude from most readers of this magazine!!!

At the Methodist International House of Bristol [M.I.H. now closed] we had several examples of thanks from different cultures, some causing amusement. The first I relate happened to my deputy, Barbara Asprey.

One morning, a student from Saudi Arabia, who was learning English, came to the Deputy Warden in the office and asked her to make a phone

call for him as he didn't think his command of English was good enough. The simple call was made and a note left on the hall table to say all was well and there were no problems.

During the afternoon, when the Deputy Warden left the office and went into the hallway, the student came out of the T.V. room and said to her "You are my sun and my moon - if you were mine, I would carry you from room to room - your feet would never touch the ground etc, etc." From the sitting room came a young man from Algeria who had heard what was going on and said, "For goodness sake - what are you saying to this poor woman - why can't you just say thank you!" (His command of English was very good!)

My second is an event most would not wish to imitate as it was very long-winded. An extremely articulate gentleman student from Nigeria came to the lounge of our flat on the first floor of M.I.H. to speak on behalf of a Nigerian lady who had experienced a very difficult situation. As part of our caring, much time was spent with her to extricate her from her dilemma and she was very grateful. However, Mr A decided to come to show his appreciation on behalf of all Nigerian students at Bristol University! She came with Mr A bringing gifts of Nigerian sweetmeats and fruit juices. Dressed in full national costume, looking really very elegant, they came in and offered the refreshments. Mr A then stood. He commenced his speech of gratitude, being "aware of and thankful for such kindness shown to a fellow countryman in her distress" and so on and so forth for well over half an hour, with all the arm actions of an actor in full flow. A very memorable 'Thank you'

Written and spoken tokens of gratitude were received during our years at M.I.H. both from the residents themselves and from their families, for medical care, for creating a family atmosphere, for transporting them to airports or docks and other situations. Two much treasured 'thank you' items I mention were a signet type ring, from the oldest sister of two teenage refugee lads, for being their 'pseudo mother' and an ash tray made in the shape of a swan but made from two coco cola drink cans. The cans were cut with ordinary scissors, and plaited into shape by a Chinese lady as the events of Tiananmen Square unfolded. With the other Chinese student residents she was very appreciative of a Safe House.

I now take this opportunity of offering a thank you to the whole host of people in our church family. Donald and I have been enveloped in love and care from you. So many phone calls, letters, flowers, cakes, visits,

offers of help, shopping etc have helped us through the last difficult months when we have not had the physical presence of your caring Christian love. Above all, we would like to say thank you for your prayers. We really have felt the encompassing circle of intense prayer being offered by so many people enabling us to experience the Peace that comes from those prayers being answered. We have never felt abandoned or forgotten - you have not allowed us to be!

My final words come from a letter we received today. It caused a 'Praise the Lord' as the letter came by post from Japan. Yes it is from Yuko, our special Japanese resident, now a lawyer. She writes "Thank you very much for your prayers. We deeply feel warmth and sincerity from abroad. The earthquake and tsunami on 11 March 2011 was too much for us. We learned from the disaster that a monotonous daily life is precious. I WISH YOU MONOTONOUS HAPPY DAYS IN 2012."

Similar greetings to you from Donald and I. Now – have you got any more letters to write?

Peace to you all in 2012.

Dorothy Blackmore

Since writing this article, as indicated in Andrew's pastoral letter, Don peacefully passed away. We continue to hold Dorothy and all the family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Church Council

Could all members of the Church Council insure that all reports or items for the agenda are with myself and Brenda Thompson by Sunday 5 February in readiness for the meeting on Tuesday 14 February and in order that an agenda and papers can be prepared and circulated.

Bible Study Group

After exploring the first eight chapters of the Gospel of Mark in January you are invited to come along to the next meeting of the Bible Study Group on **Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm** in the Church Sanctuary when we shall explore the remaining eight chapters of the Gospel of Mark (Mark Chapters 9 – 16). In preparation for this meeting please read these chapters in advance. The Group itself is both for those who know the Bible well and for those who want to get to know it more. It is so important we come together to do this and I give you every encouragement to come along, to share in the fellowship, and to hear what God may be saying to us through His gift of the Holy Scriptures. In March and April the Bible Study Group will give way for the Lent Study Group which you are equally encouraged to attend.

The Y's Men's Club of Hanham - The Gaswork Singers Saturday 24 March 2012

Please come and join us for an evening of musical entertainment, the Gasworks Singers sing Pop, Soul, Gospel, Folk, Funk and Classical so there should be something for everyone.

Start Time: 7.30 pm

Admission: £5 including light refreshments.

Names to any Y's Man or pay on the door.

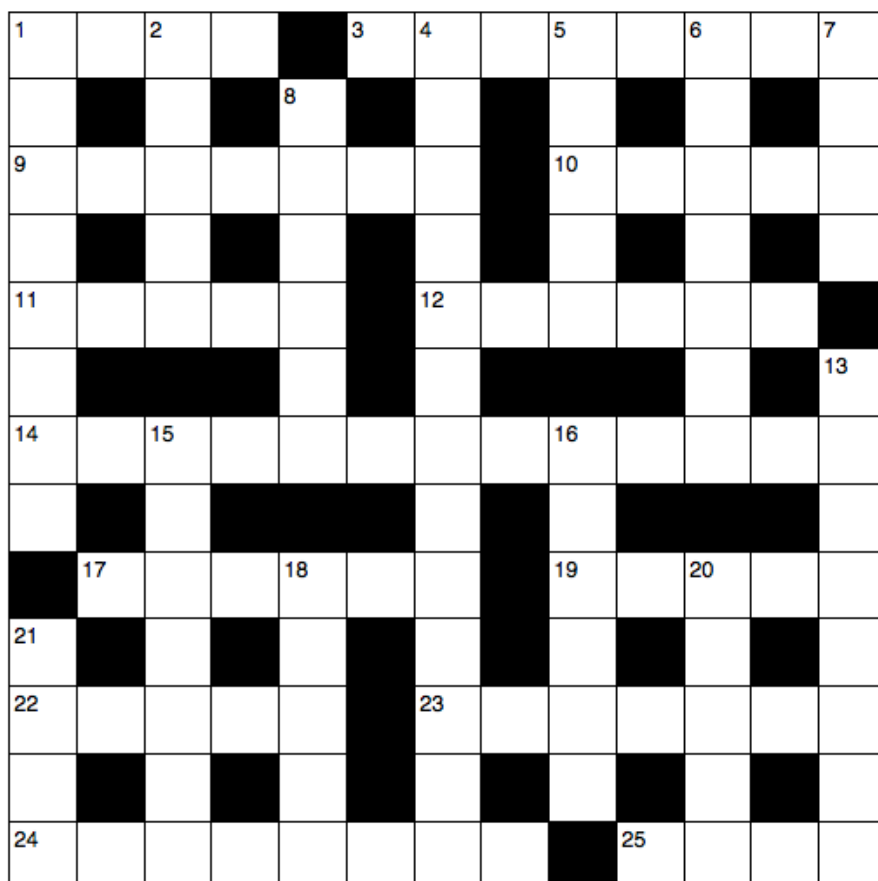
Fortnightly Prayer Group

At our recent Worship Committee it was decided to revert the time of our Prayer Group back to 9.30a.m. The group meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the church. Although prayers on any subject may be offered we tend to concentrate on praying for the life of our church. We remember those in need and look forward to forthcoming services and events in the calendar. We usually spend about half an hour together and then there is an opportunity to join the coffee morning.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Tim Lansdown

Crossword



Across

1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)

3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)

9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)

10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)

11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — —, and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)

12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)

14 Not born again (13)

17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)

19 Mails (anag.) (5)

22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)

23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)

24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)

25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)

2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)

4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)

5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)

6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)

7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)

8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)

13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)

15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)

16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)

18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)

20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)

21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

Sudoku

Easy

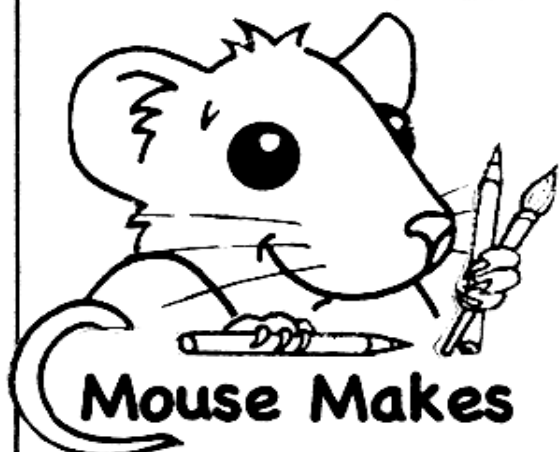
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Intermediate

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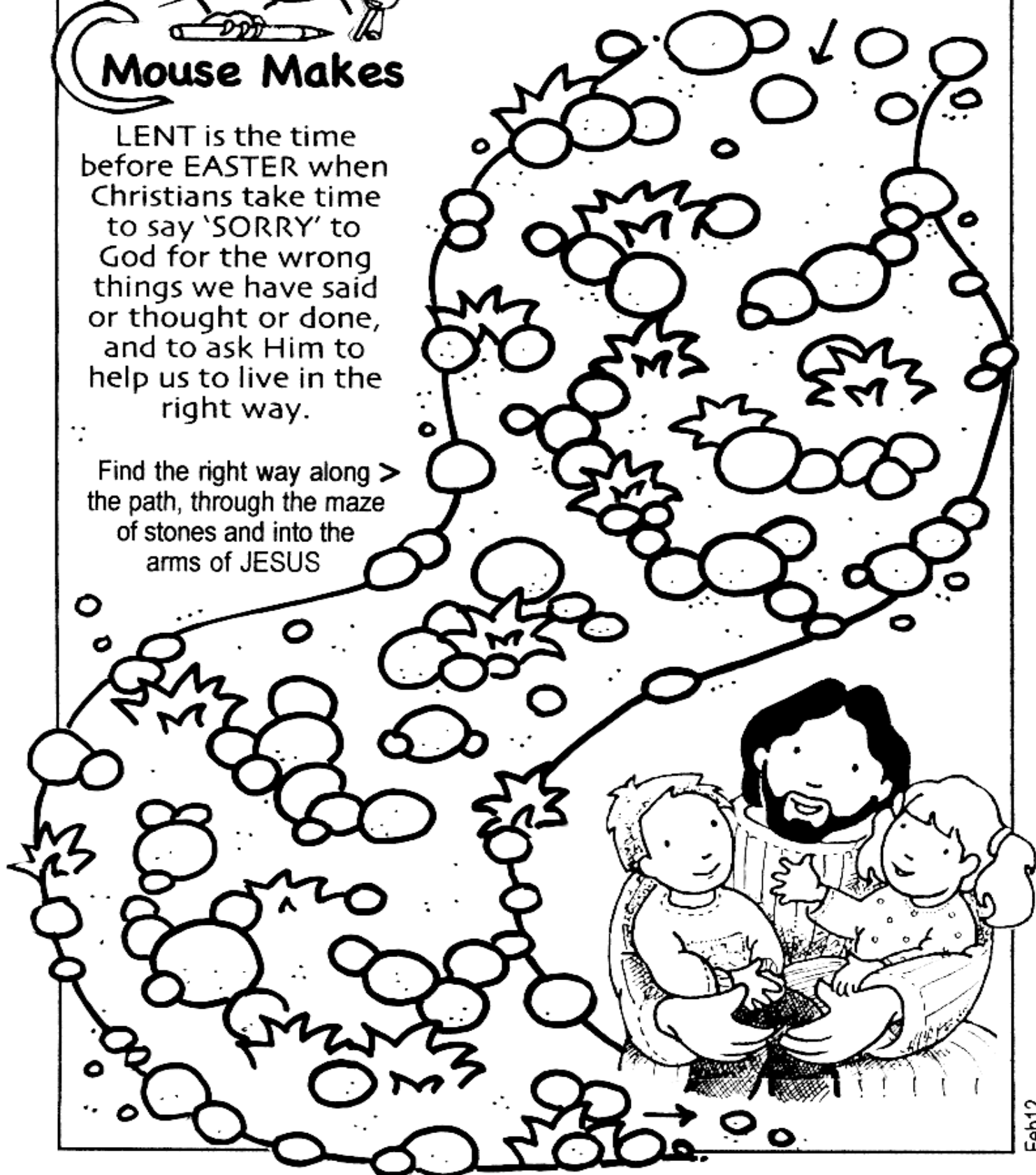
Mouse Makes

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

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

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

Psalm 27:11



Mission Committee Notices

Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the "Christmas Card Tree" this year. It was well laden with greetings and raised the sum of £102 for our charities.

Earlier in December we enjoyed a Christmas Tea, when after indulging in various delicious cakes we were able to send £120 to Christian Aid.

The Christmas morning service raised £166.57 for the Julian Trust, which has gone to make the Christmas season just a little happier for some in the community who are not as fortunate as us.

Thank you again for all your giving of time, talents and money and for giving all of these things so willingly.

Pam Blackmore

Future Events

Pancake Evening, Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 21 February)

We should like to again invite you to an informal evening, when you can enjoy beautifully made (& tossed!) pancakes in a relaxed atmosphere. The time is from 7.00pm, (but it is very fluid!!) and the cost £2 for 2 pancakes with fillings of your choice and tea or coffee. Extra pancakes will be available at 50p each for as long as the batter lasts. Please come along to celebrate with us before we make the journey through Lent to Easter.

"Not So Simple Lunch", Sunday 11 March

A delicious 3 course meal for £7.

Come and join us as we enjoy a meal together and support our charities.

Pizzas & Party Games, Saturday 12 May, 6.00 – 8.00pm

Cost £3 Adults and £1.50 Children - more details later.

Lent House Groups

Once again we have decided to use the excellent material from York Courses as a basis for our House Groups. The theme this Olympic year is 'Handing on the Torch' and John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, is one of the contributors on the CD.

The course will run over five weeks starting the first full week of Lent. Following the successful experiment in Advent we have decided to hold the course on different days of the week to give more people an opportunity to attend. Details of dates and venues will be published in the weekly notices shortly and in the March magazine.

Tim Lansdown
Chairman, Worship Committee

Signposts

Now in the beginning of January and preparing for the first Magazine issue of 2012, welcome to a new editor and thanks and appreciation to Caroline for all the work she has done over quite a long period.

At Christmas we welcome the coming of the Christ child into the world, 'God with us', hope and promise.

But in today's world we want instant answers, everything moving so quickly with modern technology, answers to our problems of finance, work or health. Answers to world problems, the economy and Europe.

Looking out of the window with pouring rain and a gale blowing I can only be thankful I'm retired and not battling my way to work. Yet somehow we are all linked together in our hopes and fears, in our families and in our communities.

How patient we need to be, and that isn't one of my attributes. When Jesus came into the world, born in Bethlehem, things didn't immediately change, how many noticed other than the shepherds, the wise men and the heavenly host. Even Joseph and Mary, warned by God, had to flee into Egypt to avoid the rage of Herod.

It would be thirty years before the voice of John would be heard crying in the wilderness 'Prepare the way of the Lord' and the ministry of Jesus would begin, the Good News of the salvation and love of God.

So what maybe is our priority for this year, an exciting year with great events taking place from the Olympics in London, celebrations of the Royal Family, celebrations and events in our own lives. So in all this to show consideration for others, love and patience and to also proclaim the Good News that comes in the true message of Christmas.

Arnold Wheeler

Charles Joseph Whittuck Trust Fund – the end of era

<i>Edward Williams of Oldland Common</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>William Stibbs of Oldland Common</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>Henry Andrews Medway of Bristol</i>	<i>Clothier</i>
<i>James Chilcott of Bristol</i>	<i>Woollen Draper</i>
<i>Daniel Whitchurch of Hanham</i>	<i>Wheelwright</i>

These were the founder Trustees of the Whittuck Trust Fund set up on 27 October 1870 when Charles Joseph Whittuck purchased, on their behalf, 20 £20 guaranteed 4.5% preference shares in the Cornwall Railway Company.

The dividends received would be divided:

¼ of the dividends interest to the Primitive Methodist Church, Oldlands Common Independent Church called The Tabernacle at Oldlands Common, Baptist Chapel at Hanham, one eighth to Independent Church called the Tabernacle at Hanham and one eighth Methodist Free Church at Hanham.

These were to be distributed at the discretion of the Trustees between and amongst such poor persons, members of the respective Churches or Congregations considered most deserving in gifts of not less than five shillings and not more than ten shillings distributed during the week immediately preceding Christmas Day in every year.

As the fund was held in Railway shares the Government froze returns at the beginning of the Second World War locking them as war bonds for forty years. On the funds being released the Trustees at Hanham Baptist Church, who had the job to administer the fund, resumed what the war had

interrupted and each of the designated Churches were invited to a Trustees meeting.

It was in 1987 that Rev. Graham Thompson asked Sue and myself to be the representative Trustees for Hanham Methodist Church and it was decided to keep the essence of the original fund intention in that each year we would use some of the received funds to distribute gifts in the week preceding Christmas. A list of names was given to us by Graham and it was agreed that once we started to distribute to a person this would continue until no longer possible. From that original list the last remaining person received their gift in December. On my taking it to them I was greeted with "it must be December" and we then continued with a conversation about past events and times in Hanham and the Whittuck Trust Fund.

As the years passed and with no additions to the capital, the returns became less, therefore, in order to keep payments flowing and follow the intentions of the fund it was decided to slowly reduce the capital until the fund was exhausted. With the distribution of funds in December 2011 the fund was closed.

We thank God for the vision and generosity of Charles Joseph Whittuck who has, over the last 141 years, helped and supported many people in the Hanham and Oldland Area.

Martyn & Sue Wheeler

Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it?

Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus).

(Luke 5.32)

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

(Isaiah 55.7)

All in the Month of February

It was....

200 years ago

on 7th Feb 1812 that Charles Dickens, celebrated British novelist, was born.

90 years ago

on 8th Feb 1922 that the first radio was installed in the White House.

80 years ago

on 24th Feb 1932 that British racing driver Sir Malcolm Campbell set a new land speed record of 253.96 mph at Daytona Beach, Florida.

70 years ago

on 9th Feb 1942 that soap rationing began in the UK (so that oils and fats could be saved for food production during WW2)

60 years ago

on 6th Feb 1952 that King George VI died, and was succeeded by his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

40 years ago

on 9th Feb 1972 that the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began a month earlier.

20 years ago

on 7th Feb 1992 that the Maastricht Treaty was signed, establishing the European Union.

15 years ago

on 22nd Feb 1997 that scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh announced they had successfully cloned an animal for the first time: Dolly the sheep.

10 years ago

on 9th Feb 2002 that Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, sister to the Queen, died.

Pause for Thought

In an Olympic Year the words of a much loved hymn...

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy guide,
Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811 – 75)

Rotas

Door & Books

Feb	5th	12th	19th	26th
am	M Stone M Golding	M Frost W Frost	P Blackmore J Green	A Sagar M Sagar
Pm	A Houlden M Houlden	M Kenway M Kenway	R Ireland C Haycock	B Griffin W Stamford

Flowers

5th	12th	19th	26th
Church			
Phil Bond	Joan Brabon- Hibbs	Joyce Godwin	Barbara Lewis
War Memorial			
Pat Webber	John Brown	Carol Haycock	Barbara Lewis

Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

Sunday

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)
6.00pm Evening Worship

Monday

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table
2.30pm Bright Hour
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers
Table Tennis

Tuesday

7.30pm Girl's Night In (First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

Wednesday

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers
Evening Rainbows
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Thursday

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)
Brownies

Friday

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Saturday

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)
Coffee Morning