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Dear friends

Well! If you blinked you probably missed it!

What is he prattling on about this time?

Summer!

It lasted for a couple of days over the early May bank holiday.

Will it return? Who knows? But I for one certainly hope that it does. And hope is something that we Christians should have. Paul, in his letter to the Romans (chapter 15 verse 13) writes:

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are a number of important things we can get out of this verse. Firstly, that Paul would pray often for other Christians, for their spiritual state and for the advance of the Gospel. Paul was miles away from these people in Rome, yet he longed to see them and strengthen them in their faith; so he devoted himself to praying for them.

Wouldn't it to be great to have the same determination as Paul? I often find when I'm praying for other people it's more for non-Christians than for the maintenance of the faith of my friends. Maybe you are similar? However, from this verse we have a clear message that we should be praying for our Christian friends and family.

Next, Paul is asking God that they will be filled with complete joy and peace through trust in God. When we trust God fully with our lives, and when we allow Him into all aspects, we will be joyful and at peace, secure in our eternity and secure that whatever happens to us in this life, God is in control. That's an amazing place to be!

So, as Paul continues, when we trust in God and have joy and peace, then we will have confident hope. It's not hope as in a "wish", but a confidence and assurance. Because of Jesus' sacrifice and His resurrection, we can have a relationship with our God and spend eternity with Him. Pray that you will be able to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life and live with confident hope.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer, whatever the weather!

Items for the Autumn 2013 LINK need to be with me by Sunday 11 August. Thanks

Your friend and minister

(Cover photo - Bergen, Norway)

Nick



Getting to Know You - Mary Reynard

As I read *Getting to Know You* by Mary Thompson in the Spring LINK magazine it evoked some familiar memories for me.

I was born on 14th June 1934 in a small house, still standing, in the village of Gawthorpe, borough of Ossett. I say still standing as many old properties have disappeared over the years and new ones built. These have improved the area. I took a little walk there a month ago with my granddaughter to show her where I lived and went to school and to see the Maypole, originating in 1875, but, of course, not the same pole! I have a plate dated 1975 commemorating 100 years. Each year, on the first Saturday in May, there is a Maypole procession with the May Queen and her attendants, Maypole plaiters (dancers) and various floats and fancy dress. In the evening a smaller Maypole was erected on the raised green area and the dancers, trained at and from the local junior school, danced around it with ribbons. I was one of the



Mary age 1 with her mother, Doris

twelve dancers for three years, aged 8, 9 and 10. I can still remember the routines and names e.g. Barber's Pole, Spider's Web, Gypsy's Tent etc. We danced to the local brass band which had led the procession in the afternoon. It was always a wonderful day to remember but was not always sunny! There was also a fair in a local field which stayed until Monday



Erecting the Maypole in 1953

evening. The celebrations were never cancelled, not even during World War 2. The money raised went towards the old folk of the village. It's amazing to realise that my grandparents, whom I never knew, and relatives, some of whom I do remember, celebrated May Day in Gawthorpe in a similar way.



Mary in 1948 aged 14

I was an only child and my parents were Doris, a weaver, and Sam Humphrey, a miner. I attended Gawthorpe Council School, age 4 to 11, when in 1945, under West Riding County Council I passed a County Minor Scholarship (like Mary Thompson) to Ossett Grammar School, a mixed school of approximately 370 pupils. The school was established in 1735. For some reason I jumped a year and ended up leaving when I was 15 years old in 1949 with my School Certificate, but no job. There wasn't much career guidance in those days.

After a week in Morecambe with some families from Zion Congregational Church, where I attended, I got a post as library assistant at Dewsbury Public Library earning £96 a year! I gained experience in all departments – reference, lending and junior, plus two days a week at various branch libraries. It was very interesting work, also learning to get on with the public, but a big change to find we worked until 7pm on some evenings. It was there I met Kenneth and we went out together between his National Service and a year in Library School at Leeds College of Commerce. He eventually became a qualified librarian, whereas I remained as an assistant. By this time I had become a church member and introduced Ken to my church life and friends, some of which I still have today.

After marrying in 1956 at Gawthorpe Zion, we lived in Saville Town, Dewsbury, in a rented house. Ken was put in charge of a West Riding library at Mirfield. He bought a Lambretta scooter to travel there. We also set off on it for days in the country. Imagine us, both on a scooter!



Wedding Day 19th May 1956.

*Arthur and Nellie Reynard - Mary and Ken -
Doris and Sam Humphrey*



After seven years we moved to our own house at Bennett Lane, bordering Batley, and along with two young children, Andrew and Elizabeth, I started attending Hanging Heaton Methodist Church where I became a member. Elizabeth was Christened there. After a few years at Pudsey Library and Wakefield headquarters, Ken came to be Deputy Librarian at Barnsley, so we moved here in May 1970.

My church membership was transferred to Dodworth

Methodist Church where I attended for 14 years.



Mary in 1978

Eventually the morning services were suspended so I started attending Trinity U.R.C. in the morning and Dodworth Methodist Church in the evening each Sunday. This wasn't very successful and Ken suggested I transfer completely to Trinity and he

would come along with me – that's how he ended up as Church Secretary a while after. We were made very welcome and now, as an Elder, with Ken no longer with me, I find the church a great support.



Doris, Elizabeth and Mary in 1988

After our children had started school I worked as an assistant in 1975 at first Charter and then Kingstone School libraries for 19 years, retiring in 1994.



Mary in 1990

A while back, talking to Mary Thompson at West Melton, she told me about teaching at Batley Parish Church School, where my mother attended from 1906 to

1915. My mother described it as being an old building then and Mary said the same years later!

Being born in Batley, my mother took me many times to visit friends and relations, so I'm familiar with the back to back houses, big chapels, mills and mansions in Upper Batley, plus the hospital and two grammar schools. My cousin's husband had just retired from Fox's biscuit factory where, originally a house, my mother



Mary on the scooter in 1959



Ken and Mary in 1952

as a youngster went for broken biscuits and brandy snaps. I visit my cousin Harry's widow, age 90, in Batley. She is the only one left of all the older folks I knew there, but my cousin Jean lives in Birstall, nearby, a place where John Wesley preached.

Elveston Castle, Mary Thompson's college, is a lovely place where we once caravanned in the 1980s – it was then a county park.

I always believed my background was in Batley and Gawthorpe (now West Yorkshire) through my mother and grandfather, George Humphrey who died in 1910 when my dad was 7 years old, and his father before him, but no. Joseph, my great grandfather was born in 1834 at Carr Green, Mapplewell, near Barnsley. He was a nail-maker and moved to Batley as a young man. He married and had 8 children and eventually moved to Gawthorpe, maybe to work in the pit there.



Mary with Andrew and Elizabeth in 1968

With some help I've researched the family tree, going back to 1799 and, according to Darton baptismal records there must be dozens of Humphreys in that area still as they all had a number of children. Who knows, I may have some long lost relatives!

West Melton - Fellowship Evenings

These are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. Activities are varied and have included a meal at a local restaurant, a report on a school's visit to Lesotho, Christian Aid quizzes, and evening at the manse and much more. Future evenings this year are: 26 June - A visit to a local church; 24 July - An evening at the manse; 25 September - Cheese and wine evening; 23 October - Prize bingo. Everybody welcome.



TUESDAY KITCHEN by Helen Owen (West Melton URC)

The URC recently joined with Methodists, Baptists and Church of Scotland to express concern about the Government's apparent negative view of "the poor" in our country.

Here in West Melton and Wath the Churches Together have joined to provide practical help for the poorer people of our community.

Organised by Catherine Dodd, the Lieutenant of the Wath Salvation Army branch a "Tuesday Kitchen" began on 14th May, 2013. This will provide breakfast at the Salvation Army premises

on a monthly basis to people referred by local caring agencies. In addition to the 9 - 10am breakfast session those who attend will receive a bag of food to take home.

There are two ways in which members of the participating churches can contribute:



1. Volunteering to help in the kitchen or by welcoming and befriending those who attend. This is organised on a rota basis (there are currently 28 volunteers including 6 from our church) so no one is required very frequently. However the arrangements will be kept under review and if the need arises it could be necessary to increase the frequency of the sessions.
2. Donating non-perishable food. Each of the churches have receptacles into which their members can place their gifts and at our church we have containers for food gifts in the entrance to the church and in the Community hall.

Types of food which can be used.

Cartons of UHT milk, packets of dried rice and pasta, tinned fish, meat, beans and vegetables, tinned soups, and tinned puddings such as rice.

This is a Christian response to the effects of poverty on our doorstep and any contributions will be gratefully accepted.

If anyone has any questions about this venture please do not hesitate to ask me and I will do my best to answer them.



I don't usually put items from other church magazines into the LINK but this is so good I just have to share it with you. It was in the Newsletter for Intake URC, May 2013. (No acknowledgement of the author was given)

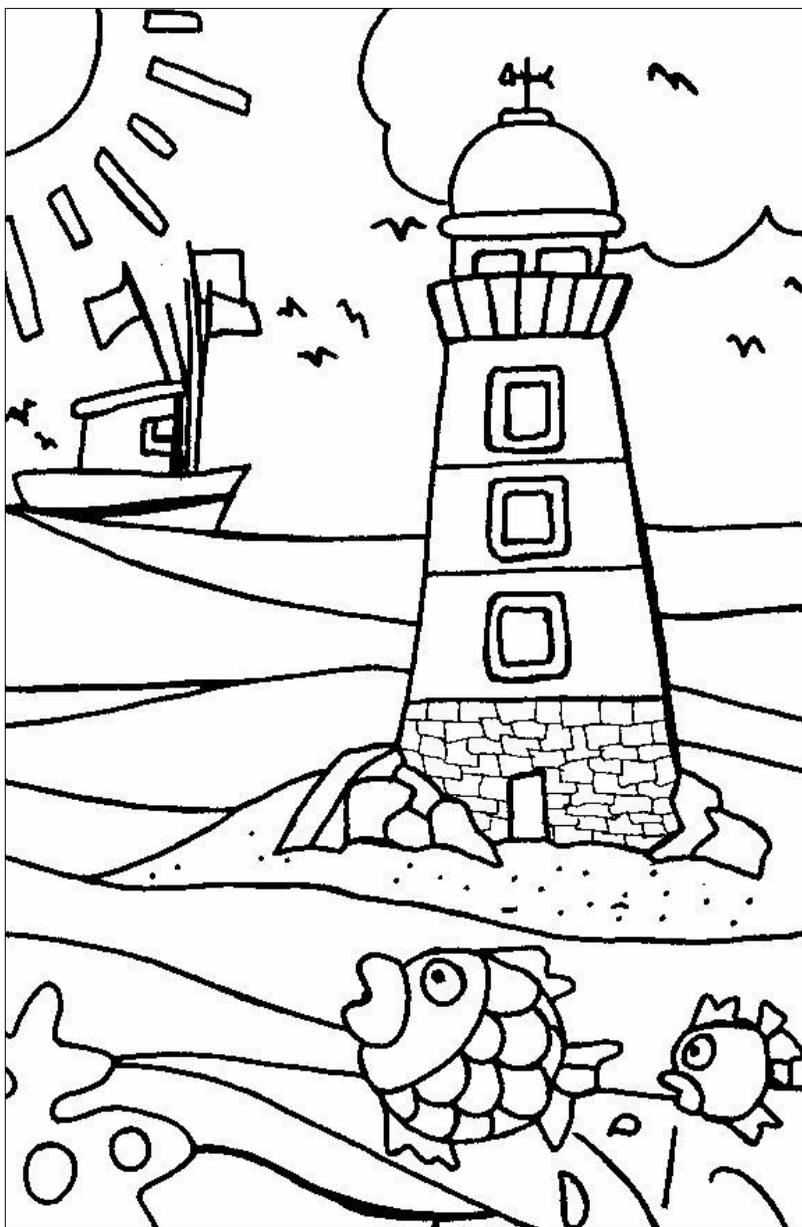
Why are Fire Engines Red?

Fire engines have four wheels and eight firefighters, and four plus eight equals twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot and a foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler and the Queen Elizabeth was a very big ship sailing the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians and the Russians are red. Fire engines are always 'rushin'. Therefore fire engines are red.



If you think this is crazy, you should listen to the excuses people give for not attending worship on a Sunday!

A summer picture for you to colour.



Summer Word Search Puzzle

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AUGUST JULY BARBECUE RELAX BASEBALL
SANDALS BEACH SHORTS BIKING SOCCER
GOLF SUNBURN HATS SUNSCREEN HOLIDAY
SUNTAN HOT SWIMMING HUMID VACATION



Truth and Lies campaign

The Truth and Lies campaign, launched on 1 March may be the best piece of work yet to come out of the Joint Public Issues Team of the United Reformed Church, The Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Methodist Church – and joined for this campaign by the Church of Scotland. That's not the URC blowing its own trumpet, it's a judgement made after totting up the media coverage which the campaign received over the Easter weekend.

The campaign report – *The lies we tell ourselves: ending comfortable myths about poverty* – confronts the most common myths told about people who are in poverty or in receipt of benefits, and highlights some of the most abused statistics.

The Churches argue that statistics have been manipulated and misused by politicians and the media to support a comfortable but dangerous story: that the poor somehow deserve their poverty, and therefore deserve the cuts which they increasingly face. The Churches hope that the report will empower Christians and others to challenge myths and lies about poverty wherever they find them.

The report has been sent to every Member of Parliament in Westminster and Member of the Scottish Parliament, and the denominations are encouraging their members to write to their parliamentary representative asking how they will be using the report's content to better inform policymaking. Keep an eye on the URC website – and the mainstream media – for the next stage of the Truth and Lies campaign. If you would like to read the report please go to:

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Truth-And-Lies-Report-smaller.pdf>

Rise in organ donation but more donors still needed

NHS Blood and Transplant has announced that the number of people donating organs after death has risen by 50% since 2008. More than 1,200 people in the UK donated their organs in the last year, leading to about 3,100 transplants.

The **flesh and blood campaign** which launched in January 2013 aims to encourage blood and organ donation as an additional method of personal giving amongst church congregations. However, more donors are needed and campaigners for the flesh and blood campaign believe the Church's commitment to generosity can help raise the profile of organ donation in the UK.

The increase in people donating has been largely credited to the network of specialist nurses who approach and support bereaved relatives in hospitals. Sally Johnson, from NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "The NHS has worked hard to ensure every potential donor is identified, that the organ donation register is checked, and that families are approached. But the NHS can't do it on its own. We need a transformation in donor and family consent because the UK's family refusal rate remains one of the highest in Europe."

Juls Hollidge, flesh and blood campaign director added: "Our research shows that 48% of Christians are on the Organ Donor Register, but only 24% have discussed their wishes with friends and family. We want to encourage individuals not only to make a decision to donate, but to enable and empower them to share and discuss that decision with others."

The United Reformed Church supports this campaign and encourages people in the URC to consider blood and organ donation as part of their Christian giving. Some Church House staff are giving blood during National Blood Week (10-16 June) and we encourage others to do the same. Please visit <http://fleshandblood.org/get-involved/> for ways to get involved.



WEST MELTON'S GREEN TIPS CORNER

by Helen Owen



Number 13 - Recycling



Unwanted mobile phones and printer inkjet cartridges can be used by various charities including Christian Aid who all supply special envelopes for the purpose.

Unwanted spectacles will be received by most opticians for recycling.



Unwanted costume jewellery can be used to raise money for Traidcraft. I

have special envelopes for the purpose if anyone has anything to spare.

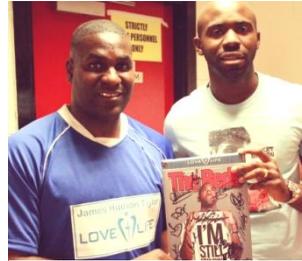


A message from Bruce and Janine Dyer
to Christians Together in Barnsley.

Hi ,

We would like to thank you for your prayers and support at the Love Life Festival . (Held at Oakwell on 6th May) We have had so many good reports from non christians who were so blessed on the day .

We have been doing outreach events for nearly 5 years and the Love Life Festival 2013 has been our best event yet . We so sensed a real unity amongst the churches in Barnsley and we are so grateful for all the volunteers , for all the prayers and encouragement we have received .



*Bruce Dyer and
Fabrice Muamba at the
Love Life Festival*

On the morning of the festival God reminded me about the story of the Tower of Babel and the one verse that stuck out like anything was verse 6 which says : And Lord said the people are UNITED , and they all speak the same language . After this , NOTHING THEY SET OUT TO DO will be IMPOSSIBLE for them .

Let us continue to speak the same language (JESUS CHRIST BEING GLORIED IN BARNLSLEY) Lets us continue to pray and stay united because the best is yet to come in Barnsley but our unity and support for each other is key to seeing God continue to move in Barnsley .

P.S.

In August we will be celebrating 5 years of starting Love Life UK and we are planning to do something in Barnsley in August but we will keep you posted in regards to dates ect .

Thanks again & God Bless

Kids For Christ Jesus Update

In the last LINK magazine I reported on some work being done in India. The work is mainly with street kids and the aim is to build a school to provide free education for them (something we take for granted in our country). The building of the school is progressing well but their funds are getting low. They need to raise money to construct the roof.



I do not know how big the school is but the roof will cost about £13 per square foot. Wouldn't it be good if we could reach out in love and help Pastor David Karunakar and his team finish the building of the school. If you are feeling generous and would like to make a donation you can do so by visiting www.kidsforchristjesus.com and clicking on DONATE. Or, if you prefer you can hand your donation to me and I will pass it on to the project. If you want more information about this project you will also find that on the same website. Thanks. Nick.



Summer Recipes



Double cherry semi-freddo

This Italian style ice-cream is light and creamy and, best of all, you don't need an ice-cream maker to prepare it.

Ingredients

1kg cherries, stones removed, 400 ml double cream, 100g Icing sugar, 4 eggs - separated, Wafers to serve, optional.

Method

1. Set aside a handful (about 50g) of the pitted cherries. Place the remainder in a large pan set over a medium heat with the cream and 50g icing sugar. Bring up to the boil, then gently simmer for 5 mins until the cherries start to soften. Carefully whizz in a blender, then pass through a sieve.

2. Pour a little of the hot cherry cream over the egg yolks, whisk well, then pour back into the pan. Cook for about 5 mins more or until the mixture has thickened a little and will coat the back of a wooden spoon. Pour through a sieve into a bowl, cover the surface with cling film, then leave to cool completely.
3. Whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form, then whisk in the remaining 50g sugar, 1 tbsp at a time. Keep whisking until the mixture is stiff and resembles shaving foam. Stir a third of the mixture into the cooled cream, mix until it is well incorporated, then gently fold through the remaining mixture in 2 goes.
4. Line a 900g loaf tin with cling film. Pour the mixture into the tin, then cover with cling film and place in the freezer for about 3 hrs until just starting to freeze. Stir the whole cherries into the semi-frozen mixture, then return to the freezer for at least 8 hrs or preferably overnight. Serve cut into slices with some berries, or sandwiched between wafers.

Courgette, mushroom and mozzarella tart



Ingredients

2 tbsp sundried tomato paste, 1 garlic clove - crushed, 375 g ready-rolled puff pastry sheet, 125g mozzarella - cut into chunks, 100g mushrooms - sliced, 1 courgette - thinly sliced, 1 tbsp olive oil, 2 tsp dried oregano.

Method

1. Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Mix the tomato paste and garlic together. Place the pastry on a baking sheet and score a border about 1cm in from the edge. Prick the pastry within the border all over with a fork, then spread with the tomato mixture.
2. Top with the cheese, mushrooms and courgette, drizzle with olive oil, then evenly scatter over the oregano along with a little salt and pepper. Bake for 20 mins until risen and golden, then slice and serve with salad.

I hope you enjoy these summertime delights.



Group Pastorate Services

We meet together for worship, fellowship and food three times a year. As you know we had to cancel the service due to be held at Trinity in March due to safety reasons (thick freezing snow in the streets around the church). The next service is at WEST MELTON on **2 June**. Then at CLAYTON WEST on **13 October**. These services will start at 11.00am. **YOU ARE ALL WELCOME.**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN OUR CHURCHES

Clayton West

Sunday	Worship every week at 3.00 pm. Communion is included in the service on the 1 st first Sunday of each month
Friday	Baby and Toddler Group 1.15pm - 3.15pm (<i>in term time</i>)
Saturday	Coffee Morning on the 4 th Saturday each month 10.00am

Trinity (Barnsley)

Sunday	Worship every week at 10.30 am. Communion is included in the service on the 3 rd third Sunday of each month
Tuesday	Bible Study at 7.30 pm
Wednesday	Age-Well (<i>over 50s club</i>) every week 10.30am-1.00pm Trinity Players every week at 7.30pm
Thursday	Trinity Tots (<i>carers & toddlers</i>) 10.00am - 12.00noon

West Melton

Sunday	Worship on the 1 st (<i>inc. WHIZZ KIDS</i>) and 4 th Sundays at 10.30am and on the 2 nd & 3 rd Sundays at 3.00pm. Communion is included in the service on the 3 rd Sunday of each month
Wednesday	Little Stars 9.30am every week (<i>in term time</i>) Praying Hands (<i>prayer group</i>) 7.30pm - 8.30pm on the 2 nd Wednesday of each month Fellowship evening (<i>varied programme</i>) 7.30pm on the 4 th Wednesday of each month
Saturday	Men's Breakfast at 8.00am on the 3 rd Saturday each month



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