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# SHOULD WE ASK THE QUEEN TO RECALL HER VOWS?



By Keith Hayden, Co-ordinator of the Cinque Ports Prayer Canopy

**THIS JUNE IS THE 60th ANNIVERSARY  
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It's time now for her, as a believer, to stand up and proclaim the truth to the nation.

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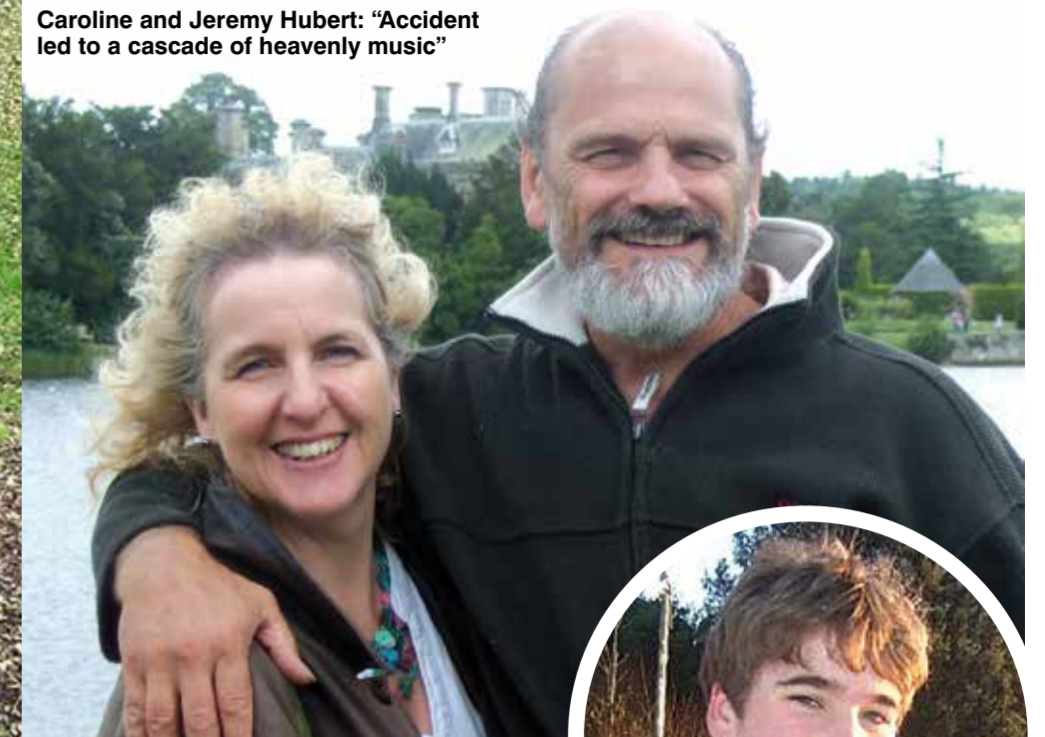
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The Hubert family when all eight children were on earth with Declan (far right)

Caroline and Jeremy Hubert: "Accident led to a cascade of heavenly music"

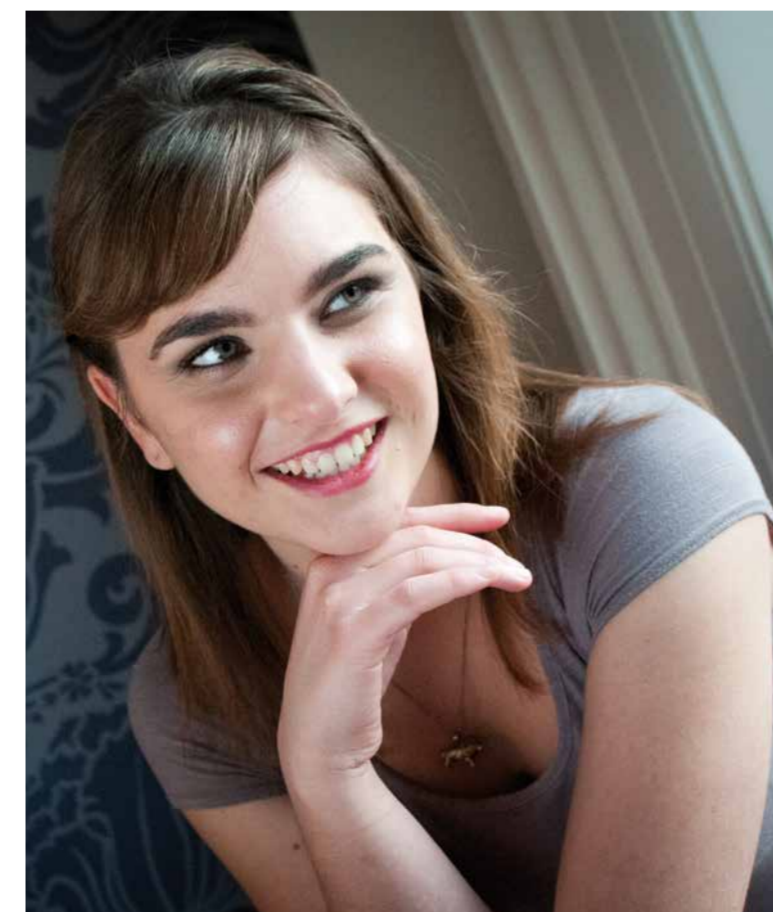


Declan Hubert

# "Songs from another world!"

## THE MUSIC WHICH FLOWED FROM THIS BRIGHTON FAMILY'S TRAGIC LOSS

TWO YEARS AGO THIS MAY, 14 year old Declan Hubert stepped into the path of a car while on his morning paper round.



Heavenly sounds: Melissa Hubert wrote her first song in just 15 minutes

It turned out to be fatal - three days later his family and 81 friends watched his life support being switched off.

One may think that this was yet another sad statistic of road death, worthy of a mention in a local newspaper, but far from it - the family of ten, of which Declan was the third of eight children, would say that it was a life just begun.

"This accident opened doors to the heavenly realm for us," says Declan's father, Jeremy. "In what would almost seem a bizarre twist, this accident has led to an avalanche of heavenly visitations, a documentary film, and a cascade of heavenly music that just seems to stream through Declan's eldest sister, Melissa."

Now Melissa, 21, has released a CD of her songs, and says she wrote its first song, 'Voice in the Choir', in 15 minutes of inspiration while thinking about Declan in front of the piano.

That day - May 6, 2011 - started with a 7am call from Declan's newsagent employer with news that there had been an accident: "Declan has been knocked down by a car - but it's probably not serious."

In fact, Declan had received catastrophic brain injuries from which he never recovered consciousness.

And in the two days which followed, as prayers came from all over the world, and

the Hubert family's faith soared to believe for a miracle of resurrection, they learned that Declan had CHOSEN to remain in heaven.

While his family kept their bedside vigil, his mother's 13 year old niece was crying and praying in Colombia, South America, but later emailed to say that she had seen an image of herself in heaven:

"I was on some stairs leading to a throne and I saw that I am at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to do a miracle and he looks at me and gives me the feeling that he was saying 'It's not ME' and then he turns and motions to someone to come to me."

**He seemed to say, "I've made my choice and I'm happy"**

"And I saw Declan coming from the right hand of the throne, wearing a white cloak. He came and hugged me, and looked at me as if saying, 'I have made my choice and I am happy.' And I saw him so happy and felt he was saying he wanted to stay with God."

The family's crisis turned into a celebration of Declan's life: over 1,000 attended his memorial service, where Jeremy told them, "Declan did not die, he life'd" (sic).

The Hubert family believe that a river of life is still pouring into their household, as more people come forward to say that they have either seen Declan 'in glory' in a dream or vision, or had a 'visitation' of him from heaven.

And now Jeremy maintains, "The greatest proof of whether heaven is for real has to be the sublimely inspirational and poetic lyrics that can only have their source from the throne room itself. Melissa is as bemused as any 21 year old would be when finding herself at the centre of such a demand for her CDs."

"We all can only wonder at the master plan of our marvellous God, who can bring forth such blessings out of a life well spent."

The loss has also fuelled Jeremy and Caroline's determination to celebrate life at all costs; they have devoted themselves to pro-life or what Jeremy calls 'pro-family' work. Involved with the '40 Days for Life' movement, they have shared the criticism levelled at those who hold up banners outside Brighton's main abortion clinic. But with other bereaved parents, perhaps they know the value of life more than those who have not had a chance to love their children.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

# WHY WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE QUEEN TO FULFIL HER CORONATION VOWS

June will mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation as Queen. Will she hold to the pledge she made back then to lead our nation into God's purposes?

By Keith Hayden, co-ordinator of Cinque Ports Prayer Canopy



**THIS FEBRUARY, a remarkable time of prayer took place.**

On Wednesday 20 February 2013 there were 12 of us gathered together in Winchelsea, East Sussex, as the Cinque Ports Prayer Canopy, to pray for Her Majesty the Queen.

We believe we're at a defining moment in history, with a new Archbishop of Canterbury, a new Pope and national leadership changes as well as various deeply troubling situations unfolding, with new challenges arising. And now the Queen herself has been unwell and, most unusually, had to spend time in hospital.

There are growing spiritual and moral challenges together with enemy activity aimed at destroying the deepest Christian roots in this land. So we felt it was more urgent than ever that we pray and discern what God is saying at this time.

We believe this June's 60-year anniversary of Her Majesty's

coronation is a key symbolic time. In June 1953, our Queen was asked, "Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel?"

**If ever there's a time she needs our love, support and prayer cover, it's now!**

Not only did she promise to do this, but she put her signature to it as well.

It's time now for her, as a believer, to stand up and proclaim the truth into the nation.

But we, too, have a duty to show her our support. It's time for us to communicate with Her Majesty our love, respect, and support for her as our Queen. It's vital that she knows we are

praying and supporting her in her walk-with God and in leading us, her subjects.

We would urge you to write to Her Majesty encouraging her to stand up now and proclaim the Gospel into the nation, without fear of man.

If ever there's a time she needs our love, support and prayer cover, it's now!

We currently have the prospect of the same-sex marriage law in Parliament that will have profound effects upon the nation. Believers have been doing their best to make their voice heard by the government; but is it time we also petitioned the Queen not to sign the bill? Imagine the impact if she refused!

But of course she has actually already given the seal of approval to a very similar law in one of the other countries of the Commonwealth: Canada, in 2005.

At our prayer meeting, we sensed God telling us that our monarch regrets putting her name to that law eight years ago. We believe she is coming under conviction about her invidious position as Sovereign, and the actions that she has been 'forced' into as



Queen by politicians, which go directly against the oaths that she swore at her Coronation.

If our Queen is to start speaking up and speaking out, there are bound to be consequences, both good and bad. So we urge you to pray for protection for her and her family.

More than ever, Her Majesty needs to know that she has the support of believers in the UK.

## CINQUE PORTS PRAYER CANOPY

CENTURIES AGO, the original five Cinque Ports - Hastings, New Romney, Hythe, Dover and Sandwich - were responsible for serving the king, his noblemen and armies, especially with boats to cross the English Channel. In return, they were given privileges, including helping to carry the canopy over the monarch on the day of their coronation.

Since 2007 a prayer group comprising Christians from across this south-east corner of England, now known as the Cinque Ports Prayer Canopy, has been meeting to pray, as 1 Timothy 2:1-4 urges us, especially for the Queen and all those in authority.

We are very aware that one day another coronation will be needed, but nobody knows exactly when! With all the changes, both physical and spiritual, that could be triggered in this nation, the Commonwealth and beyond, the big question is, "Are we READY?!"

MP Sir Peter Bottomley, who followed the Government's pressure to support the Bill. When he responded to the survey he had not decided how he felt about the issue. Subsequently he has been reported as saying that he is expecting to be challenged before the next General Election.

Campaigners pointed out that the committee also contained a disproportionately high number of homosexual MPs which was not representative of the population as a whole.

The Christian Institute hailed the strong opposition to the Bill as a victory in so far as they had campaigned for a strong 'no'. Director Colin Hart, who had also appeared before the committee, said, "We knew the size of the 'no' vote would be the crucial factor. The media speculated that perhaps 130 or 150 MPs might vote 'no', but 175 did so. That's why newspapers focused on the strength of the 'no' vote, and reported that it was very damaging for the Prime Minister."

# Same sex marriage bill 'back in Commons in May'

All but two Sussex MPs in favour of 'equal' marriage

**THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL to legalise same sex marriage is expected to return to the Commons this May for its report stage.**

It has passed through the committee stage and the committee's findings will be reported to the Commons, when parliamentary time, probably two days this May, will be given for the whole House to consider and debate the committee's amendments and any amendments tabled by MPs since the committee stage.

After the debate the Third Reading will be a formality for the Commons to vote on the bill after its amendments before going to the House of Lords.

A Commons insider told HEART OF SUSSEX that although the Bill is expected to return to the Commons this May, it could happen earlier and at short notice, depending on the Government's decision.

The committee included Conservative MPs David Burrowes and Tim Loughton. Mr Burrowes, a Christian



Daring to be different: MPs Henry Smith and Tim Loughton voted against gay marriage



and member for Enfield, is leading opposition to the Bill in Parliament. Mr Loughton, MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, was one of just two Sussex MPs who voted against the Bill at its Second Reading on 5 February. The other was Crawley's Conservative MP Henry Smith.

These men were also two of

the three who took the trouble to respond to HEART's survey of Sussex MPs on same sex marriage in its May/June 2012 issue. Both MPs have kept to their original stance, although it has been suggested that it cost Mr Loughton his Cabinet post as Minister for Children, lost in last year's reshuffle.

The third was Worthing West

*If you weren't there...*

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# I BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO MOVE IN SUSSEX. HERE'S HOW TO GET READY

By Jonathan Conrathe

It's time to shape up and wise up – and why Harry Potter isn't OK

**INTERNATIONAL PREACHER**

Jonathan Conrathe says he has seen "again and again" the blind seeing, the deaf hearing and cripples walking.

On a "few" occasions he's seen the dead raised – but says, "If I sound matter of fact, it's because I've often felt like an observer just watching God repeat his New Testament miracles."

After a public school education in Surrey, Jonathan turned his back on his family's property business because, he says, "Aged 17, Jesus appeared to

me by night and asked me to preach the Gospel. Next morning I felt as though I had imprints in my hands and feet and an identification with him."

Jonathan trained for seven years under evangelist Don Double and is now in his 25<sup>th</sup> year of full-time ministry, having led 160 mission trips in Britain and overseas, where he has seen thousands make professions of faith in Christ. Now based in Peterborough with his wife and three sons, he travels about ten days a month to preach and runs a ministry training programme.



Our nation is in a crisis of fatherlessness

**IN TERMS OF ITS MORAL STATE, our nation has never been at such a crossroads as it is now.**

It's one thing to have immorality in our culture, it's another thing entirely to have it on our statute books.

Even now, our government is printing books which will tell primary school children that homosexuality, expressly forbidden in the Old and New Testaments, is acceptable as a lifestyle. This means teachers

who do not wish to teach this can be disciplined.

Moreover, it all looks sudden, but it's been planned for years. In the 1970s the United Nations passed a resolution that would systematically destroy Judeo-Christian ethics in the West. One of its aims was to promote homosexuality.

Our nation is in a crisis of

fathering. Fifty per cent of marriages now break up in the first five years and thousands of children never see their father or do not know who he is.

But even if you have a good earthly father, as I did, and now try to be one myself, we can never, ever begin to emulate God - as Father he is perfect.

So there is an assault on our kids that there's never been before. PRAY for your children.

**Just too "nice"**

Some of our churches are just too "nice". I couldn't believe it when I heard some Christian leaders saying Harry Potter was OK. I've been involved in setting witches and warlocks free and what I read on one page of a copy my son brought home from school was an absolutely accurate account of witchcraft. JK

Rowling studied mythology for years and has said she felt a "presence" guiding her with the Harry Potter books.

Pray for your children's ministers - they need courage. I can't remember the last time I heard a Christian youth leader tell Christian boys and girls not to go out with non-Christians. They should follow me round UK churches where

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**The anaesthetist who told me: "God has to be real – we see miracles every day on the operating table"**

**ON A PLANE IN DENMARK** travelling to a speaking engagement, I found myself sitting next to an Irishman who turned out to be the top anaesthetist of an international health organisation.

In fact, sitting next to him was no accident – I always ask God to organise where I sit on a plane! That way I've seen all sorts of people who have never attended church or heard the Gospel message come to faith, from body builders to businessmen.

When the anaesthetist asked me what line of business I was in, I was happy to explain that I was in the business of preaching the Gospel! He replied thoughtfully, "God has to be real. We see miracles every day on the operating table. The surgeon looks up at me and we just can't explain what we've seen happen in that body. So

he simply says, 'Let's close it up'. We do what we can, but our power is limited."

After this he returned to reading his papers, but I badly wanted to speak to him again. As we were coming in to land, I spoke to him again.

"It's been good to meet you and we're unlikely to meet again. If I don't see you again on earth, I'd so badly like to see you in heaven. The trouble is, at this moment, I don't know if you're going there."

As he looked straight at me, I continued, "Have you ever opened your heart to God and asked, 'Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you died for me... Now I want to give my life back to you?' If you'd like to pray that now, please bow your head and say this prayer after me."

And he did – and the joy we felt has stayed with me, perhaps even more than the many others I've seen God touch.

## NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Nicola Greaves

## DIANE ABBOTT: 'PORNIFIED' SOCIETY IS HARMING GIRLS

YOUNG GIRLS are being hit hardest by a "porn version" of sexuality which is sweeping our society, Labour MP Diane Abbott has said. She says girls are being led to believe that "sexiness" is the most important quality in life.

She says parents should be put "back in control" and the high street needs a "detox". The MP for Hackney North made the comments on the online forum Mumsnet, where she warned of "a very specific form of sexuality that's being imposed on children and adults: a porn version".

She blames factors such as raunchy pop videos, huge billboards featuring sexualised images of women, and fast-developing technology. She also raised issues of online bullying including problems around 'sexting', as highlighted by Clifford Hill in his article in the last edition of HEART OF SUSSEX.

The MP commented: "For me the key is putting parents back in control, and also putting open-minded family values back in our public spaces."

Source - The Christian Institute

## BBC LOOKS AT WHY CHRISTIANITY IS RIDICULED IN BRITISH COMEDY

A PROGRAMME looking at why Christianity is the butt of so many jokes on TV was aired in late March on the BBC and presented by Ann Widdecombe.



Ann Widdecombe

sufficiently to avoid laughing at their prophet, she asked, "Why are even the most sacred aspects of this country's major faith seemingly the stuff of so much comedy?"

Comedian Marcus Brigstocke "paused for thought", after she explained why a scene from a comedy in which people put chutney on Communion bread offended her.

In a comment piece for The Telegraph website, Miss Widdecombe said Christianity is mocked far more than other faiths.

Pointing out that comedy producers respect Islam

Source - The Christian Institute

## NEW ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROJECT LAUNCHES IN LONDON, LITHUANIA AND ITALY

A PIONEERING EUROPEAN PROJECT to tackle human trafficking at the heart of London was launched in March.

More than 50 percent of all trafficking victims in the UK pass through London at some point.

The two year project has received a large grant from the European Commission and will focus on resourcing whole communities to address trafficking in London, Lithuania and Italy.

Bex Keer of project partner Stop the Traffik describes the project as taking a "360 degree

approach" to trafficking, looking at prevention, awareness raising, support for victims and prosecution of traffickers, asking the question, "What do we need to do to make our communities hostile places for traffickers to operate?"

In London, the project will have two strands: awareness-raising and support for victims. The European partners in Lithuania will be seeking to educate young people to help them avoid the grooming and false opportunities offered by traffickers.

Source - Care

## LONDON BUS ADVERTS BANNINGS

High Court rules that humanist, Stonewall and 'Ex-Gay' bus adverts should ALL have been banned

FROM 1 APRIL last year, 1,000 London buses carried adverts with the slogan "Some people are gay. Get over it!"

Sponsored by the homosexual rights group, Stonewall, they aimed to promote 'equal' (same sex) marriage.

In response, Dr Mike Davidson of Christian charity the Core Issues Trust, a Christian ministry supporting men and women with homosexual issues who voluntarily seek change in sexual preference and expression, booked a response advert: "Not gay! Ex-gay, post-gay and proud. Get over it!"

It never made it to the buses because Transport for London (TfL), chaired by Mayor Boris Johnson, banned it.

## 'Highly offensive' adverts

Backed by the Christian Legal Centre, Dr Davidson took TfL to court to seek a ruling.

In a significant High Court judgement, Mrs Justice Lang has labelled bus adverts from the British Humanist Association and prominent homosexual lobby group Stonewall as 'highly offensive' and ruled that they breached TfL's advertising policy.

But she also ruled that the Core Issues Trust's advert also fell foul of the policy - and for that reason was legitimately barred by Transport for London (TfL).

The Judge did, however, allow for an appeal.

## Serious questions about Boris's role

The judgment provoked serious questions about the part played by London Mayor, Boris Johnson, who was seeking re-election at the time, and contained extensive criticism of TfL's handling of the matter.

## MOST BRITS BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER

A NEW SURVEY carried out in the run-up to Easter has found a high percentage of people believing in prayer.

The new ICM survey offers revealing insights into the issues that are on the hearts of British people and which age groups are praying more than others.

It found that four in five British adults still believe in the power of prayer.

When asked what they would pray for, nearly a third



Banned by Boris? This advert was not allowed on London buses

There was 'missing evidence from the Mayor's Office', which made it hard for the Judge to establish with absolute certainty the precise nature of Mr Johnson's involvement.

The Judge found that in barring Core Issues' advert, having previously allowed those of Stonewall and the British Humanist Association, TfL had applied its policy "inconsistently" and "partially". She concluded that TfL's decision-making process was "procedurally unfair" and "in breach of its own procedures".

## Censorship around sexual ethics

However, in spite of this severe criticism, Mrs Justice Lang found that TfL was right to ban the advert placed by Core Issues in response to Stonewall's campaign.

Reacting to the judgment, Andrea Minichiello Williams, Director of the Christian Legal Centre, which has supported Dr Davidson and the Trust, said:

"This case vividly exposes the huge asymmetry and censorship that characterises public debate at the moment, especially around sexual ethics.

"The message that some people are 'ex-gay' should not be considered offensive or controversial. Some people choose not to act on same-sex attraction. They should not be ostracised for doing so but helped. Mike Davidson and Core Issues Trust simply want to offer such help to those who experience same-sex attraction but would prefer to change that."

## 'They simply want to offer help to those who experience same-sex attraction and would prefer to change that'

"The role of Boris Johnson is also very worrying. If further evidence comes to light that he was not only abusing his position in light of the mayoral election but also seeking to cover it up, then the political implications could be huge."

Source - Christian Concern

## LOCAL NEWS

## Glenn King's family had a history of heart disease. But Glenn and his wife were determined that it would not affect his ability to carry on working

FOR BUS DRIVER GLENN, it would have been easy to panic when he found he had twice the normal cholesterol levels in his blood. A negative report from the hospital would have spelled the end of his career. Here is his story:



Rejoicing: Glenn and Carole King's faith saw them through their trial

AS A BUS DRIVER, and due to having suffered a TIA (mini stroke) in 1995, I have to renew my PSV driving licence every three years.

This includes a medical examination before the DVLA will reissue my licence, so it can seem like quite a hurdle because my livelihood depends on a good result.

When I had my latest medical last July, one of the investigations was an exercise test to assess my heart activity. I was duly sent along to Cardiology at Worthing Hospital.

The test results showed up some minor irregularities in the rhythm of my heart and while the DVLA felt these were minimal and issued my new licence, I was advised to get them checked out because my family has a history of heart problems.

Although I've reached 58, my father suffered from coronary artery disease and died of a heart attack at 32 and my older brother had a heart attack and bypass surgery



about ten years ago.

So these are the facts in the natural realm, but we have always believed that God wants to supply good health to his children so they can carry out his will on earth.

"I don't know why they've sent you here!" said the doctor. "Your heart is perfect!"

I duly went to see my GP who made the referral to the hospital and I also had a cholesterol blood test. My cholesterol level was found to be above normal at 7 (average should be around 3-4).

However, our God is a God of the supernatural and I had determined that none of these factors were going to affect the level of faith to which

God has called me. My lovely wife Carole and I began to pray about the situation, but we were very careful not to share this with anyone other than our church pastor at Coastlands Christian Outreach Centre, Worthing.

In the story of Jairus' daughter, Jesus specifically ordered the unbelievers to leave the room! We too did not want to be influenced by any voices of doubt and unbelief while waiting for this hospital appointment: a negative outcome had the potential to affect my whole way of life and ability to earn a living for my family.

On the day of the appointment, 26 February, I arrived at the hospital, went into the gents and prayed for a good report from the consultant.

Before I went in to see him, the nurse attached the electrodes. Once in front of him, he looked surprised and said, "I don't know why they have sent you here," to which I replied, "Neither do I!"

He duly checked my cholesterol readings and his statement was, "Perfect!"

Carole and I just praised God for his awesome, healing power! If we pray in faith, then God is faithful!



exactly 5lbs 9ozs each, couldn't wait to see the world.

Rev Lisa Barnett began her ministry as Parish Priest of St Augustine's in June 2011, after serving as curate of All Saints Patcham, north Brighton, where she married Stephen, who works in Brighton.

She grew up in Worthing where most of her family still live. After studying music and education at the University of Reading, she taught at a Worthing primary school for two years, before studying for ordination at Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge.

Lisa's ministry at Scaynes Hill is part-time, and she combines it with training in Ignatian Spirituality and spiritual direction in London.

The church rallied round after the births, which also featured in the Mid Sussex Times, bringing them a meal every evening for the first fortnight. Lisa said, "The church here is just wonderful. There is a strong sense of family and team."

It is now doubtful, though, whether either sleepless parent will succeed in their previously declared aim of trying to get the vicarage garden under control!

## Rev Lisa's twin-shaped adventure!

LOOK AT THIS HAPPY COUPLE AND YOU'D THINK THEY WERE ANY NORMAL NEW PARENTS.

Then look again at the proud and happy new mum. Yes, Rev Lisa Barnett is in her 'uniform' of a dog collar under her cosy cardigan.

Lisa and husband Stephen are the delighted parents of twins Cara and Amy, born this February. At a few weeks old they are, says Lisa, "A twin-shaped adventure."

The twins' birth makes Lisa the first woman priest in the Diocese of Chichester (which covers East and West Sussex) to give birth while in post.

Happily, 33-year-old Lisa is on a 'generous' nine months' maternity leave from her part-time post as priest in charge of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, mid-Sussex. This gives her time to recover from her caesarean, which took place two days earlier than planned when the twins, who unusually weigh



Rev Lisa Barnett in 'uniform', husband Stephen and twins, March 2013

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# THE BIGGEST BANK ROBBERY IN HISTORY

If a tiny island community like Cyprus can be treated in this cavalier way by the powerful leaders of the Eurozone, can they be trusted in any of their activities?

**T**HE CYPRUS CRISIS, although only involving a small island, is of huge significance in revealing the depths of the moral as well as the economic bankruptcy of the European nations.

Depositors who had put their money into a bank for safekeeping suddenly found that, far from their money being safe, it was stolen from them in the biggest bank robbery in history!

How and why did it happen? This is a question that ordinary Cypriot residents will be asking for a long time.

For at least the past decade, Cypriots have been aware of the presence among them of wealthy Russians. At the same time they may not have been unaware that Russian oligarchs who have made fortunes since the fall of Communism were using the Cypriot banks to store their wealth.

Much of this wealth is said to have been acquired in somewhat dubious circumstances and the Cypriot banks were not very careful to impose conditions which would enable money to be passed on into the international financial system as clean.

## The €10 billion bailout

A further advantage was that the Cypriot banks were paying higher interest rates (six percent) than were available elsewhere in the Eurozone.

This, of course, was not to the liking either of the European Central Bank or of the German banks. It was inevitable that the day would come when both the ECB and the German banks would find an opportunity of punishing Cyprus for stepping out of line. The request for a bailout of €10 billion provided just

that opportunity.

But even more importantly in an election year, Chancellor Merkel could not afford to be seen using German taxpayers' money to rescue rich Russians from losing their "allegedly ill-gotten gains". As Alex Spillius said in the *Daily Telegraph*, Cyprus had become "a sunny place for shady people" and it was Russian cash that had fuelled their banks' "disastrous over-expansion".

## 40 percent cut

The German insistence upon taking at least 40 percent out of the deposits of those holding accounts with more than €100,000 was aimed at punishing the cash-rich Russians.

But the whole episode has been so badly managed that it has become a fiasco in which the Cypriot people are the main sufferers, not the Russians. Reuter reports revealed that whilst the banks in Cyprus remained shut and ordinary Cypriots queued at ATM machines to withdraw a few hundred euros and credit card and cheque transactions were stopped, the rich depositors used other means of getting access to their money.

The two banks at the centre of the crisis, Laiki and the Bank of Cyprus, had branches in London and Moscow which remained open for business and placed no limits on withdrawals! By the time the Cypriot banks reopened it is reliably reported that very little Russian money was left in Cyprus.

## Fiasco

The great bank robbery that was aimed at punishing Russia spectacularly misfired. The rich Russians have long disappeared over the horizon but the bailout fiasco has massively impoverished the whole population of the small Mediterranean island.

It is the ordinary local people and small businesses that are suffering. I have many friends in Cyprus, both English and Greek, and I know a little of the difficulties they are facing. One couple who have a small family business making jams and pickles employing about 20 people face ruin if they cannot pay their suppliers. They are typical of many small businesses on which the economy of Cyprus depends.

## Repercussions

The repercussions of the Cyprus crisis go far beyond that island and are likely to affect all the countries in the Eurozone who put their trust in belonging to a community with a single currency that would guarantee its value and stability. People trusted that the money they entrusted to the bank for safekeeping would be carefully guarded and would always be available to them.

But to save the banks from collapse the authorities have stolen money from their

depositors. This is employing moral bankruptcy to combat economic bankruptcy. It simply will not work. It may solve the immediate problem but in the long term it will prove disastrous, because banking, like all commercial transactions, requires trust. Once that trust is broken the floodgates of moral anarchy are opened and there is no way back.

## Broken trust

Right across Europe investors will be asking themselves if they can trust *any* bank in the Eurozone. If a tiny island community can be treated in this cavalier way by the powerful leaders of the Eurozone, can they be trusted in any of their activities?

Trust is the basis of all human relationships. If we cannot trust the word of a friend, that friendship quickly dies. If trust breaks down in a marriage, or in any part of family life, it is very difficult to repair. Trust is a precious commodity and should be carefully guarded.

When Moses was overburdened with the responsibilities of the nation, his father-in-law gave him some good advice: "Select capable men from all the people - men who respect God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials."

The way we handle

money is often a good test of trustworthiness. Jesus said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

Politicians who could not even be trusted to handle their own expenses and allowances honestly lost a lot of respect in the eyes of the public. People thought that if we couldn't trust them with petty cash, how could we trust them with the affairs of the nation? When trust is broken little things become of massive importance.

## Truth and justice

It is because we have despised our Judaeo-Christian heritage, discarding values such as faithfulness, trustworthiness, truthfulness and integrity that we are in such a mess today.

The bankers who triggered the great financial crisis still insist upon their million pound bonuses for Christmas. Now the powerful bankers are unjustly punishing the little people in the tiny island of Cyprus.

Is there no justice in our post-Christian civilisation among the Western nations? We have abandoned truth and so justice has blown out of the window! Surely without repentance and a change of direction the nations are heading for disaster!

## "Testing times ahead but great opportunities"

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## LOCAL NEWS

# How Chichester welcomed the new Archbishop

After the Most Rev Justin Welby turned down an invitation to Rome for the new Pope's inauguration to keep his promise to visit Chichester, the last stop on his prayer journey to Canterbury, the city centre came to a halt when 3,000 people thronged the streets to greet him



Photos: Jim Holden

**SCHOOLCHILDREN WERE GIVEN TIME OFF LESSONS to greet the new Archbishop in Chichester on 19 March.**

Archbishop Welby undertook a Journey in Prayer', before his enthronement at Canterbury Cathedral and the start of his public ministry.

He started at the Market Cross where he addressed the crowd, offering a prayer and an invitation to walk alongside him as he began his journey from the Market Cross to the Cathedral, spending the next six hours there.

The Dean of Chichester, Nicholas Frayling, who described the visit as 'very moving', said: "People come in their hundreds to say their prayers here every day of the year. I hope Archbishop Justin's visit will bring many more to experience the different methods of prayer on offer."

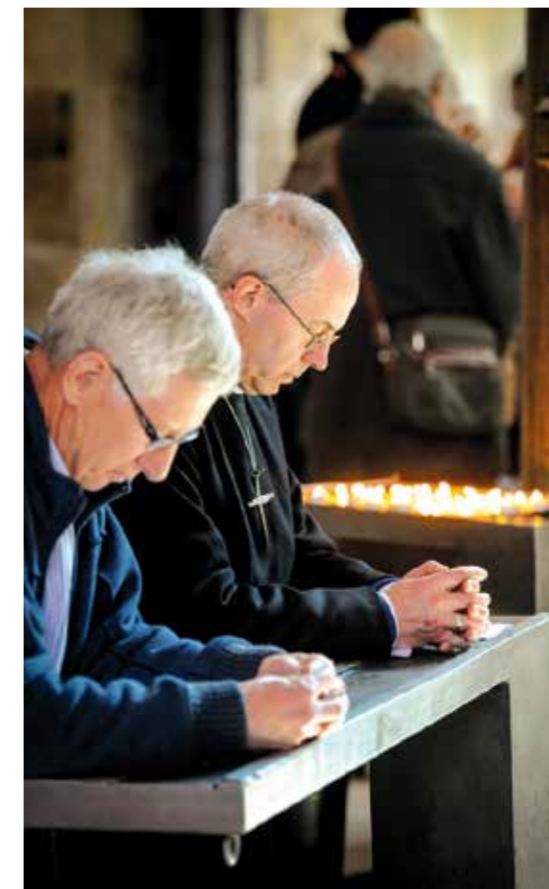
The Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner, said it was a great privilege to welcome the Archbishop to Chichester and to join him in prayer.

Archbishop Welby has drawn a lot of interest as an evangelical Christian from a colourful family who converted in Kensington and left a high-flying career as an oil executive for the call of the Church.

As with the new Pope, his in-tray is mountainous, with the task of reconciliation uppermost. Some are already determined to pray every day for his protection and wisdom.



Archbishop Welby with Bishop Martin Warner, Chichester



Archbishop Welby in the pulpit of Chichester Cathedral



Archbishop Welby with the Dean of Chichester Cathedral, the Very Rev Nicholas Frayling

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Two men usher in new era of hope for the Church

**TWO MEN WITH A 20 YEAR AGE GAP** look set to change the world's perceptions of the Church

In just two weeks in March, the new Argentinian Pope Francis, 76, was elected and the new British Archbishop of Canterbury, 56, was inaugurated.

Reactions to both men have been very positive, with thousands turning out to cheer both of them.

Already their words are being reported with an interest and respect more usually accorded to a new president. Many Christians believe the two men are welcomed because, similarly to heroes such as Nelson Mandela or Mother Teresa, their integrity and experience give them a moral authority rarely seen in today's politicians.

Archbishop Welby has already spoken out on welfare reforms, as has Pope Francis on the needs of the poor, publicly demonstrated with his continuing tradition of washing their feet as Jesus washed his disciples' feet before his death and resurrection.

Both men will eventually attract criticism for being conservative evangelicals whose biblically based convictions preclude allowing them to approve of 'modernising' that which to them is sacred, such as choos-

ing when and whether someone lives or dies and the lifelong union of a man and woman.

**Their words are being reported with an interest and respect usually given to a new president**

Pope Francis has already had to deal with criticism of his alleged involvement with Argentina's "dirty war" from 1976-83, strongly refuted by the Vatican. Its spokesman, Fr Lombardi, said, "The campaign against Bergoglio is well-known and dates back to many years ago. The charges refer to the time before Jorge Mario Bergoglio became bishop of Buenos Aires, when he was Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in Argentina and accuse him of not having protected two priests who were kidnapped. This was never a concrete or credible accusation in his regard."

"Instead, there have been many declarations demonstrating how much Bergoglio

did to protect many persons at the time of the military dictatorship. Bergoglio's role, once he became bishop, in promoting a request for forgiveness of the Church in Argentina for not having done enough at the time of the dictatorship is also well-known."

Pope Francis's election was welcomed by Arundel and Brighton Bishop Kieran Conry who wrote in his pastoral letter to the local churches:

"Even the media people in St Peter's Square seemed to be infected by the joy that greeted the appearance of Pope Francis, and there is a mood of hope and encouragement across the Church and the world. And pray for Pope Francis. There is a hope that he can re-build the Church as his namesake did, to put it back on track and restore our pride in being Catholic."

"The media have been fascinated by how modestly this man has lived, this son of a railway worker who travelled by public transport and cooked his own meals. Those days are gone for him, but let us hope that our modern world can hear that call to live more simply and modestly. This has been a very timely papal election."



The new Pope sought forgiveness for the Church in Argentina



Archbishop Welby has already criticised welfare reform



## Jane's singing a new tune

**WHILE HER HUSBAND MARK** is travelling to the Third World to train and inspire local pastors, Jane Weeden of Arundel has picked up her musical career to launch both a singing school and offer professional recitals.

For many years Jane devoted herself to supporting her minister husband while he led local churches, most recently the Worthing Tabernacle, and their four children.

But the operatic voice – a high coloratura – never left her and Jane has now been inspired to share it more widely. As well as being available for weddings, funerals and singing lessons, she has recorded a CD of healing songs by composer Grenville Richard Harding, known from Revelation TV.

## Women chant 'Jesus' and scare robber away

**What would YOU do when a masked gunman breaks into your jewellery party? Give him your money and phones – or call on a higher authority?**

Jacque Hagler was hosting a jewellery party for 14 women in her Florida home recently when a masked gunman broke in and ordered the ladies to give him their cellphones and purses.

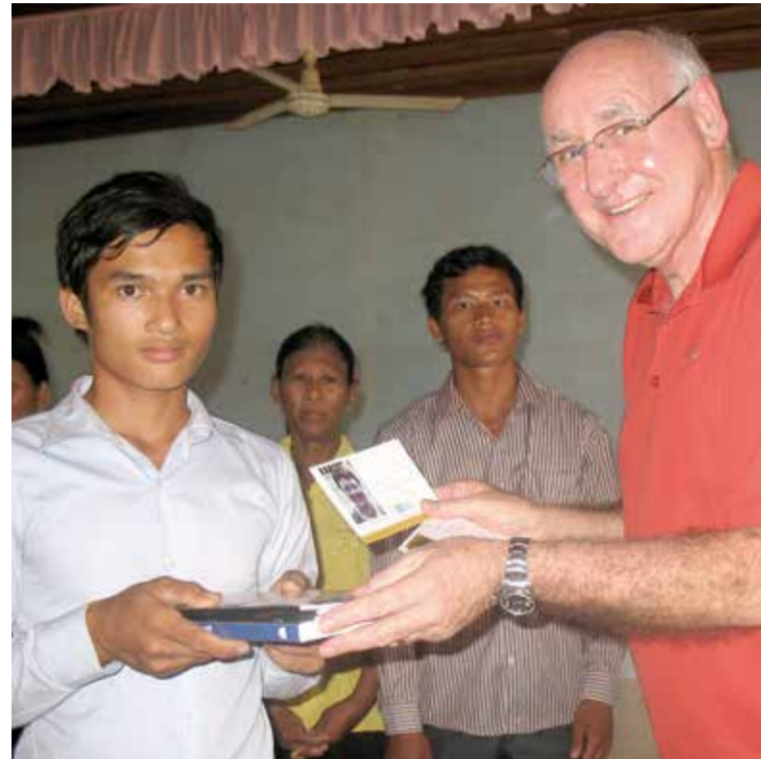
According to a report in *Charisma News*, Hagler looked at the man and said, "Get out of my house, in the name of Jesus!" When the robber repeated his demand, along with a threat to shoot the women, Hagler repeated her command, after which the women in attendance began chanting the name of Jesus with her.

Stunned, the gunman fled the scene and was later found and arrested a few blocks away from the crime scene. "As a woman of true faith," said Hagler, "I know that God's Word says that we're to call on his name in times of trouble ... I truly believe that there were angels in that room and that the robber was in awe of them."

"The boldness of God in these ladies was incredible," said Lake City Public Information Officer Craig Strickland. "This was a non-Christian activity, but all of these ladies, from what we gathered, were Christians. We don't encourage anyone to stand up and be defiant like that, but you do what you have to do in the name of Jesus. This goes beyond prayer. It's authority in the name. That's what these ladies know."

LOCAL NEWS

# Worthing Christians visit Cambodia



Peter Stewart gives a young man a greeting card from one of Worthing's Bible a Month supporters to keep with his new Bible



A group listening to the Bible: many middle-aged adults cannot read. A landmine has claimed the leg of the pastor learning to read in this group



**A FORMER HEADMASTER** and his wife, a primary school teacher, have spent two weeks visiting churches in Cambodia to see for themselves the explosive growth of its churches.

After the horrors of the Khmer Rouge, the Church in Cambodia has grown 70% in 20 years. Peter and Mary Stewart of Worthing Bible Society Action Group joined ten other delegates from Bible Society UK and Scotland to see for themselves the growth of the church in Cambodia.

"We travelled miles and met some amazing people," says Peter. "Almost every family in Cambodia lost relations in the horrors of the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s when nearly two million people died. Many teachers died so now many middle aged adults cannot read. We were amazed to see reading groups listening to an MP3 player and following a colourful book filled with biblical illustrations."

"After nearly 16 years of translation work we were able to witness the first oral recording of the Gospel of Luke into Bunong, the language of an animist tribe in the north-east."

They also met Arun Sok Nhep, "a truly inspirational man, who works tirelessly" and directs Bible Society Cambodia.

Now in his 60s, Mr Nhep says, "God has used the circumstances of my life (*pain and suffering*) to the benefit of his Kingdom...and an opportunity to now supply scriptures."

## New Bishop of Bermuda was Sussex vicar



**LINDFIELD** parishioners and village residents were delighted when they heard in early February about the appointment of 49 year-old Rev Nicholas Dill to be the next Bishop of Bermuda.



Nick Dill served as Curate at All Saints Church, Lindfield, West Sussex, from 1998 and afterwards became Associate Vicar at the same church, leaving in 2005 to become Vicar of Pembroke Parish in his native country of Bermuda.

Lindfield's vicar, James Clarke, said, "Throughout their seven year stay, Nick and Fiona and their children made a great impact on our church and community. I am sure you will want to join me in praying for Nick in this exciting appointment".



The church in the floating village of Me Chrey was built a year ago



Recording the Gospel of Luke in Bunong, the language of a hill tribe



From right: Mayor Keith Blake, Henry Smith MP, Bishop Kieran Conry, members of the Crawley Interfaith Network and Fairtrade supporters

## Bandstand banter as local dignitaries meet for Fairtrade Fortnight

By Steve Innes



**THE BISHOP OF ARUNDEL, TOGETHER WITH CRAWLEY'S MAYOR AND MP,** found himself sampling free hot drinks at the town's bandstand as part of Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Right Reverend Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, Henry Smith MP, His Worship The Mayor Keith Blake and Sally Blake, the Mayor's wife, together with several councillors and local dignitaries demonstrated their support for the Fairtrade initiative on Saturday 9 March.

Along with shoppers and passers-by, they enjoyed a cup of freshly brewed, fairly traded tea, coffee or hot chocolate served by members of the Crawley Fairtrade team at the bandstand. Working with

them were Crawley Interfaith Network amongst other local groups, whose assistance we greatly appreciated.

The event provided the opportunity for all those interested to contribute ideas and suggestions concerning the prospect of seeking Fairtrade status for Crawley, a standard conferred by the Fairtrade Foundation on those towns, villages and other communities and organisations able to demonstrate their consistent commitment to the Fairtrade ideal.

Their encounter was well met and some very constructive exchanges took place. No doubt we'll see the fruits of their collaboration in due course - and so, I hope, will the World's Fairtrade producers.



Seventh Day Adventists take a break from their Saturday worship in Lowfield Heath in order to support Fairtrade

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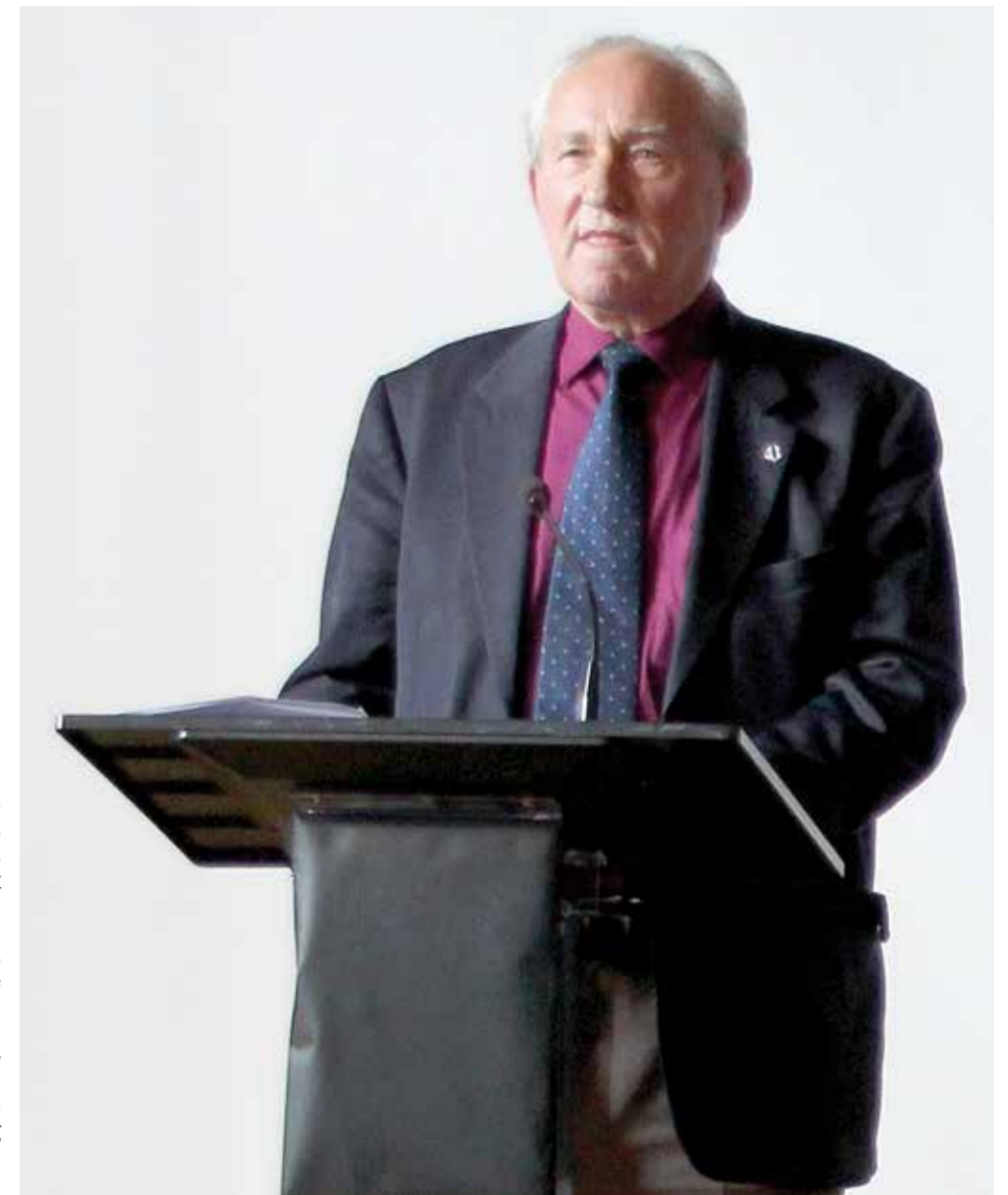
Chairman and Founder of ICCC, J Gunnar Olson and his wife meeting President Nkurunziza of Burundi in Washington in 2006. On the left is Dale Neill, President of ICCC



Grahame, second left, at the ICCC's International Board meeting in Israel in 2010



Filming a business training video



Grahame talking to entrepreneurs in Yerevan, Armenia

# Bognor today, Burundi tomorrow

## Meet the retired accountant who keeps two suitcases packed, ready for globe-trotting exploits

By Carole Woodiwis

**WHEN GRAHAME SCOFIELD'S NEIGHBOURS see him drive his decades-old Volvo out of the drive of his bungalow in a quiet road in a village near Bognor Regis, they probably never realise that he is heading for the airport as often as he heads for the office.**

At 77, an age when other men have retired, Grahame went abroad 15 times last year, jetsetting between countries as a member of that ancient and honourable profession of matchmaker. His arranged matches, however, are strictly business and the introductions are as often as not between governments and business people.

Unlike other international wheeler dealers, though, Grahame derives no personal benefit. For the past 17 years, he has served, very actively, as a member of the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) and been an International Director for the past 11 years.

The ICCC aims to teach and encourage people to live out their Christian calling in the marketplace, leading to what they call "a transformed working life," that is, transformed by applying Christ's teaching to their everyday work.

Grahame is now able to live this out through his involvement in Eastern Europe, Rwanda, Burundi and many other nations, and he has brought trade delegations to countries such as Israel.

Interviewing Grahame at his home in Felpham, it is clear that he loves this work.

He funds his exploits from his career in the chartered accountancy practice which he started 40 years ago and built up to provide services to individuals, businesses, churches and charities. His

wife, Elizabeth, used to say, "He looks quiet but gets involved in some hair-raising adventures!"

Grahame is now a widower as Elizabeth died 17 years ago. Elizabeth had a ministry of intercessory prayer and Grahame is convinced she is praying for him in heaven.

Grahame and Elizabeth encountered God together when their first child was a severely handicapped daughter. Instead of losing faith, they gained a new understanding of God's power and purpose which gave them both a much deeper commitment to their God. The encounter brought a different perspective. Tipped to be an industrial high flyer, Grahame gave up his job running a factory and said, "Lord, how can I serve you?"

Then began his search for a way to live out "the kingdom life" in the business arena. This led to his starting his own accountancy practice in Horsham, now called Baldwin Scofield.

These days he spends an average of three days a week at the office, having passed its management on to his senior partner, Nick Baldwin, also a committed Christian. This frees Grahame to follow God's leading in linking people, governments and businesses internationally. He presently spends much of the working week at his son's home and is a steady influence on his four grandchildren.

Thirty years after his spiritual awakening, Grahame discovered the ICCC.

"The members of the ICCC work hard," he says, "pay their own travel expenses and physically get up and go to wherever they can make a difference in the world."

The leaders and members of ICCC, he says, believe that as you pray, things change. "They use their skills, talents and ability to serve freely. Part of our witness is that as you serve the



Lord, he does not leave any other area unattended," comments Grahame.

**"Think about how you'd operate if the banking system collapsed"**

Perhaps he is thinking here of the way, with much prayer, his daughter has been transformed from someone of very limited understanding and ability to someone who has a very good sense of who she is and can care for herself. She is now increasing in capacity, runs her own house, goes to the same church, St Mary's Felpham, and is his best friend. He is fulsome in his praise of Bognor's LArche Community which supports his daughter.

Although a capable administrator who has also served as the ICCC's

International Treasurer until this March, Grahame's special subject is speaking on "End time" economics. Quietly radical, he offers his listeners a blueprint of how to handle "these coming conditions of intense disruption in world affairs, the 'birth pangs' before Jesus' return and rule," forecast by Jesus himself in Matthew's gospel.

It is a great joy to Grahame that in these challenging times he can offer solutions. To do this, he says, "You have to walk with the Lord, listen to him and live a holy life."

Thus he and his ICCC friends have asked God for opportunities and believe that, in response, God has opened doors in high places of government and brought about change in whole nations through their work.

The President of Burundi, for example, was passionate about educating the children in his country, but did not have experienced teachers. He asked if ICCC might help develop an education system for his nation.

Following lots of prayer that the Lord would help them find people who could develop an education system for a nation, a Christian University in the USA was identified with a specialised education division. A joint venture with Burundi is in the process of transforming the African nation's education system.

On another occasion the ICCC approached the Government of Israel and asked if they could bring trade delegations from some nations who were not trading with them. After prayer, the ICCC members were guided to four of the least favoured nations: Rwanda, Burundi, Liberia and Benin.

Each one had a Christian President and each was a pariah state which relied on international aid and UN troops. Israel had the technology and ability to help these nations and formal Trade Agreements were made under the watchful eye of Israeli TV.

Ten different videos were made. These were taken up by Chinese Universities and tens of thousands of students underwent this training in how to think like entrepreneurs.

As a result of the programme, Grahame, says, "They reckon that 50,000 businesses were started. It was then taken up by the Chinese army to retrain conscripts and finally is being sold in book shops."

The Chinese said, "This is not a business training, this is a new way of life."

Grahame has just returned from the ICCC International General Meeting which took place in Israel in March.

What is his advice to us for the future? "If you are in a tsunami, then get to higher ground, in the spiritual sense. Listen to the Lord and not your own fears. Keep resources where they will not be in the first area of attack (for example, businesses should consider putting money into different banks). Spread your resources out. Think about how you would operate if the banking system were to collapse."

"Learn the perspective that God is in charge and put your expertise to his use."

"Travel light. Don't fill your life with what you don't have to and be prepared to dump non-essentials."

Ever ready to practise what he preaches, Grahame has two suitcases, ready packed, by his front door: "One is for international travel, the other to cover time in business and with the family."

Grahame chuckles as he remembers helping the Israeli chef de protocol roll out the red carpet at 6.30am for the unexpected arrival of the Foreign Minister of Burundi who was to be Grahame's responsibility during the visit. "What flag is it, do you know?" asked the anxious chef de protocol. Happily Grahame did.

He explains how they have been active even in China, whose government wanted to develop an entrepreneurial culture, something entirely new for them. The ICCC made a proposal along with other commercial groups. Their suggestion was to use examples of people who had been successful entrepreneurs around the world and develop teaching videos based on interviews with them. It was called, "You can start a business."

This appealed to the Chinese who selected the ICCC's proposal, saying "OK, but you can't quote Jesus or the Bible."

The ICCC then asked if they could say, "It is written."

"Yes," replied the Chinese, "because people will think it is Confucius!"



An ICCC meeting in the Winter Palace, Plovdiv, Bulgaria in 2011



**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ICCC was founded in 1985 by a Swedish businessman, J Gunnar Olson. The ICCC's vision is to "train men and women to respond to the biblical challenge of a walk of faith with Christ in the marketplace." The heart of the ICCC vision presents a serious and challenging call to Christians in business to come to a new dimension in faith in which we honour God first.

We are a Christian interdenominational group of prophetic people seeking to attract more Christians with a heart for serving and a desire to use their gifts to support a growing number of ICCC initiatives which aspire to promote God's kingdom in the workplace both here in the UK and abroad.

Gunnar Olson has said, "God has given us a calling for our time and for the time to come...It is just like a walk into the unknown, full of new discoveries."

It is part of the calling to reach all parts of the world and be truly international. The world is divided into international regions, each with a Director. Membership operates at local and international levels.

The principles of ICCC are excellence, stewardship and righteousness; professional life filled with new and fresh biblical revelation. Religion will not help us to walk through the coming times, but knowing the Lord, worshipping the Lord and walking together with him is to overcome. It requires a believing people with a personal relationship with God.

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**ICCC's annual conference 19-21 April – see Events section**

## GOD IN THE MARKETPLACE

The latest in Roger Greene's series of business success stories...

## Letting God run your business!

# When stress from my dishonest boss brought on blindness, I said to God, "Why don't you heal my eye as a sign that you're going to give me a good job?"

Last issue Roger Greene introduced you to railway expert Robin Hirsch and his amazing story of dedicating his business life to God. We pick up his story in Frankfurt, where he was Finance Director at an American company's German branch. Here he had already seen miraculous order brought to the real mess of its accounts system after settling old bills, but worse was to come...

### My personal experience of healing

Three months into my time in Frankfurt, the European HQ appointed a new Managing Director. He avoided controls on his expenses and installed a scheme to deceive an insurance company. Then he told me to write off a 4.8 million DM debt from the local tax books, but to keep it unreserved in the shareholders' accounts. I refused. "That's fraud," I told him.

With the stress, I got gastritis and went partly blind – a big black hole in the centre of vision of my right eye, which matched the black hole in the accounts!

The specialist diagnosed clouding of the eye's vitreous body.

"It is incurable and will worsen with age," she said.

Meanwhile, I was wrestling with God. "Now, I want you to resign," I thought he said. "Why?" I asked. "You've only just brought me here and I've no other jobs lined up – and, with your help, I've done so well!"

"Ah, but now I want you to depend not on your great qualifications or track record, but only on me. Don't worry; I'll get you another job. Do not resist the evil man."

On Monday, I resigned. On Wednesday, I panicked.

"God, is the new job you promised another senior position?" I prayed.

Then I had a brainwave: "Hey, why don't you heal my eye, as a sign that you're going to give me a good job?"

On Saturday, when I woke up, the black hole was gone! All that was left was a faint ring. Next Monday, I was invited to interview for Chief Accountant at Sun Alliance Insurance, a post I eventually accepted.

God can manage every aspect of our life better than us: if we trust him, he can and does do miracles. Some I have seen were manifestly supernatural: blind people saw, legs were lengthened, cysts melted away. Others were 'coincidences' but as William Temple said, "When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't."

### Running a business under the Holy Spirit's guidance

Seven years later, I was a highly paid consultant with AT Kearney. At a dinner, a man prophesied that if I resigned (again!) and went to Eastern Europe to proclaim the good news that God creates biblical miracles today, I would be blessed spiritually and financially.

I felt this prophecy was true, and so it proved. My visit to Eastern Europe led to my setting up a new company, Kingdom Technology, determined to run under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is harder to run a company under God's guidance than to be faithful to God as an employee, because one takes more decisions. For example, none of our leads come by our own efforts: we merely respond to those that the Lord provides. Only once in 22 years were we without work, for six months.

Once, after giving a friend our news, I was surprised to receive a £1,000 invoice from him. He felt he had given



Robin, second right, in 2004 with representatives of the metros of Berlin, Paris and Hong Kong in London at the annual CoMET metro benchmarking meeting



Robin on the Great Wall of China during his trip to Beijing in 2012

Since 1990, Robin has run Kingdom Technology, a management consultancy, and helped to set up the Railway and Transport Strategy Centre at Imperial College. Starting in 1992 with one client, they now have about 44 railway and 24 bus company clients worldwide, including six in China, where he has been visiting clients and speaking at conferences almost every year since 1994.



Roger Greene and a group of Christians in business and the workplace meet for breakfast every month in Horsham to pray and encourage one another in their everyday work. If you're interested in joining them or you have a great business or workplace story to tell, please contact Roger on roger@tricornant.com

me billable HR advice, though he had not mentioned it. I paid him double, saying it was "a coat and a cloak". In a day or two, a £10,000 invoice that we had written off was unexpectedly paid. God always outdoes our generosity!

Several times, God has prompted me to drop all I was doing and wait for something new. Sure enough, important commissions came along: the first, a book about best practice in the Kowloon-Canton Railway (it sold 2500 copies); the next, a major escalator review for London Underground (they say that the strategy from our work will save half a billion pounds).

So listen to God; don't cling to yesterday's miracles. Then you will be ready for the next thing he gives you to do. It may be even more wonderful.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Middle-East Update by Howard Stern, a Sussex-based mediator and negotiator

# GOD'S MOVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST CHESSBOARD

What's happening on the ground – and the significance of four 'blood' moons in the heavens next year...



President Obama in Bethlehem 22 March 2013

**IT IS WRITTEN in Daniel 2:21 that God not only "changes times and seasons, but that he sets up kings and deposes them."**

So when I observe the rise and fall of leaders and governments I am compelled to ask: what's God up to?

We may not understand his moves on the geopolitical chessboard of the Middle East, but what we can be assured of, is that we are witnessing his game plan.

In Syria, the rebels still fight hard against Assad's forces. The UN states that one million Syrian refugees have been created and 90,000 killed. Lebanon is feeling the effects of the Syrian conflict with growing unrest.

In Jordan, forces loyal to the king constantly suppress challenges by radical extremists.

In Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood is enforcing Sharia law, much to the dismay of those who thought they had won freedom in ousting Mubarak.

In Gaza, Hamas rules with an iron fist whilst flexing their muscles in the West Bank, threatening the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority.

### Israel has passed its red diplomatic line with Iran

With the exception of Israel, the entire region is unstable and becoming ever more dangerous for Christians. So what's God up to?

In considering our response, it's important to measure what we observe through the lens of biblical prophecy; we must see beyond the natural to the supernatural, for what plays out on the ground (in the physical) is often a shadow of things in the heavenly (spiritual) realm. Remember Paul's words to the Ephesians in 6:12: "...for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Now, perhaps more than ever, it's going to be important to see events through God's Word and not human wisdom.

Let me explain. I recently attended a conference in which the Iranian situation was discussed. No-one could,

or would, make firm statements; but what was unanimous amongst all the speakers who ranged from senior security advisors to analysts, was that Israel had passed its diplomatic red line and that the US was probably close behind.

The view is that Iran cannot be allowed to become nuclear capable; not just because of existential threats against Israel but the possibility of export to unstable regimes. It was acknowledged that the inevitable retaliatory strike would be severe and Israel would suffer significantly.

### The price of oil would skyrocket

Jesus taught us there would be many signs in this earth's last days, both on earth and in the heavens. Acts 2:20 reminds us that, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord."

Should military action occur we must hold fast to his words – we must not be disturbed, but are to watch and pray.

The global impact could be significant with the price of oil skyrocketing if the Straits of Hormuz, through which passes 35% of the world's oil, become impassable.

Significantly, there is a heavenly sign which might indicate the timing of such an event: in 1949 and 1950, the two years following Israel's great war of independence, there were two blood red moons each year. The same phenomenon happened in 1968 and 1969 following the infamous Six Day War. The next sets are due next year and 2015!

These dates have been confirmed by NASA and a detailed exposition can be found on Lance Lambert's website ([www.lancelambert.com](http://www.lancelambert.com)), which I thoroughly recommend.



Palestinians protesting at President Obama's visit this March

These remarkable signs in the skies will fall on the first day of Passover in both years and on the first days of the civil and agricultural calendars. If history is about to repeat itself, these signs in the sky could, therefore, herald a war this year. I really hope not.

Whatever happens, we must keep in mind the wisdom of God whose ways and thoughts are higher than ours. We know that God has a plan for Israel. "I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain..."

...I will bring them back and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I shall be their God in truth and righteousness." (Zechariah 8:4-8).

2013 may prove to be a year in which Christians need to truly follow the advice of the Psalmist, to trust in the Lord in all ways and lean not on our own understanding.

Howard is organising a conference in Crawley for 21 June entitled,

### "Being Wise Shepherds – Church Security in Changing Times."

Speakers include Dr Patrick Sookhdeo of Barnabas Fund and Andrea Williams of Christian Concern.

Details in the advert in the Events section.

### Family Conflicts Business Disputes Workplace Grievances Church Disputes

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On the Golan Heights overlooking the Goleel. A warning not to cross the fence and head down the slopes towards the lake as there are still many mines left over from the Syrian occupation, pre-1967



MUSIC REVIEW



# Melissa: Beyond the frame

By Katrina Roy

**'BEYOND THE FRAME' is a warm introduction to the soaring music of Melissa Hubert. From the inspiration of God and the tragic loss of her younger brother, came a beautiful sound.**

From the emotional intensity and beauty of 'Voice in the Choir', to the comic perspective of 'Mr Maker', the album is bursting with melodic and lyrical gems.

Melissa's voice has a classical purity and range combined with the pop sensibilities and phrasing of a contemporary artist. With the imaginative production from the 'Phatfish' keyboard player and producer, Mike Sandeman, each song shines.

She says: "God has been the inspiration for all my songs. The main song on the album, 'Voice in the Choir', illustrates the events surrounding the death of my brother, and the miraculous nature of him being in heaven. White Lillies is about a message that I preached when I was in Egypt. None of them are abstract, they're all very



deliberate and from God."

Melissa grew up listening to Eva Cassidy and says that she loves to emulate her 'folky classical' songs from the earlier albums. "My songs were originally written in this style, but sending them to Mike has given them a completely different feel, very funky and jazzy."

The artist's first music video has now been released to accompany the song 'Voice in the Choir'. There's beautiful scenery, exposure to her wonderful piano skills and scenes which represent her brother's passing away.

At 20 she is just starting her musical journey, but this debut is a delightful starting point.

Melissa's album is available for download on iTunes and from her website: [www.melissamusic.co.uk](http://www.melissamusic.co.uk)

BOOK REVIEW

# The Little House in Heaven

The Little House in Heaven by Kathleen Watson £5 & £1 p&p from Ebay or call 01903 725820

By Melody Oxborough

**THIS IS THE FIRST published children's book by Kathleen Watson, a member of Littlehampton's Arun Community Church.**

The story begins with its young heroine, Melissa, meeting her elderly neighbour Amy, a Christian. As a result, Melissa becomes curious about who Jesus is. When Melissa reads the book of Bible stories which, Amy gives her, the pictures come to life and Melissa has an extraordinary encounter with Jesus.

When Melissa meets Jesus, she refuses to follow him to the 'house on the rock' because she wants to find her own way there. After rejecting Jesus' offer of help to get there, though, Melissa finds herself in danger.

Messed up and scared, she cries out to Jesus who rescues her. Forgiving

Melissa for rejecting him, he picks her up like a lost sheep and carries her to the 'house on the rock'.

After they arrive, Melissa gets washed clean in a red bath (the blood of Jesus) and becomes a Christian. She then starts going to church with Amy and reading the Bible alongside her Bible story book.

The challenges Melissa faces during the rest of her childhood after becoming a Christian include: praying for her Granny, staying obedient to her mum and her Granddad after they move in with him, peer pressure after befriendng Rufus who lives next door to her Granddad and his mate Mick who helps to lead her astray, climbing back up to the 'house on the rock' and accepting Jesus' forgiveness after becoming the lost sheep again and finally sharing her faith with her family and friends.

At the end of her life, Melissa is allowed to see the rewards reaped from all the times during her life when she was obedient to God.

Although the book is aimed at children of eight upwards, I gained a lot from reading it.

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## LETTERS

# Let's fight for our children

of the distorted values of our society.

And so to suggestions:

**Parental/grandparental attitudes and example** are of far greater importance than school teaching and the internet.

**Arrange parenting discussion groups.** If you are unsure how to start, contact Mrs Jacky Clark (email: [clucksville@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clucksville@tiscali.co.uk)), Mothers' Union parenting co-ordinator for the Diocese of Chichester (which covers East and West Sussex).

Jacky has a list of trained facilitators who offer sessions exploring all aspects of this most important job in the world; they enable parents to discuss, support each other and gain the confidence to build even greater trust, respect and happiness in their families. Jacky would be very happy to hear from you.

**Build a respectful dialogue with local schools.** Please understand that schools may well be constrained by dictates of the national curriculum as to content [what and when] and attitude [straight information to be given without the teacher's own moral values being expressed], and also by staffing ratios. Don't expect withdrawal groups

to be automatically arranged - and remember that if children don't find out the truth from a reliable source, they'll listen to all sorts of rumours on the grapevine/internet. And are there any schools in Sussex which would "deliberately refuse" to talk to parents about these matters? Name them and shame them! Join your PTA and work with the teaching staff.

**Type "Bye Buy Childhood"** into your internet browser and explore this very informative Mothers' Union site - it's all about the commercialisation and sexualisation of children - and gives things you can do.

Find out from the UKCCIS [UK Council on Child Internet Safety] what work is currently being done to safeguard children. Type the initials into your browser.

Find out from Dr Clifford Hill what positive action will result from his conference and if your MP attended it: [www.issacharministries.co.uk](http://www.issacharministries.co.uk). Then tell your MP your concerns.

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## "I wish I hadn't been born"

I WAS PLEASED TO READ ABOUT the Roe v Wade case and Norma McCorvey's change of heart (Feb/Mar HEART OF SUSSEX), but in all the discussions I hear, the focus is always on the feelings of the woman. No mention is made of what would be best for the unborn child.

In 1948 Parliament declared that the best interests of the child were paramount. But they didn't legislate for the rights of the unborn child - perhaps *not* to be born - especially in rape and drug cases.

Sounds strange, I know. A Chinese family therapist told me that "Over 60% of all babies born are either unplanned or unwanted".

As one of those, I endured a sad childhood, unloved. Better perhaps to be aborted than to face a life unwanted. How often have I heard, "I wish I hadn't been born." Indeed, I used to utter those words myself.

But thank goodness I met a padre in the RAF who himself was illegitimate, and he led me to God. It's been a struggle, nevertheless, these last 60 years, but I am at peace now - phew!

John Munro  
Arundel

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# I BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO MOVE IN SUSSEX. HERE'S HOW TO GET READY

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## The other side of the cross

I meet so many broken-hearted women married to a man who'd told them he'd go to church after they were married - and never did. And those women had a calling on their life which they can't live out.

The desire to be "nice" extends to how the Church responds to other faiths' treatment of children and women, too.

## On the edge of another move

I believe we're on the edge of another move of God - believers up and down the land have been crying out for it. But unlike previous moves of God's Spirit, this time it MUST go out and not stay in the churches, although we may face challenges from the government and secular people.

So we will need to have God-given boldness. But most of us only preach one side of the cross, neglecting the other side of the cross explained in 1 Peter 2:21-22: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

The other side of the cross is about denying yourself and taking up your cross every day. That means doing what God wants, not what you want. Denying yourself - your preference to keep your head down - happens every time you tell your friends and relatives about Jesus.

My brother and I led about 100 out of 400 schoolboys at our public school to Jesus. I always knew that the moment we took a stand for Jesus, it affected all their reactions to me.

They'd say, "Jonathan, we like you but can you just stop talking about Jesus." And I'd reply, "No, I love you too much NOT to tell you about him!"

Others were less friendly and would even react violently, knowing that as a Christian I couldn't fight back - but God protected me.

Are we really willing to follow Jesus day to day, devotionally? It's shocking how many Christians don't read the Bible every day. I'm grateful I went to a Baptist church where we were taught to read the Bible every day and pray in our so-called "quiet time" (although it's not so quiet these days!), to



memorise Scripture and speak it out.

## MY THREE TIPS

So it's time to get equipped:

**1 GET FIT** - physically and spiritually. It's a shame it takes three months to get fit, and only one month to lose it! Get spiritually fit so you're not weighed down with sin, so keep coming to the cross. We all sin, even as Christians, because when we're tired we make mistakes. And get fit in God by exercising your spirit; I learned to pray in the Spirit a bit more every day on the inside. Keep opening up to God and receiving from him. Add a bit of fasting, which lowers your resistance to the move of God's Spirit.

**2 DON'T QUIT.** There's an African saying: "Quitters never win and winners never quit." Hebrews 10:25 talks of not neglecting to meet together. Many towns are said to have thousands of born again believers who are not in church. Worthing is said to have between 3-5,000. Norwich has 3,000. Even if you've been hurt, get over it - we need to toughen up a little. Every time I have to fight criticism and I'm tempted to withdraw and lick my wounds, I read a chapter from Foxe's Book of Martyrs and realise I have it easy!

**3 STAY FOCUSED.** Hebrews 12:1 talks about running the race with endurance; we need this not just for a sprint, but a marathon. You need to find out who you are and what you're called to and start to function in it. We're not just called to limp along as Christians and just make it into heaven. We must be disciples. In fact, Jesus was much tougher on his disciples than on the common man. He rebukes them for NOT calming the storm; he doesn't say, "OK, guys, you're still learning..."

Set targets to your prayer: don't just pray for yourself and your family - focus on others. Pray for a non-Christian for ten minutes every day, then

ask for opportunities to speak to them. Also set a goal to be able to tell one person about Jesus every day. Let's make a resolution that we're going to reach out for God!

*This article forms part of a teaching day held in Worthing on 23-24 March, hosted by Coastlands COC. Jonathan Conrathe prayed for healing for many, with 'words of knowledge' about cancer and other diseases. If you were one of them, please get in touch! Email [editorial@heartof.org.uk](mailto:editorial@heartof.org.uk) or call 0844 826 3135.*

*Jonathan also preached about breakthrough in people's lives: personal, financial, physical, relational and spiritual (in the sense of ministry breakthrough). His messages were recorded and are available from his or Coastlands COC's website.*

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Tuesday 23 April – St George;  
Sunday 12 May – Ascension of the Lord;  
Sunday 19 May – Pentecost (Induction of the new Mayor of Worthing);  
Sunday 26 May – Holy Trinity.

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Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 May  
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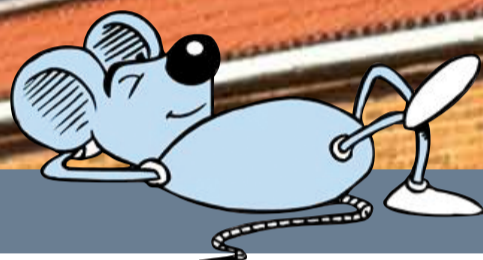
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