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the globe.





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Rev Richard Taylor, the Welsh pastor whose church is attracting global interest





Local roads were jammed. Nearly 100 people crowded the car park...



Host Pastor Andy Robinson of King's Church, Horsham

Mid-week madness? People were queuing in the car park for over an hour before the meeting started

"Welsh Outpouring" swamps Sussex church

Exciting things have been happening in a small Welsh church, drawing visitors from across the globe. Clive Price was among hundreds who hurried to Burgess Hill when the pastor from Wales visited Sussex

ABOUT 800 PEOPLE converged on The King's Centre, Burgess Hill, recently, to hear the pastor who spearheads the socalled "Welsh Outpouring".

Local roads were jammed. Nearly 100 people crowded the car park. That's because doors were closed when the building already reached full capacity by 7pm – such was the interest Richard Taylor, pastor of

Among Burgess Hill's overflow crowd was Jules Middleton, who's on the staff of The Point Church, an Anglican congregation not far from King's Centre. Jules had

already been to Cwmbran. She'd driven the 360-mile round trip in one day, just to have a taste of the "revival".

Thirty-five people went forward to become **Christians**

She said of her visit to Victory, "I spoke to some people who were hanging around in the foyer, hearing about what's going on. They told me about the guy who on the first night got out of his wheelchair, which is amazing. "I spoke to Richard Taylor's

PA. They just all seemed a little bit shell-shocked. At that stage it was only just into the second week. But they totally made me feel really welcome." Jules described seeing needy people in the congregation. "Obviously his (Richard Taylor's) background is being healed of drug addiction, and I saw people in that meeting who were in the same kind of situation," she said. "I just loved it."

After preaching, Pastor Richard invited people who did not have a relationship with Jesus to go forward. About 35 did so and prayed to become Christians.

Burgess Hill saw the usual characteristics of charismatic church events - such as fullbodied singing and flag-waving. But what made it different was the way Richard downplayed money and manifestations. He advised people not to fall over when receiving prayer. An offering was taken almost as an afterthought at the end.

The event had come about after Horsham pastor Andy

met Richard Taylor. and Andy claimed King's Church, Horsham, is also seeing healings and conversions. but Cwmbran is awakening a spiritual hunger in people. "This is a sense of God's habitation with us, rather than a visitation," said Andy.

"I found Pastor Taylor to be an unassuming ex drugaddict avoiding theology and talking of the blood of Jesus, then asking the Holy Spirit just turned up at their prayer to minister," said composer meeting," said Stuart. "God Grenville Richard Harding, uses ordinary people and does who attended the King's Centre extraordinary things."

meeting on 17 May. "I couldn't help thinking that this type of meeting should be ordinary for us. All church should be like this – simple, forgiving, loving and open to God.

Worthing-based graphic designer Stuart Walden also attended the Burgess Hill event. "I liked the fact that he's just an ordinary guy from a smallish church in an ordinary town – and that God



Robinson visited Cwmbran Standing room only at the back - but at least they got in

NATIONAL **NEWS IN BRIEF**

TORY MP BACKS BILL TO CURB GROWTH OF SHARIA COURTS

There are an estimated 85 Sharia courts operating in the UK, and many are believed to discriminate against women

and support polygamy. Tory MP Kris Hopkins has asked Justice Secretary Chris Grayling to block attempts by Sharia councils to be recognised by the Government, and has now said Baroness Caroline Cox is doing "exceptional" work in the House of Lords, through her Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill. Source - Christian Institute

WOOLWICH "ANGELS" **WHO CONFRONTED MURDERERS AND** PRAYED

In the midst of the horrific murder of Drummer Lee Rigby on the streets of Woolwich on 22 May, the media have highlighted the courage of three women who, motivated by their Christian faith, risked their lives to confront the murderers and stave off attacks on others.

One woman asked permission to pray over Drummer Rigby, while her daughter stood by, and another, Ingrid Loyau-Kennett, who is half French, told the Sunday Times, "I asked if his revolver was working, and he said it was and he wanted to start a war in London. But 1 replied, 'You're going to lose. It's only you versus many.' I live my life as a Christian and believe in loving thy neighbour."

Minister David Prime Cameron publicly commended the women and said, "Confronting extremism is a job for us all.

N Ireland rejects gay marriage

Ulster marriage campaigners rejoiced when the Northern Ireland Assembly rejected a motion to call for gay marriage to be recognised in the Province. The margin of 53 votes to 42 is even greater than a similar vote held last October.

Many Christians throughout Northern Ireland were active in encouraging MLAs to vote against this proposal on 29

Mike Judge of the Christian Institute said: "It just shows that the plans to redefine marriage can be defeated when people are prepared to take action. We thank God for this important result in Northern Ireland."

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN if William and Kate's baby marries a Catholic? Or if a future queen is a lesbian?

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SEEDS OF A CHURCH/ LORDS VOTE FOR GAY **MARRIAGE ON DAY QUEEN CELEBRATES 60TH CORONATION** ANNIVERSARY

THE IRONY WAS NOT **PICKED UP BY THE MAIN** MEDIA.

On the same day that the Queen attended a special service to commemorate the 60th anniversary of her coronation, her House of Lords voted for gay marriage.

And the day before, 3 June, was the anniversary of Thomas A'Becket's consecration. The 'troublesome priest', who was to lose his life, warned King Henry II that they would probably disagree.

On 4 June, while the Queen and 2,000 guests celebrated the unique state occasion in 1953 when she had pledged to uphold Gospel values, peers voted by a majority of 242 to allow the Same Sex Marriage bill to continue through the Lords.

The size of the majority took some peers by surprise as their lordships voted by 390 votes to 148 to reject former chief constable Lord Dear's "wrecking" amendment.

The Anglican bishops had been under particular pressure, both from Christian lobby groups and from their own officials. While all the peers' postbags were bulging with mainly anti-gay marriage letters and emails, Church of England officials were trying to ensure that their bishops would not be seen as troublesome clerics by pressuring them to abstain from voting against the bill. Apparently they feared that the bill was rejected, the bishops would have been blamed for swinging the vote.

Andrea Williams of Christian Concern, who had already organised a prayer vigil with former Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali against the bill, said that they faced "lots of pressure from supporters of the bill and scare stories of a constitutional crisis if the Lords rejected the

bill. It's vital that these church leaders take a stand on God's Word and uphold his design for marriage. Christians are looking to them to lead on this issue and take a clear position."

Several bishops did give a clear lead on the issue, including Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, who said that the institution of marriage would be diminished as a result of legalising gay marriage: "The bill weakens what exists and replaces it with a less good option that is neither equal nor effective."

Campaigners: "All is not lost"

Colin Hart, Campaign Director for the Coalition for Marriage, said: "We will continue to campaign to save traditional marriage and today's vote and the concerns expressed by many peers mean we will be able to introduce safeguards that will protect teachers,

In a letter to The Telegraph

leaders including bishops

and free church leaders

said young people would

public sector jobs after gay

"will suffer discrimination

and face new risks to their

careers and futures".

marriage has been legalised.

They said teens, 20s and 30s

think twice about taking

gay marriage, church

before the Commons passed



Thousands of Christians rallied in support of preserving marriage before the House of Lords vote. They were addressed by Christian celebrities including evangelist Ian McCormack, famous for his near death experience 30 years ago.

anyone who works in the public sector. And if the Government

Imams "compelled"

to speak out after

Christians ignored

Over 500 imams representing

mosques in the major cities

combined to sign a letter to

The Sunday Telegraph in May,

accusing the Government of

attaching "the cornerstone of

They also voiced concerns

about the status of teachers

in faith schools and claimed

Muslim parents will be "robbed"

family life."

of the opportunity to bring their children up in line with

Imam Suliman Gani, of Tooting salute" the Christian clergy significantly, he sa the fray.

He added: "The Muslim community will take this issue very, very seriously because now the Government has interfered with family. To us that is like taking children away from their mother: it will definitely have an effect on Mr Cameron's vote."

Protests from clergy the faith and Muslim imams

Mosque in south London. who led efforts to gather the signatures, said Muslim leaders who had been vocal opponents of the Government on the issue. because Christianity appeared to be under "attack", Muslim leaders felt compelled to enter

they risk losing the legislation



registrars, chaplains and refuse to accept these changes, at third reading."

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STATE SPLIT? **NEW ROYAL RULES COULD SPARK FUTURE CRISIS**

Very worried: Prince Charles can see a future challenge to the monarchy if the Duchess of Cambridge's baby grows up to marry outside the Church of England

New laws intended to remove centuries-old prejudice against Catholics could actually lead to another abdication crisis or the

separation of church and state. And with the likelihood of marriage being opened to homosexuals, it would not be fanciful to imagine a future monarch being the product of a sperm donor. This was even mentioned by Lord Tebbit in the Lords' gay marriage debate on 3 June, but the Equalities Minister Lady Stowell assured him that only naturally conceived children could succeed to the throne. Lord Tebbit pointed out that this was discriminatory to

These may not seem urgent questions now, and the Queen has given her royal assent to the new succession laws on 25 April 2013, but Prince Charles and constitutional experts are deeply concerned that the changes to the succession have been rushed

lso said to b very worried about the implications for the Church of England if his grandchild were to marry a Roman Catholic, which is now permitted. Christian Voice magazine reported that: "Their offspring would have to raised as Catholic, as required by Roman Catholic Canon Law, even if only one parent is Catholic. If that were to happen, then there would either have to be an abdication crisis, or the law would need to be changed to allow Roman Catholics

to succeed to the throne, reversing Henry VIII's historic break with Rome

A split between church and state could then follow, according to Christian Voice. Having a Catholic monarch "could lead to the bizarre situation of having a Roman Catholic as the supreme head of the Church of England. And since Roman Catholics are forbidden to take communion in Anglican services, the supreme leader of the C of E would be out of communion with his own church. If that situation were to arise, it might force the disestablishment of the Church of England."

It wouldn't be fair on Kate's baby to have politicians deciding its fate

Royal historian Hugo Vickers 'This is some throughout history have fought and died over so this bill shouldn't be rushed through like an emergency operation.3

One of Hugo Vickers' main concerns is what will happen in Commonwealth countries like New Zealand and Australia. He said it is not clear whether the legislation would be passed in the realms, just because it is passed in Britain. "It should be all, or nothing," he told Channel 4 News.

On the other hand, Mr Vickers said it would be a good idea to make a decision on this legislation before the birth of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's baby in July. "It wouldn't be fair on the child if it was born into a world of uncertainty with politicians deciding on its fate."

More details about the succession and other articles will appear on the HEART website: www. heartpublications.co.uk

Europe turns down **UK Christians'** appeals

FIVE EUROPEAN JUDGES have refused to allow two marginalised' Christians leave to appeal to their Grand Chamber.

Christian registrar Gary Macfarlane was forced out of his job for refusing to give relationship advice to gay couples. Nurse Shirley Chaplin was not allowed to wear a reet cross on the ward

But one of their campaigners, Andrea Williams of the Christian Legal Centre, says that although the European Court did not overrule the UK Courts this time, it had contradicted the UK Government by ruling in principle that wearing the cross IS a freedom to be protected as an expression of Christian faith, as is marriage being solely between a man and a woman.

PEOPLE AND PLACES





Voice in the park – Melissa moves audiences to tears

RISING CHRISTIAN SINGING STAR MELISSA **HUBERT** has been moving audiences in Brighton and Bognor since featuring in HEART's last issue.

The song guaranteed not to leave a dry eye in the house s "Voice in the Choir", written following the tragic death of her 14 year-old brother in a car accident, which tells of her confidence in heaven and her brother's presence there with God.

Melissa performed at COC's adies' conference in Brighton and at a townwide open air



meeting in Bognor's Hotham Park for Pentecost Sunday. The celebration was organised by Vicar Tim Crook of St Mary Magdalene Church, South Bersted.

In a prayer for Christians worldwide, Vicar Tim said, "We are so grateful for the freedom that we have in this country to meet together and celebrate God. We now want to stand in solidarity with Christians across the world who do not have this freedom – who live in fear and may be worshipping outside as their church buildings have been burned down or destroyed."

SUSSEX AND SURREY POLICE have lost Olivia Pinkney, a committed Christian and one of its Assistant Chief Constables. From 2009 Olivia was in charge of migration, which involved her working to prevent human trafficking. In April she took a promotion to London to work in HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary), but is still passionate about halting the traffickers' trade. On 16 April she tweeted: "Excited about launching Operation Eagle today- how UK Police Forces tackle Organised Immigration Crime, including human trafficking."

Left: Olivia after speaking at a Stop the Trafik event held at Windlesham School, hosted by teacher Justin Blake, a friend of

Sussex fund-raisers start printing 2014 calendar

SUCCESS with their best-selling cookbook has inspired authors **Brenda and Gordon** Wilkinson of Felbridge to work on a new project.

The husband and wife team ant to raise £5,000 for Tearfund the Christian disaster relief and development charity. They have been collaborating with graphic designer Jon Toogood of Charlwood to produce a novel calendar for 2014 and are about to Left to right: Jon Toogood, start printing 3,000 copies.

The Wilkinsons, who raised nearly £27,000 for Tearfund Gordon Wilkinson with their sell-out Recipes for Disaster... Relief and Development early in 2012 when we went on cookbook, said, "We have been a Tearfund visit to Sri Lanka and working on this project since Southern India."



Brenda Wilkinson with Lives Transformed 2014 calendar and

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

By Howard Stern, a Sussex-based negotiator and mediator

West Bank Christians fear for their safety as attacks increase

IN RECENT WEEKS there have been disturbing incidents in the Palestinian West Bank which severely challenge local Christians to hold fast to biblical principles in the face of persecution and discrimination.

Yet Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, to forgive, bless and remember that when we are persecuted for his name's sake, we ourselves are blessed. For Christians in the Middle East today, this is a tough call.

Attacks on Christian boys

In two separate attacks, Christian boys were threatened with death unless they converted to Islam. The attacks by radicalised Muslim boys occurred in their school classrooms - one incident even took place in a Christian school.

Similar events have taken place in Hebron, Bir Zeit and Jerusalem Universities where Christian students have had to withdraw because of beatings and intimidation.

> 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 Andrea Williams of Christian Concern

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Catholic school firebombed at Easter

In Gaza. the suffering of the remaining 1500 Christians continues unchecked while a small Catholic School there was firebombed over Easter.

Bethlehem pastor Naim Khoury, who was in the UK in May, has himself been shot four times and his churched bombed 14 times. A close friend told me her 15 year old brother was recently told by his teachers not to wear his cross to when attending an UNWRA school in Bethlehem's Aida refugee camp for his exams, as he'd surely be beaten.



The Al Izaria Monastery with the illegal development

Monastery's land stolen

At the Al Izaria orthodox monastery, 20 minutes south of Bethlehem, radicals have stolen land and are building on it illegally. The monastery's cry for justice and help has gone unanswered.

Cairo cathedral atrocity

This rising tide of persecution and discrimination is, however, not limited to the Palestinian territories. Cairo's St George's Cathedral was badly attacked over Easter with many worshippers

suffering great cruelty at the hands of frenzied mobs. Two Christian girls were publicly raped and men were set on fire – with security personnel standing by observing.

Syrian women attacked

In Syria two leading church figures have been kidnapped with most Christians living in constant fear. Women and children are being raped in the western funded refugee camps by rebel forces forces now heavily infiltrated by radical groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Quaeda; forces the British Government is supporting with "nonlethal equipment."

In Iraq, the population of Jews once in the hundreds of thousands, is now just six. They live under the protection of Canon Andrew White in Baghdad: Canon White's adopted Iraqi son told me recently how many bodies/body parts he'd pulled out of their church after numerous bombings

Events confirm the scriptures

So against this backdrop of depressing news, what does our God require of us, indeed what should we be thinking? Jesus told us persecution would come upon the Church and his words are coming true before our very eyes, so believe we should be encouraged. Because the scriptures foretold of all these events, what we are seeing confirms their authenticity.

Presented with such evidence in the physical of things written so long ago tells me I can rely completely on God's word. So we should actually be encouraged not fear, and seek to root ourselves deeper in God's infallible nature so that when these storms come closer to home, as they will, we will not fall.



Woolwich attack was no terrorist incident – it was Sharia law on the streets of London

Ironically perhaps, as this item was going to press, the terrible news broke about a young soldier being beheaded outside Woolwich Barracks. The Government stated it was a terrorist attack but it was no terror attack. That statement was issued to isolate the event and prevent civil unrest.

Barbaric as it was. this is daily fare in many radical **Islamic states**

The reality was that two radicalised Islamists acted out Sharia law, which, barbaric as it was, is daily fare in many radical Islamic states including the likes of the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and others.

Such acts must serve to motivate us to pray more, not only for our brothers and sisters being persecuted elsewhere, but for God's grace and mercy on this nation which has moved so far from his will. God always warns before acting.



Courage in the face of carnage: **Canon Andrew White**

Threats to international peace

Syria

The Christian minority, roughly 10 percent of the population, is being targeted by Muslim extremists who have joined the Opposition.

The whole situation is rapidly becoming a threat to international peace as chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction are held in Government military establishments which may be captured by Opposition fighters and fall into the hands of international terrorists.

Much prayer is needed as Western leaders are considering getting involved in what is a highly complex situation which is increasingly becoming a fight between Sunni and Shia Muslims and may soon draw Lebanon. Iran and other nations into the conflict.

Iraq

Canon Andrew White is facing an increasingly dangerous situation in Baghdad as he continues to lead the Anglican Church there. His latest communiqué reveals a desperate situation with much carnage. The following link http://frrme.org/thecarnage-intensifies/ will give you more news for your prayers.

Canon Andrew White will be speaking at the Worthing Tabernacle on 15 June at 9.30am. To reserve a seat, call 07930 333217 or email 55ntonyn@gmail.com

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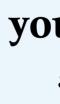


This is the question increasingly being asked, not just among Tory grandees in Westminster, but right across the country. The discussion is not only taking place among politicians but in pubs and clubs where everyone can have their say.

Rise of UKIP

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welfare services.



Those who have lived through the war years and the years of austerity in the post-war period have a vital role to play if a national referendum decides to break our links with the EU.

We have

REV DR CLIFFORD HILL Prophetic insight into today's HOT topics IN OR OUT - TIME TO GOP Is it time for Britain to get out of Europe?

since UKIP's remarkable wins in the Council Elections at the beginning of May this year, the question of our relationship with Europe has been high on the political

But it is also a topic of conversation among all sections of the population - especially in those areas where there are large numbers of immigrants from Eastern Europe whose children present language problems for local schools and a variety of pressures on the health and

The sudden rise of the United Kingdom Independence Party as a fourth party in British politics has rocked the political establishment in all three major parties, causing significant disturbance on the Tory back benches in the Commons. The media have had a field

day speculating on whether or not David Cameron's promise of a 2017 referendum will satisfy the Euro-sceptics. Will he be able to renegotiate Britain's position in Europe? Will this be enough to woo back disaffected voters? The PM knows perfectly well that given the present mood in the nation, if the British people were given the choice of an in-out vote now, the result is likely to be a resounding OUT!

Eurozone troubles

here is no simple reason for the rising anti-European mood in the nation. Of course, there are elements of our long tradition of mild

xenophobia resulting from our island status and our general mistrust of all things across the Channel. We have a sense of satisfaction in seeing the troubles the Eurozone nations have got themselves into by trying to turn a common-law currency agreement into a full-scale political marriage. We are glad to have stayed out of the Euro club.

The motives behind the Europeanizers have only slowly become apparent and this is what really disturbs British people. We feel cheated by our politicians for whom traditionally we have had a high regard. We don't expect them to be liars and deceivers.

Yet this is what we have discovered they were back in the 1970s when they sold us the European idea on the grounds that we were entering a trade agreement with other

European nations which would benefit our economy. It is only recently we have discovered that their intention right from the beginning was to create a single European super state and hand over our sovereignty to foreigners!

Trust of politicians

rust in politicians has reached an alltime low, not only in Britain, but throughout Europe, where there is increasing unease in countries high unemployment, with levels of poverty rising and threats of national bankruptcy. The troubles in Europe increased the clamour in Britain for independence.

We are happy for a close trading relationship but we do not wish to be bound by all the rules and regulations of the EU that override our own courts of justice, prevent us from deporting unwanted foreigners, even stop us fishing in the seas around our own coastline

British character

ut there is a price independence. There has to be a sense of national unity and confidence of purpose. Britain has had this in the past when we were a great trading nation. But the vast demographic and cultural changes that have taken place have changed all that. Immigration, the Cultural Revolution and the Technological Revolution of the past 50 years have had a profound effect upon the nation.

The whole character of Britain has changed. The older generation can hardly recognise the British character they knew in their youth. In those days the nation not only had a sense of purpose but a common faith. It was their faith in God that brought them through five horrendous years of war and the struggle to rebuild the nation after years of destruction

GRANDPARENTS! Teach our youngsters the faith of your youth that got Britain through the war years

a whole generation of children and young people who know nothing of the Christian faith that is the heritage of this nation. In many families, their parents also have no clear understanding of Christianity and only a vague awareness of the existence of God.

Yet there is evidence from all over the country of a young people that there is of values. something wrong in the nation



growing awareness among for truth and for a different set but much depends upon the

older generation and their This could indicate a major ability to share their faith and this is leading to a search turning point in the nation with their grandchildren. It

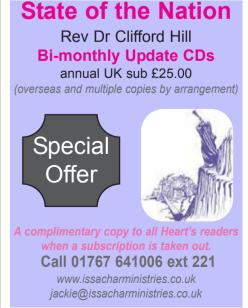
s not sufficient to know that something is wrong. We have to know how to fix it!

Now is the time for grandparents to recover the faith and conviction that characterised their youth and communicate a living faith to their grandchildren. Research shows that children often find it easier to confide in their grandparents than their parents. For teenagers it is cool to have grandparents, whereas parents can sometimes be an embarrassment!

If Britain is to enter into a new period with a new independence and a new sense of purpose, much depends upon the ability of the older generation to share their experience, their values and their faith

What do YOU think?

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If you weren't there...

BEEN TO ANY LIFE-CHANGING MEETINGS LATELY?

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A daring prophecy from Texan pastor John Hagee... Will Israel attack Iran, followed by a **Russian-led coalition's attack on Israel?**

The Coming Four Blood Moons – conference with Pastor John Hagee London, 17-18 May

THE BIBLE says that in the last days, God will 'turn the moon to blood'. As this will happen FOUR times in the next two years, as calculated by NASA, Pastor John Hagee deemed it worth coming to London to share his insights.

As founder and senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, a nondenominational megachurch with more than 19,000 active members, Pastor Hagee's coming in itself was significant as he is clearly a busy man.

The evidence for the significance of the coming four

blood moons is impressive: there were four in 1948, when modern Israel was born; four again in 1967, when, in the Six Day War, Jerusalem returned to Jewish control

The four blood moons that will happen in 2014-2015 all fall on Jewish celebrations two on Passover and two on the autumn Feast of Tabernacles.

Pastor Hagee is not alone in declaring their significance -Bible teacher Lance Lambert also expects a major event but Mr Hagee differs from Mr Lambert in that he is very specific about the events that will take place.

He maintains that Israel will attack Iran, a coalition led by Russia will attack Israel and be destroyed by an earthquake sent by God. This belief ties up the blood moons of Joel 2-3 with the events of Ezekiel 38-39

A day in the life of a family

support worker

Considering that often fulfils his prophecies in unexpected ways, one has to salute the Hagee ministry for bravery in taking such a specific stance - in two years hence his interpretations will have been fully tested.

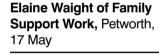
Nonetheless, his core belief that God is in control of everything and actually runs the universe, as opposed to the belief that by inventing a few scientific formulae he left the universe to run itself. is, in my opinion, a central and understated Christian doctrine. It was Aquinas, influenced by Aristotle, who relegated God to merely the First Cause, and the view that God is actively in charge is one that we should all take on board without reservation.

Grenville Richard Harding



Mega-church pastor John Hagee prophesied cataclysmic events

Bognor bookshop's 50th anniversary



"FAMILY SUPPORT WORK EXISTS to help those families who struggle with life, particularly those who get lost in the system."

So said Elaine Waight at the PACT (Petworth Area Churches Together) Spring Lecture. Elaine looks after Storrington and Petworth, with a further workers covering seven Hastings to Chichester.

Her work is faith based but not faith promoting.

A day could start with a visit to a family (one of 25 she cares for), even taking a child to school to give the mother a break; catching up with the mother who often needs a friend and a lifeline.

At some time the mother may need specialist help (health. social, education or whatever) so Elaine needs the skills to recognise both emotional and practical situations. The root problem is in a family where neither parents had any clear outings and parties (birthdays/ understanding of what a family Christmas). Any offers? is meant to be

FSW volunteers are also



Elaine Waight and PACT's Chairman, Rev Ken Lynch, of Petworth's URC

crucial to her work and finding, vetting and training them is not easy. They help with

Next meeting is with Jonathan Aitken on November 22 speaking on 'From Power to Prison to Praise.' Geraldgreshamcooke@ amail.com



Norman Todd, the shop's founder. cutting the Bible-shaped cake

On Saturday 18 May, Living vora Booksnop celebrated 50 years of serving the local churches and community around Bognor Regis. Owners **Tony and Lindsay Leney held** an open day at the shop with food and goodies for guests.

Norman Todd, the present landlord, and one of the original proprietors, prayed a prayer of thanksgiving and cut a special 'birthday' cake. This was made by the daughter-in-law of the present proprietors, with Isaiah



Tony and Lindsay Leney, owners of Living Word Books

43 hand-written on the icing! -wishers and pas staff and volunteers from a variety of churches came throughout the day. They were given a free devotional book to mark the occasion.

Tony Leney, who with Lindsay is a long-standing member of King's Gate Church, says, "As an independent bookshop, we are able to source stock from a wide range of suppliers and have a dedicated children's section. We thank God for the past 50 years."

Town Hall, 23 May

Arundel Town Hall.

Personal cost

in God's promises.'

Kidnapped Christian girls

If you weren't there...

Shot four times, church bombed **14 times**

Yet the Palestinian pastor from Christ's birthplace brings a message of hope

Dr Naim Khoury, Arundel

NAIM KHOURY, a pastor from Bethlehem, spoke from the heart about the challenges his people face to a packed audience at

Coming from an Orthodox Christian background without Bibles, it was many years until he discovered Jesus. The Old Testament was never read and only after becoming a Spiritfilled believer was Naim able to understand its significance, allowing hatred to be replaced with love for the Jewish people.

His departure from orthodox religion came at great personal cost; rejected and threatened by family and his church leaders, he has been shot four times and his own church bombed 14 times.

He spoke frankly about the rising persecution of Christians in both the West Bank and Gaza. "Most problems are covered up, we suffer hurt, oppression and difficulties - but we trust

Seven thousand Christians left the West Bank between 2001-2010. "Very, very pitiful" was his description of Gaza where Christian girls, even married ones, are drugged and kidnapped by Muslim gangs. Hamas keeps the Christian

remnant hostage refusing them permission to emigrate, so they continue to "have so much attack from Hamas." Christians in Bethlehem



Survivor: Dr Naim Khoury lives to share his faith. Inset: Naim and Elvira Khoury, with hostess Julie Andrews of West Chiltington

today represent 8% of the once 85% majority. The PA has failed them, he says: "We have no medical or social welfare.'

Secret Bible study

He spoke of the deep stress created by the increasing challenges and oppression from other "non-Christian" Palestinians, but stated they trusted in God's promises, believing he has not abandoned them.

Encouragingly, he disclosed more Muslims were seeking Christ after seeing him in dreams and that even 13 Muslim Brotherhood radicals were attending a secret Bible study!

No medical or social welfare for Bethlehem's **Christian minority**

These signs of hope were echoed by other examples he gave, such as the conversion of the Emir of Kuwait and the 1 million Algerian and 50,000 secret Saudi converts. Howard Stern

Did you cry on Pentecost?

Rachel Hickson at Westergate Revival, Westergate Community School, 17 May

PEOPLE TRY TO PUT OUT **PASSION** in their Christian ives, but we must be passionate and zealous for our families and loved ones. This was Rachel Hickson's energetic, powerful and passionate message to local Christians.

Speaking on the Friday between the Feast of Shavuot (the original Pentecost) and Pentecost Sunday, she cried "God loves the cry of urgent desperation - 'meet me Lord!'"

Running on overdrive, trying to make it through, we don't want to take the time to seek him or listen to the cry in our own hearts. But we must soak in his presence.

People try and put out



Passionate and powerful: Rachel Hickson's message

passion in the Christiar life, but we must break the barren ground, cry out for our families, be PASSIONATE and, yes, zealous. That is when the breakthroughs happen and we see the signs and wonders the everyday-life-is-changed answer to the cry of the heart.

Carole Woodiwis

Next Westergate Revival meeting is 10 July with Paul Jones (see Events section)

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BABY BOX FILM WINS AWARD

A film about a box for abandoned babies in South Korea, has won three awards at a Christian film festival and could now go all over the world.

Hundreds of unwanted babies, often handicapped, are abandoned every year in Seoul , so Korean Pastor Jong-rak built a drop box on the side of his home with a humble sign reading, "Place to leave babies.

Young filmmaker Brian Ivie, 22, who made the documentary said:" I became a Christian while making this film. Just like these kids with disabilities had crooked bodies. I have a crooked soul. And God loves



me still. Faith in God is the only refuge for people who are deemed unnecessary. It's a total illusion that we can be self-sufficient. Christ is the only thing that enables us."

US EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCRAPS 'MOTHER' AND 'FATHER' ON FORMS

Students filling in a form for a loan will not need to name their mother and father any more, merely calling them 'parent 1' and 'parent 2'. Critics say the move, aimed at children adopted by homosexual parents, is "deeply offensive".

NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS GIVE AID TO ISRAEL



Nigerian church and government officials brought a large financial gift to Jerusalem for Israel's Magen David Adom,

the local equivalent of the Red Cross.

The 40 million strong Nigerian Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) had previously donated a new ambulance. RCCG has branches in the UK, including in Brighton.

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WAS A TRAINEE WITCH. NO MONTHE ROAD TO FREEDAM! WALKING ROUND THE TOWN CENTRE ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH YOUR CHILD MAY NOT SEEM UNUSUAL, BUT FOR THIS WOMAN IT WAS THE FIRST TIME FOR FIVE YEARS

O'S TEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER SAYS SHE CAN ONLY DIMLY **REMEMBER A TIME WHEN HER** MUM was able to walk unaided.

When she was just five, mum Jo was diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Now in her late thirties, Jo had endured five years of constant pain and muscle weakness which left her barely able to walk. Doctors diagnosed terminal immobility and Jo spent the next few years housebound. To move around she was given an electric wheelchair, but determinedly avoided using it.

Even the highest dose of morphine had no effect

Jo refused to accept a life sentence of sickness and thought, "I'm not going to accept this. If necessary I'll sell my house and go to the US, where they have better treatments." When she told her doctors, they laughed, which increased her drive to get better.

But the pain increased in severity, leading to Jo being placed on the highest dose of morphine. Sadly this was ineffective..

Before fibromyalgia struck, Jo had been at the peak of her physical fitness, training vigorously in martial arts. juggling too much, emotionally and physically "I was doing kick boxing, Tai Chi, Kung Fu, a photography class, learning Buddhist teaching and psychic development.

She had thrown herself into these activities following the breakdown of her marriage in autumn 2007. She had felt repressed in her marriage. so, newly single, she now had the opportunity to indulge the interests she had been unable to pursue during her marriage.

Although she had studied Buddhism for years, she had been feeling that her own moral beliefs did not seem to coincide with the Far Eastern religion. She was drawn to Wicca, through her psychic development course. Wicca, the study of witchcraft, appealed to her as she could see it working - and Jo became a trainee witch

Soon she collected Wiccan objects, which included a ceremonial knife.

But as friends found her Wiccan items quite frightening, she kept them in a log cabin in her garden, her 'sanctuary' where she could meditate and smoke cigarettes away from the house. Soon the house was full of ancient Egyptian and other New Age artefacts, all supposed to bring favour and protection to their owner.

But despite Jo's physical fitness, fibromyalgia struck and Jo's life was turned upside down. From being an independent, active mother, she became a semi-invalid, confined to her home, in agonising pain, reliant on her daughters, then aged 10 and 5, to manage the home and care for her. She did as much as she could, trying to spare her daughters, and accepted a series of aids to increase her mobility.

Jo's life was about to change, however, through a series of She now recognises she was meetings. In January 2013 she met Louise Jones, a local Christian, in a restaurant. Jo felt drawn to Louise who apparently had 'a good energy.'

Louise, a jewellery designer and teacher of dance and creative arts, recalls, "I was in the Toby Carvery last January when I saw Jo walk towards me on her crutches. I felt as if God was highlighting her as she was struggling to walk. Her daughter was helping get her food. We smiled at each other and she commented that developed a close bond,



Jo with Louise Jones, left, one of two friends who encouraged her to explore Christianity

she liked my necklace, which is one I'd designed myself, and said she made jewellery, too.

An Egyptian goddess flew off the shelf and smashed

"I asked what was wrong with her and if I could pray for her because I knew Jesus could heal her. She replied 'You're more than welcome!' So I prayed for her, then spoke with her about Jesus for ages and we had a really lovely time together. I prayed a real prayer to concentrate. Jo also began of faith and felt God's love for her. Then I asked another leader in the church, Mark, who was also at the restaurant, to come over. He prayed for her, too, and continued to talk to her while I chatted with her two daughters.'

Louise kept in touch with Jo via text and they soon Louise testifying to being released from many unhealthy bondages since becoming a Christian.

Meanwhile Jo was also being prayed for by her Christian cleaner, Lyn. Jo was unable to clean her own house, but Lyn proved to be another Godsend and is now a good friend. Lyn had volunteered to clean for people through Maybridge Church's Handshake Community Group. Lyn introduced her to the Alpha course which Jo followed on DVD, surprising herself by accepting the encouragement to pray.

She was very touched when a friend of Lyn's bought her an audio Bible. Listening to the Bible CDs worked very well for Jo, since the pain from the fibromvalgia made it hard watching Christian DVDs, and says, "My favourite is the 'Jesus' one! I've watched it many, many times.

By the end of April she had decided to open her heart and say all the prayers at the end of the DVDs. Receiving Jesus as her Saviour, she started to attend Lyn's church, Maybridge Fellowship, in Goring by Sea. Gradually she noticed mental and physical improvements.

newfound faith brought with it some strange occurrences around the house. Her Wiccan objects started to smash in the log cabin. One day, a figurine of a major Egyptian goddess flew off the shelf and smashed in front of her.

Following this, her Wiccan ceremonial knife was found with one of its two wings broken off. Faithful Lyn was ready with an explanation: 'It offends God to have these things in your home.'

Jo began to realise this was serious, and having attended a healing service at St Stephen's, Worthing, where she felt 'wobbly', she was sufficiently convinced that God's power was greater than that of the occult. Returning home, she says she felt 'compelled' to throw out her Egyptian artefacts. She also cancelled her plans to have a 'cheeky' devil tattooed on her body.

n the few weeks that she had been a Christian, Jo had never asked for healing, but had simply asked for prayer for an increase in faith. This happened on Sunday 25 May when she and her younger daughter had unexpectedly come to Louise's church **Coastlands Christian Outreach** Centre, Worthing. The only reason she attended was that she had received a message that her normal Sunday service was cancelled.

preaching, the After pastor, Drew Kear, having prayed for others' healing needs in response to 'words of knowledge', appealed for anyone who wanted prayer for their faith to increase. After Jo had struggled to the front on her crutches, the pastor prayed for her healing and she found herself flat on her back on the floor, eyes closed and, in her words. "lost in God's presence.

When she opened her eyes, she said, "My whole body's tingling." As she said she could feel no pain, the



woman for five years

pastor challenged her to try to bend her knees. Her first response was, "I can't," but then she found she could, exclaiming, "Oh my goodness, I haven't been able to do this for years!" and was able to sit up, cross-legged, which would have been impossible before. Then, as she got to her feet, she found she could walk, unsteadily at first, without aid.

Thrilled to be able to walk, Jo and her daughter spent the afternoon walking round the town centre, looking at the shops.

That evening, Jo received more prayer in church for some residual pain in her knees, neck and back: "I felt immense heat flowing into me which removed the pain." Once again, the power of

God left her lying on the floor. proof in itself for Jo that this was real: "I'd never have believed that I'd fall over when I was prayed for – but I did!" Jo believes she is firmly on

the road to a full recovery She is learning to pray and read her Bible and is looking forward to the future, waiting to see what her new life holds.

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Imagine never being able to go shopping with your child. This had been the reality for this Worthing

In her own words... How God 'spoke' to me through song lyrics

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING for 'something' my entire life, but never felt comfortable with any religion, including Christianity (up until now), and I would never in a million years have thought I would believe in

one creating God! Even after I started to open up my heart to God, I must be I had wanted to go church for some time, but the opportunity never arose.

Then I woke very early one Sunday morning, made myself a coffee and sat in my cabin having a cigarette. I was playing Angry Birds, and listening to music on my iPod, which was on shuffle, so I had no control as to which songs could be played. I was engrossed in the game as

when it suddenly felt as though someone was actually in my head: God! He seemed to be telling me to listen to the words of the music. One song after another, he was

was still in disbelief and then the words were sung, "So come on, you got it wrong; to prove I'm right I put it in a song. I don't know why you're being shy, and turn

The pain started to get worse while I was getting ready, so I asked God to help me get to church to praise him

trying to tell me not to doubt him and to trust in him.

Completely blown away by this, I ended up perched on the edge of my bed still listening to the words of each song. I looked up in disbelief and saw a reflection of my neighbour's broken TV aerial, which formed I couldn't get to the next level, a perfect cross in a mirror. I

away when I look into your eyes. Everyone else in the room can see it, everyone else but you!"

God now had my undivided attention! I was going to church. The pain started to get worse while I was getting ready, so I asked God to help me get to church to praise him. Then the pain seemed to dissolve. I made

it to church and sang as loudly as I could, with all of my heart. I had finally made it, in every sense. To church, yes, but more importantly, to my one true love: God, in whom I now never doubt and completely surrender my life.

He still talks to me in songs sometimes, much to my ren's after we attended Coastlands Church for the first time, when we got in the car, my daughter turned on the radio and her jaw dropped as the words of the song fitted perfectly to what we had just experienced. I'm still in awe of these miracles, but no longer surprised by them. I do not believe in anything without proof but I now believe in God and a place which feels like home!

Jo was able to walk without crutches

PARTNER MINISTRY PROFILE – DALESDOWN

The 'unlikely lad' who built Dalesdown

Children's evangelist David Iliffe died recently, but his legacy lives on in the West Sussex landscape... and beyond. **Clive Price reports**

A place of retreat where children can advance – that's the roots of Dalesdown, the popular conference and activity centre that commands breathtaking views of the West Sussex landscape.

And it was set up by 'an unlikely lad'.

The memory of founder David Iliffe was celebrated there recently by more than 300 friends and family. They were attending a thanksgiving event for this unusual pioneer. who died aged 84 on 14 March.

It was 1991 when David snapped up a dilapidated old school, and a charity donated the purchase price. Hard work and prayer transformed a mouse-infested, unheated shell into a quality conference facility and a home for children's camps.

Like the centre he founded, David had a shaky start. He began his working life with a stutter, no experience of public speaking and saw kids as 'a nuisance' – not ideal for a children's pioneer.

But he ended up working tirelessly to promote children as a priority in church and society. People from across the UK - and beyond - will remember taking part in his West Sussex camps as children.

David was born in 1928 at the 'city of steel', Sheffield. His widow Wendy credits his Yorkshire background as giving him "quick-witted humour, a natural gift for storytelling and plain speaking determination." But it was listening to a children's evangelist that propelled him into his main

work. The couple married in 1960, also the year David started his own children's camps. "Even today, people still talk about those early camps,"said Wendy. "Children were still children in the 60s. There was a sense of wonder.'

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David and Wendy moved to Wick, Littlehampton, in 1966. They became active members of Wickbourne Chapel, now the Wickbourne Centre. Hundreds attended Sunday school, a precursor to the many that use the centre today. In the late 70s, David and

Wendy moved to Angmering.

He formed the network of independent children's workers 'Children Worldwide'. Dalesdown was developed in the early 90s.

The Iliffes moved to High Salvington 20 years ago. They became regular worshippers Worthing Tabernacle, at and more recently, Parkside Evangelical Church. Littlehampton

Sadly, a series of strokes over the years ended with David being diagnosed with vascular dementia. He moved Nightingale Nursing into Home, Littlehampton, three years ago, where he died of an infection

In a time when rest homes come under scrutiny and criticism, Wendy has only good things to say about Nightingale. "They have a genuine warmth towards the residents," she said. "They have a natural love for the elderly.'

David has left two grown-up children, Jonathan and Judith. and five grandchildren. He's also left many 'disciples' who have gone on to work with children and families.

Among them is Liz Burt. who spoke at the thanksgiving service. She summed up the help he gave to her schools ministry, Splash: "David was there, right at the beginning."



Dynamic duo - David and Wendy Iliffe, who have inspired so many to reach out to children and families



Centre peace - the main building at Dalesdown, named The Iliffe Centre in honour of its founder



Battle lines - tug of war contest at the old Wickbourne Chapel in 1972

Clive Price is a media consultant to companies and charities. For more information on Dalesdown, visit www.dalesdown.org.uk

Peace of the action

It might be tucked away in a tranguil setting, but Dalesdown deals with a non-stop volley of events through the year.

A strong dedicated team carries on where David Iliffe left off. They're leading the annual camps this summer – One Way, History Makers and Encounter specific programmes with fun and teaching.

"I showed up as a young leader for Dalesdown Camps 16 years ago," said Camps Director Sarah Covington. "They're just so good, I keep coming back!"

Managed by Jo and Richard Jackson, Dalesdown is also a busy conference and activity centre hosting day and residential visits for schools and churches. alongside retreats and other



Art for heart's sake – Dalesdown offers a wide range of indoor activities including sports. music and craft



Time for teens – Dalesdown's professional and experienced team lead activities for children and teenagers

activities. "The place is wonderful and time." and I just feel so looked after," said one visitor.

"It's great to see Dalesdown being used by such a wide variety of groups, with such varied needs," said Jo, "and seeing God minister faithfully to each of them as they find that sense of space

Churches and schools have frequented Dalesdown for years, yet still new groups discover it for the first time. "The story of Dalesdown is extraordinary," said Richard. "It's a story of the outpouring of God's grace. And it's a privilege to be part of it."



Richard and Jo Jackson now manage Dalesdown

Don't miss this summer's Dalesdown camps for children and young people. See Events p16



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"One will be taken, the other left..." One of the great promises of the Bible is that Jesus will come back for his **Church. But does that include everyone** who calls themselves a Christian?

By Mark Weeden

FHE PROMISED RETURN OF JESUS is in the Creed,

recited perhaps a little too automatically in churches up and down the land every Sunday: "He will come again to judge the living

Think for a moment what a wonderful but awesome event that will be. However, Jesus also asked a curious, rhetorical question about his return in Luke 18:8: "When the Son of Man returns, will he

One might be taken aback by this question. There are many different kinds of Christians today, many denominations, many streams. Many of us think of ourselves as Christians. But who does Jesus see as his followers? After all, he is the

Some Christians struggle with the book of Revelation. with its strange symbols and apocalyptic scenarios. (Yet its first chapter contains a promise of blessing for those

Whatever one's views, there is no controversy with chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation. There, we read of Jesus describing the strengths and weaknesses of seven different churches. He knows every church inside out! He knows their good points and their bad points. He knows all about your church and my church. He knows all

When Jesus returns, will

themselves a Christian to be with him? It's a sobering question.

He himself has already answered that question, many times, in the Gospels. There will be churches all over the world. Alongside this, there will be false 'christs' (or messiahs) and false prophets and teachers, with many being deceived and the love of many growing cold (eg Matthew 24).

As the time gets closer to Jesus' return, these "apostate" and "confessing" churches. church attenders and true **Christians. will** become more obvious

At this time comes the apostasy (or falling away from the faith – which many would believe is already upon us) with people "holding to a form of godliness, but denying its power." (2 Thessalonians 2 and 2 Timothy 3). Remember the seventh church, Laodicea, with Jesus on the outside? (Revelation 3:20). Notice that this famous verse applies to a church, not to sinners in need of a Saviour!

described this Jesus situation very simply in some parables, for example, the 'wheat and tares" (Matthew 13:24-30). Tares look so much like wheat, particularly in

he take everyone who calls their early growth, that it's take a wordly approach to "his bride" (John 3:29). Some difficult to tell them apart. Lambs and kid goats look similar too, to the untrained eye, and yet the sheep and goats will be separated, he says, as will the wise and foolish virgins (Matthew 25).

So as the time gets closer to Jesus' return, these "apostate" and "confessing" churches, church attenders and true Christians will become more obvious, according to the teaching of the New Testament. This can be a very unsettling thought. We might be tempted to brush it aside, or even react

against it. But that would not change Jesus' warnings. Instead, the apostle Paul, who knew these things, counsels us: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Notice he refers to "the faith". True Christianity is a "confession", or holding to certain facts, which leads to a consequence in our lives.

True Christians are those who turn from sin (as God calls it, in the Bible) to a Saviour, leading to a change in behaviour. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews put it like this: "Make every effort... to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

Amongst other things, the apostate Church will soften, and even deny, the truths about the Lord Jesus Christ – his virgin birth, his death on the cross to take away our sins, his physical resurrection. and his uniqueness as the only begotten Son of God.

This apostate Church will

moral issues, such as human sexuality. The Church of Scotland's recent General Assembly vote allowing congregations to call practising homosexuals as clergy is a sad example of this. The apostate Church will embrace a form of spirituality, allowing all world religions to come together, as supposedly valid expressions of worship of the same God.

When Jesus returns, he will come back for his Church, or.

Do I need this?

BEING A CHRISTIAN is about a relationship with Jesus Christ, the only Son of the living God, who died in our place, to pay the price for our sin. He desires to welcome you into God's family here on earth and into heaven when you die. To start this relationship, simply pray the following prayer; if you mean it, he'll respond, because the Bible says that God looks at our hearts.

"Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus shed his precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn away from my sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour."

The churches featured in this paper will be happy to welcome you and explain the importance of daily Bible reading, daily prayer, baptism, being part of a congregation where the Bible is preached and believed, and telling others about what Jesus has done for you.

will be taken, some will be left. Some will knock on the door, wanting to get in, but will be unable (Matthew 24:40-44; Luke 13:24-27).

So – who are Christians, according to Jesus Christ? "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" (John 3:3).

"You must be born again" (verse 7).

The New Testament speaks a great deal about salvation. This is repenting from what God declares to be wrong, and turning to Jesus Christ, with a heartfelt faith (or trust) in him, and his death on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. This is the new birth.

Are you saved? If you are, then when Jesus returns, he will be coming for you!

After 12 years as minister of the Worthing Tabernacle and previously leading a Baptist church in Gloucestershire, Rev Mark Weeden now leads Living Word Ministries, which seeks to support and train Third World ministers in teaching biblical truth.

Mark is married to Jane, a professional soprano, and they have four children. Mark is available to lead services and preach. He can be reached at livingwordmlw@gmail.com

Living Word's next trip takes place on 26 June when Mark and a team of six fly to Zambia The oldest member, Robert Figures, a local representative of Christian Friends of Israel, is 84! Details at www. *livingwordministries.co.uk*

The Jesus Way School of Evangelism, where Mark taught students

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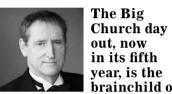
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ANOTHER YEAR,

Is the south's biggest Christian music event really suitable for all ages? We asked Grenville Richard Harding, a composer and pianist with 40 years' music experience as a professional musician and Sam Finniear, a sixth former, to report for HEART OF SUSSEX

Old musicians are just as good

By Grenville Richard Harding



brainchild of Delirious keyboard player Tim Jupp. It has been incredibly

successful as the major annual Christian worship event in the south of England. The event has four stages: the main stage, the smaller UCB stage and the tea tent, which has two small stages, inside and out. The organisation is generally excellent, with performances happening as specified in the programme.

My first stop was at the tea tent, where I saw a great set from Stuart Townend, which had a very traditional folk sound to it. This was mainly due to the wonderful Irish whistle playing of Bob McKay.

I have now been singing Hosanna constantly for two days

I have known Bob for many years as a highly-respected professional on saxophone and flute, so it came as something as a surprise to hear him playing tin whistle in a totally convincing manner - as if he'd never done anything else. I asked Bob about his remarkably casual stage appearance - was it a recherché rejection of current fashion trends? He looked blankly at me, then started saving how it is important to get as much sleep as possible whilst on tour. So much for

Behind the marvellous voice of Amy Grant (sounding as good as ever), were three musicians of similar maturity. The band was without bass and cymbals, the percussionist limited to hand-drum, snare and kick-drum. This gave a subtle platform for wonderful performances by Gene Miller on guitar and Tony Harrison on keyboards. My theory as

to why older musicians sound better than young ones is simple; when we we young, we used to spend all our time practising; young musicians now spend all their time trying to publicise their careers on the internet.

I have long been disenchanted with the harmonic passivity popularised by minimalism. It was therefore a great joy to hear Chip Kendall on the UCB stage. I found the music engaging on every level; it had harmonic direction; the band was excellent, with well thought out arrangements, but most of all songs with strong, strong vocal and instrumental melodies. The spiritual dynamic of prophetic declaration was also impressive.

The headline (or, at least, the last act on the main stage) for the day was Hillsong Live. They are not a fixed band, but are full-time workers from the Hillsong churches, who present the worldwide phenomenon of Hillsong worship in concert situations.

In such an organisation, with such constraints and limitations, a wildly original performance could not be accommodated. This, though a very different ethos from the other acts, has one great advantage; it makes us dispense with our desire to be entertained and consequently enter into personal worship - the original purpose of this music. This was achieved beautifully - I have now been singing Hosanna



Hillsong United

constantly for two days. up: So, to sum 1) Old musicians play better than young ones, although

they do not look as good and require more sleep.

never an experience," highlighted how important it is for churches

across West Sussex to reach a

wider audience of young people.

A bleary-eyed Rend

the night singing

around a bonfire

Collective had spent

The band's general ethos

is "to be a part of influencing

young people," and they define

the stage at which a young

person must decide their faith

for themselves as, "a struggling

collision" and intend to bring, "a

sense of celebration within the

including Amy Grant still touring

at the age of 52 and Newworldson,

The wide range of music,

struggle," through their music.

2) Go and hear Chip Kendall. 3) Go to the Big Church Day Out next year - this is a great family day out with a lovely family atmosphere, great music and excellent catering.

My only criticism was the over-priced chips

By Sam Finniear



new experience for me. Having been to Soul Survivor and New Wine, I was expecting the same old worship, same old activities, same old food, but what I found was an event which gave churchgoers a large variety of options from an orchestra in the tea tent to Rend

Collective on the main stage. Walking through the stunning grounds of Wiston House and West Sussex's outstanding natural beauty, I was captivated by the way in which the Church celebrated. The high, giant-like, colourful flags, which circled the space at the foot of the hill, set a Pentecostal atmosphere.

Chunky chips, my only the Big Church Day Out 2013, were priced extortionately at £3 a portion, whereas what I would definitely recommend spending £3 a month on is being a Life Changer for Christians Against Poverty (CAP) instead. Advertised frequently, the BCDO partner charity shared testimonies of those assisted by CAP in a debt-struggling recession. Their poignant stories brought the babble of worshippers back to the central mission of the Christian Church



Jason Upton performing on stage

and as a young person I was encouraged to become involved in more charity work.

A bleary-eyed Rend Collective Experiment, who featured on an impressive line-up of Christian artists, were somewhat tired when I spoke to them on the Sunday morning. They'd spent the night around a bonfire, surrounded by a thousand strong crowd, singing the songs from their new album Campfire.

They certainly touched the hearts of young people through their innovative and creative style of worship, their main aim being to "create a really good representation of intimacy in the community."

Many teenagers refreshed from Soul Survivor in the summer will undoubtedly question the church's attitude towards worship. Rend, encouraging improvisation through their ministry, "always an experiment,



Guvna B perfor ing on the main stage

Canadian soul and reggae not only emphasised band. the inclusivity of the event but insistence upon meeting the the tastes of every individual spotted an Italian and even Jamaican flag at one point.

Activities on offer stretched from archery to mountain biking, although you may ask how that's possible considering the lack of a mountain. Young children also had a huge amount of activities including playing the drums and other instruments along with the wonderful children's worship.

The real reason this event is so successful is not down to the profit margin on chunky chips or the No 1 artists on stage, but the foundation which was set early on in the process; that which rests with God. Collaboratively all aspects of Big Church Day Out hold the aim of glorifying God and that is what makes this event so special.





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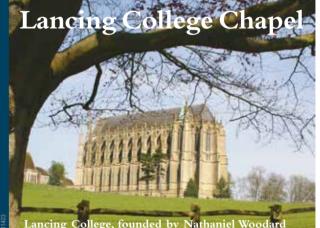
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Roy McDonough, who played alongside Moyes during the close of that season says, "The three of them sat in the changing room with a little black book, discussing their beliefs, when they should have been getting psyched up for a relegation scrap.'

We can expect a far more calming **Old Trafford**

Following in Ferguson's steps will not be an option for Moyes, if he hopes to continue in his faith. It is said that during his impressive reign at the club, Ferguson was not one to keep quiet.

Although Ferguson was a regular churchgoer, his bootthrowing, linesman-heckling, gum-spitting temper will not be something Moyes hopes to reflect. McDonough told The Independent that Moyes had "absolutely zero aggression, putting all of his energies

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David Moyes

into bleating on about Jesus instead."

Ferguson himself, however, also involved was with Christian organisation The Boys' Brigade. "He's a former member, absolutely passionate about the Brigade," said Alastair Elliott of the Newton Aycliffe company, to The Northern Echo.

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Senior Chaplain Steve Gendall (middle front row) with some of **Crowhurst's Prayer Partners**

by Jayne Stevens

Sir Alex Ferguson

By Sam Finniear

Christian beliefs.

of

David Moyes, the newly appointed manager of

Manchester United and

successor of Sir Alex Ferguson,

a man with 26 years of winning

lot to live up to. He brings with him, however, his deep-seated

During the season of 1984-85, Moyes and two

other players at Cambridge United were a battling trio

of Christians amongst a rowdy bunch of footballers.

experience at the club, has a

EXCITING TIMES lie ahead for the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. Our 'two not so new' Chaplains (now six months into their calling here at Crowhurst) embrace a clear vision for the future of the centre.

Both Senior Chaplain Steve Gendall and Deputy Chaplain Steve Clark have been busy meeting with local clergy and have received some invitations to preach in their churches on the Christian Healing Ministry. Working with those a little further afield, our 'Great Expectations' Conference at the centre in conjunction with

the Diocese of Rochester was held on 31 May – 2 June with guest speakers including the Rt Rev James Langstaff.

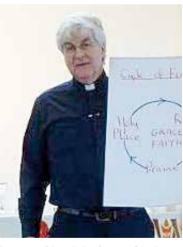
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Jaune Stevens is Crowhurst's Office Administrator and is closely involved with all its activities

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