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CHRISTIAN MEDIA: WHAT CRISIS?

A TIDAL WAVE OF CHALLENGES has hit some of the UK's best-known and loved broadcasters this autumn.

But the broadcasters have rallied and have vowed to carry on bringing the Christian good news to the nation.

Premier Radio fights to survive

Premier Christian Radio, which has been broadcasting since 1994, finds its very existence challenged in its 20th year as it faces a race against time to find £1 million by December 20 – or the radio station will be taken off the airwaves.

Peter Kerridge, Chief Executive, met the national transmission provider last summer to discuss renewing the radio station's licence. However, it was stated that the rate was increasing because of an increase in demand for radio licences.

Under the heading, "Don't allow Premier Christian Radio to go silent", the station has now launched a petition and a campaign to raise the extra funds.

Peter Kerridge called it a 'defining moment' for proclaiming the Gospel across

the UK via Premier.

He said: "I am confident that the battle we now face is a battle against the forces of darkness that would love nothing more than to silence our Christian voice."

"I, for one, am unwilling to give up this ground. I will fight to the bitter end to ensure the hope and love of Jesus is reaching into homes across our nation, as I am sure you are, too."

Revelation TV 'horrified' over funding allegations

Revelation TV has had to fight allegations over misuse of funds. The Chairman of the Revelation Foundation, Gordon Pettie, who joined the channel's founder, Howard Conder, soon after its birth, said he was 'horrified' by the claims.

Gordon Pettie said the Charity Commission first told

Revelation in May about a viewer complaint, asking for some financial information and to meet with the board of trustees. "We offered them a number of dates and they didn't take it up, then they asked if they could look at our accounts and we said yes, they're available for inspection, and again they didn't come back and ask to look at them," he said.

"Then the first we heard from them was on September 8 when they wrote to us and said they were starting an investigation of the Revelation Foundation. They issued a press release which absolutely horrifies us, and says they are investigating 'potential significant loss of charitable funds, trustee benefits, conflicts of interest and connected party transactions'."

"We are cooperating fully and all the trustees have offered to assist them in every way they can."

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HOW I KEPT MY HEALING

Too often, it seems, we can get prayer for healing in church, experience pain relief from a chronic condition, then next day feel the same or worse than before? How often are we tempted to sit back, accept it, and decide that it wasn't God's will to heal at that point? Read how one determined woman refused to accept it was not God's will to heal her and changed her prayers so that she saw real results

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER CHRIS GREEN could not afford not to be in full health. She is self-employed, running her own business, and also cares for her elderly mother who lives with her in a large chalet bungalow along with a mature dog and two budgies! In addition she has a gift for evangelism and nurtures new believers at her church, Coastlands in Worthing. But this summer two apparent accidents caused her to wonder if she would be able to carry on with her busy life and fulfil all her responsibilities.

It all began on 4 August when Chris was walking her dog with a friend who had her own three dogs. Suddenly, when moving out of the way of a speeding dog, Chris knew she had damaged her left knee by hyper-extending it; now she could not bend it more than 90 degrees.

She limped along for a month and noticed some improvement after receiving prayer from visiting evangelist John Mellor on 13 September at church.

It was not back to normal, though; the pain had gone but the knee was

stiff. On 5 October, she was inspired by the testimony of visiting preacher Keith Chapman Burnett of House of Victory Church, Bournemouth. Keith spoke of relying completely on God's faithfulness when, rather than give up playing squash, a game he loved, after his leg was injured, he made himself play and the pain went! Chris started meditating on God's faithfulness, but next day her knee was suddenly painful and weak again – "I couldn't stand on it because it gave way! When I took the dog out, I could hardly get round the block, so I texted our pastor. He prayed over the phone and the pain went, although I still had a reduced range of movement.

Still meditating on God's faithfulness, Chris's prayers changed direction. "I was so thankful for his taking away the pain and weakness that I stopped asking for healing, and kept thanking God for the work he had done."

That resolve was sorely tested just two days later on 8 October. Chris awoke to pain and weakness in her left knee, but was prompted to use a little card on 'How to keep your healing', which she had picked up at John Mellor's meetings. "After reading it, I realised that Satan was trying to 'steal' my healing by bringing back the symptoms so I'd doubt God. So I thanked God for healing me and deliberately created an atmosphere of faith through thankfulness. I also commanded Satan to get off my healing and my life."

On Sunday 19 October in church, Pastor Drew had a word of knowledge during the service that healing had taken place. Chris thought, "I'll have



Bare-handed: less than a month after breaking her wrist Chris Green can use her whole hand without pain

that!" and thanked God afresh that she had been healed. By the end of the service, she realised that her knee had regained its full flexibility!

But less than a week later another trial came. After climbing on a chair to put the clock back, she fell and fractured her left radius. Feeling sick, she took herself to A&E where an X-ray showed a fracture across the distal end of the radius in her wrist.

"I am believing for miraculous healing!"

"They put me in a 'back slab', which is plaster of paris along the back of the arm to allow the swelling to go down," recalls Chris. "Then they told me to go to the fracture clinic on Friday to have it checked again."

Next morning at home, Chris prayed, "Lord what is this about?"

The reply, she felt, was "Trust me."

She texted her pastor: "I am believing for miraculous healing."

She went to church that evening and was prayed for: "I received that healing by faith again, and started to act accordingly, stretching out my hand and fingers. Despite the pain, I kept thanking the Lord for my healing and trusting."

Whereas some would have understandably taken a few days or weeks off work to allow healing to take place 'naturally', Chris made the

decision to continue seeing clients of her foot health practice, although it was very manual work. However, she found she had full range of movement and no

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swelling in her hand and wrist: “Each day I was able to do more, although Satan tried to rob me again mid-week. Suddenly the occasional pain became a grinding ache. But I told him to go in the name of Jesus – and he did!”

Chris continued to thank the Lord whenever she felt an ache or pain if she had attempted too much with her hand.

That Friday she returned to the fracture clinic for another X-ray. She asked to see the X-ray – and could not see the black fracture crack across the radius – just four days after the first X-ray!

But the doctor said, “We’ll put you in a plaster of paris cast.”

Chris queried this: “I have the full range of movement – what gain would there be?”

So the doctor agreed to let her walk out with a Velcro wrist brace which Chris wore when driving.

She realised she had experienced a miraculous but gradual healing, as day by day the symptoms lessened and each day she found she could do more with her arm. “God can choose to heal immediately, such as when hands are laid on you in a service, or gradually – but he does heal!”

The keys for Chris were agreeing with God that he is faithful and wants to heal and thanksgiving for what he was doing. “I saw that it needed an atmosphere of faith for healing to take place – not just saying, ‘Heal me’, but believing it was in progress. And also not to accept the return of symptoms!”

Chris Green now believes that healings received divinely should come with a “Satan health warning” and wanted readers to see the little card she used to keep her healing. She says, “Like the cigarette cartons that come with a government health warning, healings should be dispensed with a ‘Satan health warning’ saying ‘Be prepared – this is how to keep your healing!’”

Keys to keeping your healing by John Mellor



SATAN MAY TRY TO ROB YOU of your healing by putting doubt into your mind about your healing, causing your symptoms to return.

Be aware also that doubt from other people, who are sceptical that you have been healed by God, can rob you of faith and your healing. Or the enemy may bluff you with a return of symptoms that cause you to doubt that you have been healed. Reject this doubt.

If you feel symptoms returning, refuse to accept it. If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you have the authority to rebuke the devil and command him to get his hands off your life.

Say aloud and forcefully: “In the name of Jesus Christ, I rebuke you, Satan, and command that you get your hands off my life and healing. I am fully healed in Jesus’ name. I thank you, Jesus, for everything you have purchased for me on the Cross and for protecting me and healing me completely.”

CHRISTIAN MEDIA: WHAT CRISIS?



Gordon Pettie, chairman of Revelation TV, has refuted allegations

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Pettie said that the trustees are “amazed” at the way the Commission has handled the case so far. “Our response was to be horrified that they have begun an investigation without telling us, and we’re amazed that we supplied all the information in May and they never came back to us or asked a single question since then,” he said.

Gordon maintains that the Foundation is confident of its integrity, and that the allegations made against it are unfounded. “I wouldn’t say we’re worried, but we are concerned for the proclamation of the Gospel. That’s what we’re about – we’re not in the business to make money, but to teach the Gospel and a lot of people have written in and expressed their support because they believe in our integrity,” he said.

And Revelation’s viewers, no doubt aware of the sacrifices that the Condors and Petties made in keeping the channel going (the Condors remortgaged their home to start the channel), have been ‘wonderful’ Gordon says, in their support and encouragement. “Our struggle is nothing compared with what many Christians in different parts of the world are facing on a daily basis. Even so we recognise that we are in a battle and the going is getting tougher. We press on knowing that the God we serve will give us the grace and the enabling to do what he has called us to do.”

Wendy Alec goes it alone at God TV

God TV has also endured unwelcome publicity after CEO and founder Rory Alec left his wife Wendy for another woman after 20 years of marriage. God TV released a statement on October 2 which also said Wendy, who co-founded the popular TV network seen by millions worldwide, would now be sole CEO.

Wendy made a heartfelt broadcast from Jerusalem in which she said Rory considered his marriage to be over and he wanted a new life away from ministry.

Wendy said: “I don’t know what the outcome will be but I know this with all my heart ... I’ve got absolute trust in my Father God. He is beautiful and he is always good. I have absolute faith in incredible restoration and incredible restitution in our lives ahead.”

Canon Andrew White, the Vicar of Baghdad, who appeared alongside Wendy to support her in the very difficult broadcast, said God was still going to do great things through the TV network. He

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added: “God is going to cause revival to come and that’s why the devil doesn’t like it and he will try and stop it and destroy it, but the work of God has not finished. It has only just begun.”

Bill Johnson, senior pastor of Bethel Church in Redding, California, also said the Alecs were ‘in a place of real need right now’.

American TBN to launch in UK

Galloping over the horizon in what many consider to be the last reel of human history, comes America’s TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) which will start broadcasting on Freeview’s channel 65 on 5 January.

It has prepared new, state of the art studios in Willesden, London, and is able to finance the huge monthly bill of £750,000 required for its Freeview channel. “It’s the biggest single investment by a Christian ministry in UK broadcasting,” says its principal adviser, businessman Graham Lacey. Speaking exclusively to HEART, he explained how TBN has already forged a ‘special relationship’ with UCB (United Christian Broadcasters) because UCB has been helping TBN tailor its programmes for the British market. Mr Lacey, who is also an adviser to UCB, praised UCB’s willingness to help the American newcomers.

Fully aware of how TBN may be perceived in Britain, due to the flamboyant lifestyle of its founders,

the Crouch family, TBN UK has been helped by UCB to adapt to British ‘cultural sensitivities’.

Therefore each Sunday TBN will broadcast services from an HTB church and other broadcasters familiar to British audiences will be seen on the new channel, such as preachers Joyce Meyer, Joseph Prince and Hillsong music.

Graham Lacey maintains that TBN’s terms of broadcasting will reassure viewers who may be dubious about it, as the Freeview rules are that 50% of the output must come from the UK. Therefore he and Eon Shoeman, the Director of Content, recruited from TBN South Africa for his experience of ‘quality family viewing’ have visited British regional cities including Belfast, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Manchester and Birmingham to meet with local evangelical and charismatic leaders to invite them to contribute to TBN.

Five leaders have accepted the invitation, so viewers will see regional representation. “It will raise their profile in their communities and help with church planting,” says Graham. He admits that this is important in addressing TBN’s slightly outlandish and un-British image. “We aim to balance cherished contributors already on Christian TV with homegrown contributors. There are different sensitivities here so it is NOT classic American TV.”

So is there a Christian media crisis? Probably not, because the men and women who have already sacrificed a lot to start Christian broadcasting in Britain are determined to carry on valiantly.

LATE NEWS

PA TO DELAY STATEHOOD BID

Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Riad Malki told the Bethlehem-based Maan News Agency that the PA leadership has decided to delay a bid to seek recognition for a Palestinian State at the UN Security Council.

According to the ICEJ (International Christian Embassy), he added that the indefinite delay comes following strong pressure from the US and a failure by the PA’s UN delegation to secure the necessary support of nine members of the Security Council.

CHRISTIAN EMBASSY CONDEMNS JERUSALEM MURDER RAMPAGE

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EMBASSY JERUSALEM (ICEJ) has condemned the murder rampage which left four rabbis dead and 13 others injured in an early morning synagogue service.

Two Israeli Arab citizens, Abu Jamal, 22, and Ghassan Muhammad Abu Jamal, 32, used meat cleavers and a gun to attack Jewish worshippers during a prayer meeting at the Kehilat Bnei Torah Synagogue in Jerusalem’s Har Nof neighborhood on November 18. Both men were then killed in a shootout with police at the synagogue’s entrance.

Zidan Sayef, a 30-year-old Druze traffic



Arab Israeli Zidan Sayef was killed in the attack

police officer from western Galilee, heard there was a terror attack and rushed to the scene. He was seriously injured and later died of his wounds that night. He leaves a widow and four-month-old baby, joining the wives and 24 children of the four slain rabbis in the toll of the bereaved.

The Druze community in Israel is Arabic but opted out of Arab nationalism in 1948 and it supports the Jewish state.

The current unrest is caused by rivalry between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, according to Zalmi Unsoderfer, UK Likud chairman, on Revelation TV’s Middle East report.

A baby boy for Christmas

THIS BABY has brought unexpected joy to his mum after she had a change of mind – despite taking the first pill that would have killed her baby son. The brave mother saw the reality of abortion during an Abort67 vigil outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Brixton last March. A scan later showed the baby was still alive. Abort67 said the newborn boy is in good health.



The tiny lad who survived the morning after pill

OBITUARY

Myles Munroe



CREDIT: Twitter

Myles Munroe died in a plane collision

WORLD FAMOUS EVANGELIST Myles Munroe died along with his wife Ruth and others when a Lear 36 Executive jet struck a crane at the Grand Bahama ship yard. The group were en route to the 2014 Global Leadership Forum on November 9.

In a recent TV interview on Kenya’s KTN JKL Show, Myles sounded as if he was ready to leave this life, saying he wanted to die like the Apostle Paul: “When you die, die like I am planning to die. Empty. It is finished.”

Myles was particularly mourned by Christian Zionists as he was a popular Bible teacher on God’s purposes for Israel.

Tweeting the Word

WORSHIP DIRECTOR Chris Juby, aged 30, of King’s Church in Durham has successfully tweeted summaries of every Bible chapter since August 20, 2010. He finished with the last chapter of Revelations 22 on November 8. He had 30,000 followers on @biblesummary by the end and his summaries were retweeted 19,000 times.



Bible tweeter Chris Juby



WESTMINSTER BUBBLE TO BURST

The UKIP victory in Rochester has sent a tsunami on its way to Westminster...

SUNAMIS BEGIN FAR OUT in the ocean where a disturbance in the seabed causes a series of waves to begin, known as a ‘wave train’.

The UKIP victories in Clacton and Rochester moved the seabed under the political establishment in Westminster. The wave train is now in motion heading for London and threatening to topple the establishment.

Political commentators are busy writing obituaries of Miliband, Cameron and Clegg as pollsters produce dire warnings from the polls of what is likely to happen at the General Election in May 2015. But none of them really understand what is happening in the nation because in 21st century secular Britain enlightened journalists, like Tony Blair’s famous spin doctor, don’t “do God”!

Ancient prophecy

If you don’t read the Bible you don’t know what is happening on the socio/economic or political landscape in Britain today. The political tsunami heading for Westminster is not just caused by voter dissatisfaction with the political establishment. Neither is it caused by the new boys on the political block stirring up anti-immigration sentiment.

Something much more significant is happening in the nation because God is fulfilling an ancient prophecy given 2,500 years ago that the day would

come when he would shake everything – the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land: at the same time he would shake all the nations, in their economic, political and social systems. (Haggai 2.6)

That time has now come. Geologists and meteorologists tell us that there has never been a time when the Earth’s surface has been so unstable as during the past century and the frequency of hurricanes, tornadoes and severe storms has been increasing over the past 20 years – with more to come! They do not know why it is happening, just as the political commentators do not know what is happening in Westminster where all the political parties are in turmoil.

Warning signs

The Bible tells us that God did not just create the universe and then retire; he is active in creation today, using all the strange things that are happening in Nature, like the great snow storm in the USA last month, to send a message of warning to those with eyes to see and ears open to his words.

The rise of militant Islam in the Middle East with its human atrocities of beheadings and crucifixions; plus

the emergence of the Ebola plague in Africa; plus the political upheaval of the mid-term elections in America have sent shock waves through the nations. God is warning that we are heading for catastrophe.

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The word of God says, “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die?” (Ezekiel 33.11) God is calling all nations and each of us individually to re-examine our lives and allow him to redirect us from paths that lead to disaster.

Talking of earthquakes...

It seemed significant that the radio news which announced the UKIP victory in Rochester and Strood also included an item on how the Houses of Parliament are no longer ‘fit for purpose’. Their state of repair and the amount of water they let in due to cracked foundations mean that there will be a huge repair bill estimated at £300million and MPs and Lord will probably have to be moved out during the works.

Statement

Last month 50 Christians met for three days specifically to seek understanding of what is happening in the world today. They produced a statement which should be read by everyone because the warnings affect everyone. But it is a special message for Christians who know the Great Commission of Jesus to take the truth to all people.

We believe that the message of the 1986 Gathering on Mount Carmel and in Jerusalem is being fulfilled. God is shaking the nations according to the prophecy of Haggai repeated in the book of Hebrews to bring about his plan for his Kingdom. We must accept what God is doing and not pray for God to stop the shaking or we will put ourselves against God. We see this as a wake-up call to the Church – the Body of Messiah!

We must pray that God will make the shaking effective: that he will fulfil his purposes.

We experienced the heart of our Heavenly Father weeping over our nation

which should lead us to repentance. We declare our confidence in his outworking of his purposes in all purity and righteousness. He is shaking all the nations to warn his people of imminent catastrophe and Ezekiel 33 requires us to warn others. In Britain the shaking is the result of both Church and nation turning away from the Word of God. We see this as the sword of the Lord coming upon the nations bringing war and terrorism, natural disasters such as extreme weather, and plague such as Ebola. Each of these contributes to the forthcoming collapse of the global economy.

This reinforces both an obligation and an opportunity for Christians joyfully to fulfil the Great Commission.

Those at the workshop in October 2014 agreed the above statement which is now being circulated far and wide.

Further information on ways of outworking this statement are welcome. A number of strategies to be employed are being agreed and will be circulated to those on the mailing list of Issachar Ministries.

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“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?’ And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. Revelation 6:9-11”

New laws could save Pakistan mum from hanging



Asia Bibi with her two daughters. She has been on death row for five years

ASIA BIBI HAS SAT IN A PRISON CELL in Pakistan for the past five years and often in solitary confinement – on death row over a glass of water. The mother of two is waiting for the outcome of a very last appeal sent to the Supreme Court highlighting errors in her case. She was due to be hanged on November 7 – a sentence which has been recently upheld by the Pakistani High Court. However, in a strange twist, these very same judges say the blasphemy law gave them no choice and have called on the government to change the law. High Court judges Muhammad Anwaarul Haq and Syed Shahbaz Ali Rizvi claim that there was a weak defence for Asia, with no cross-examining of witnesses and so the prosecution won ‘by default’. They also say guidelines are needed by the government for the ‘tazkiyah al shuhood’ test which should be enacted in such cases. This legal test examines the ‘piety, uprightness and integrity’ of accusers in blasphemy hearings. Asia’s lawyer Naem Shakir insists the original court case in 2010 did not apply this piety test so her conviction is invalid. Asia’s husband Ashiq Masih has also appealed directly to Pakistan’s President Hussain, writing on November 17: “We are Christians but we respect Islam.” Asia Bibi’s ‘crime’ happened in 2009 when she said that Jesus is alive. She was working on a fruit farm and some Muslim women refused to share water with her because of her Christianity. Asia responded: “Our Christ sacrificed his life on the cross for our sins. Our Christ is alive.”

The women grabbed her and beat her up. Some men then locked her in a room and she was denounced publicly via local mosque loudspeakers. Police, claiming pressure from local imams, arrived and arrested her for blasphemy. It is feared that if Asia is not executed, there will be widespread violence and assassinations against public figures. Punjab governor Salman Taseer and minorities minister Shahbaz Bhatti were killed in 2011 after showing public support for this resolute woman. Prayer has gone up for Asia all over the world and her supporters will be grateful for this new development.

Mob beats couple to death

A CHRISTIAN COUPLE were beaten to death by an angry mob and their bodies then burnt in a brick kiln in Pakistan. The mob accused the couple of setting a copy of the Qur’an alight and throwing it in a rubbish bin in Kot Radha Kishan, Punjab Province, on November 4. Some 44 people have been arrested in connection to the deaths. Blasphemy is punishable by death in Pakistan, a Muslim nation where 4% of the population are Christian.

The ‘holy war’ against Christians

THAT THERE IS A ‘HOLY WAR’ in the name of ‘God’ raging in the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, will not surprise most readers of this paper. But a war needs two or more parties to fight against each other, whereas in this ‘war’, fanatics of one religion, Islam, are attempting to follow their holy book’s instructions by religiously ‘cleansing’ Christians and Jews, starting in the Middle East. Thousands of Christians have been erased from the statistics, suffering the same fate as Jewish communities in the Arab world. Political activist David Horowitz points out that Jewish communities in Arab lands which just half a century ago numbered in the millions have all been driven to the brink of extinction. “Communities that had survived for thousands of years have vanished from history. If not for the existence of Israel, the Jews who once lived there would have vanished, too.”

radical Islam depends on their disappearance. Now Christian communities’ suffering in the Muslim world is worse than ever before. Scholars estimate that every three minutes a Christian is being tortured there. In 2009 more than 165,000 Christians were killed in Muslim countries because of their faith.” Figures show that numbers of Christians in Muslim lands have dropped by around three quarters. Speaking to Christians in Katowice, Poland, at the evangelistic campaign organised by David Hathaway’s Eurovision ministry this September, Eli Nacht, Advisor to the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, brought sobering statistics. “In 2010 in Egypt there were 4.1 million Christians; now there are only 93,000. In Syria there were 1,750,000 Christians – today only about 450,000. Iraq had 1,000, 500 Christians in 2010, but only 250,000 are left right now. They have been forced to convert to Islam, emigrate, or have just

In the Middle East in the beginning of the 20th century, 26 per cent of the population were Christian; today it is less than 10 per cent

Christians are now suffering the same fate as the Jews, bearing out the truth of the Islamists’ slogan, “First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people” to describe how they will first kill the Saturday worshippers, the Jews, then the Sunday worshippers, the Christians. Since the state of Israel was born again in 1948, Jews have not been allowed to live in most Islamic nations. But Christian minorities remained – until recently. David Horowitz says, “The global conquest envisioned by

Children ‘chopped in half’

Vicar of Baghdad

Why won’t Westerners believe me, asks Canon Andrew White

“CHRISTIAN CHILDREN have been chopped in half by Islamic State (IS) militants in Iraq – but no one believes it.”

Canon Andrew White, known as ‘The Vicar of Baghdad’, made the comment during a tour of the USA this October to plead for more funds to help impoverished Christians suffering in Iraq. He oversees St George’s Church in Baghdad. Canon White has recently had to temporarily relocate to Bethlehem in Israel due to IS putting a £36m bounty on his head. He talked to LifeSiteNews.com about the situation in Iraq, and said: “It’s just been terrible. They have been amputating people’s heads and putting them on railings. They have chopped children in half. You know, I write some of these things on my blog and nobody believes it.

“They say that I must be making this up, that there’s no evidence of this, this isn’t in this paper or that paper. Here we are living with it and people can’t accept it. Canon White is also the President of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRME) and he was invited to speak at Lighthouse Christian School, Gig Harbour, Washington DC on October 20-21. The youngsters (pictured) gathered around to pray for the Vicar who was touched when one child donated his pocket money. Stephen Roddy, Principal of the school, told HEART: “Canon White is a remarkable man being used mightily by God.”

IS sells children, age 1-9, for more than teenage girls



Captured Christian and Yazidi women are chained and forced to wear full Islamic dress (photo credit: Twitter)

THE PRICES OF CHRISTIAN SLAVES captured by Islamic State militants in Iraq have been published. Women aged 40 to 50 each cost £27; 30 to 40-year-olds are £40; and 20 to 30s are £54. Girls aged 10 to 20 are £80 and children aged one to nine are £107. According to the campaigning charity Barnabas Fund, IS said in a document that prices needed controlling due to a ‘significant decrease’ in the market selling ‘women and spoils of war’. Yazidi slaves are also sold. IS has vowed to execute anyone who does not abide by the price controls it has imposed, and individuals are not allowed to buy more than three – unless the buyers are foreigners such as Turks, Syrians and citizens of the Gulf Arab states. Women and girls who have escaped have appalling stories of seeing their husbands killed and being kept in brothels run by British Muslim women. Sharia law allows Muslims to take human beings as slaves as part of their war booty in the context of jihad. IS militants took over large swathes of central and northern Iraq over the summer, causing at least 160,000 Christians to flee to safer areas. The few Christians remaining under Islamist rule have the choice to pay *jizya* (a humiliating tax indicating their inferior status), convert to Islam, flee or be killed.

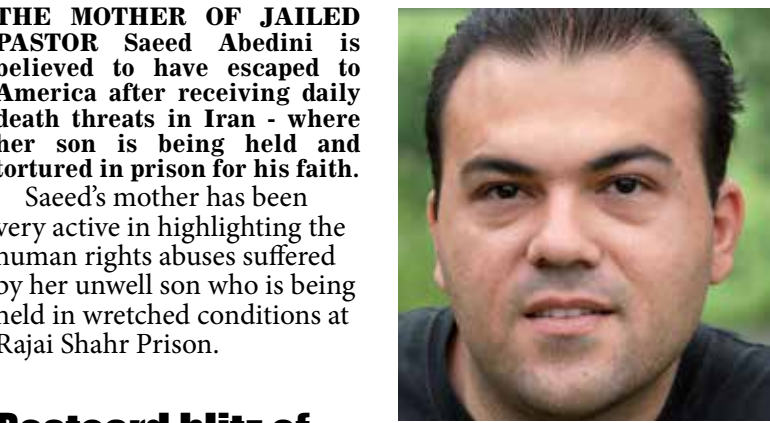


School pupils at Lighthouse Christian School in Washington DC gathered around to pray for Canon Andrew White and the people of Iraq

“They have been amputating people’s heads and putting them on railings ... I write some of these things on my blog and nobody believes it.”



Pastor Saeed’s mum flees death threats



Pastor Saeed before his imprisonment

Pre-printed postcards could be signed and sent to President Obama, appealing to him not to forget Pastor Saeed, a US citizen. Postcards were available for purchase through Trinity Worldwide Reprographics.

Persecution of Christians not discussed with Algeria

THE UK GOVERNMENT has not raised the issue of the persecution of Christians when discussing human rights with Algeria. MP Tobias Ellwood, Under Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), gave the revelation during a House of Commons session on October 28. He said: “We regularly discuss human rights with the Algerian Government, although we have not raised religious freedoms specifically.” Naomi Long, Belfast East MP, initiated the debate and she was ‘disappointed’ with the Government’s response. She asked if the FCO had advised the immigration service how to give good advice for people from North Africa claiming asylum on the grounds of religious persecution. Mr Ellwood said he would raise this matter, ‘with my Algerian counterparts’.

Egyptian convert not allowed to travel to court



Bishoy, in jail, is standing up for religious freedom in Egypt

THE FIRST Egyptian citizen to change his legal religious identity from ‘Muslim’ to ‘Christian’ faces losing his prison appeal because he is not allowed to travel to court. Bishoy Armeza Boulous, formerly known as Mohammed Hegazy, was arrested for filming sectarian demonstrations without approval in Minya, in December last year, 2014. He spent six months in custody before a local court gave him a five year jail term. His appeal was due on November 16 but authorities have not given him permission to travel from Tora Prison in Cairo to the court appeal

North Korea releases jailed Americans



Free at last: Jeffrey Fowle and Kenneth Bae had been arrested for alleged evangelism related activities

THREE AMERICANS serving tough jail sentences in North Korea have all been returned safely home. Jeffrey Fowle, aged 56, had been arrested for leaving a Bible at a sailor’s club in the city of Chongjin last May. He was released from prison on October 21. Korean missionary Kenneth Bae, aged 46, and 24-year-old fellow US citizen Matthew Miller flew home in the company of James Clapper, US director of national intelligence, on November 8. Bae spent two years working on a labour farm whilst



suffering ill health including diabetes, an enlarged heart and failing eyesight. He had been given a 15-year sentence for alleged ‘anti-government activities’ believed to be related to evangelism. Following his release, he thanked the thousands of people who had prayed for him. Miller had been serving a six-year term for alleged espionage after ripping up his tourist’s visa at Pyongyang’s airport and demanding asylum in April. It is thought he was trying to secretly investigate human rights by experiencing prison life.

SYRIAN HOSTAGES FREED BY MILITANTS

FOUR CHRISTIAN WOMEN and a church leader kidnapped in early October have been released by Islamist militants in north-west Syria. The group were among 21 believers abducted after Islamic State fighters stormed the village of Knayeh. It is not clear if other Christians including children have also been released by the al-Qaeda linked group called al-Nusra front. Church leader Hanna Jallouf remains under house arrest in the village. Many Christians have been kidnapped in Syria since conflict began in April 2013. Two arch-bishops, Yohanna Ibrahim and Boutros Yazigi, were abducted in April 2013 and their whereabouts is not known.

LAOS CRACKDOWN LEAVES PASTOR IN STOCKS

A CHURCH PASTOR remains handcuffed in jail with his legs locked in stocks following a crackdown against believers in Laos, a country located near Vietnam. Sompong Supatto hosted a lunch at his home for believers in Boukham village after a morning worship service on September 28. Village officials raided the home and took the group into custody – including a three-year-old girl. Six Christians were released on October 3 but Sompong remains in jail. The crackdown happened after village officials banned worship meetings for Christians.



Hopes fade for Nigerian schoolgirls

HOPES THAT A GROUP OF SCHOOL GIRLS kidnapped by militant terror group Boko Haram could be returned to their parents in Nigeria have faded after their home village was over-run by the radicals. The 276 students from the secondary school in the mainly Christian village of Chibok were taken by the Islamist radicals in April. Hopes rose briefly in October after a truce had been reported between the terrorists and government forces as part of a ceasefire agreement. But Boko Haram invaded the village in mid-November, raising fears for the rest of the girls’ families and community. And although a minority of girls escaped, they are now again in harm’s way. Most of the 219 remaining in captivity are believed to have been forced into marriages or slave labour. Some media sources reported Boko Haram’s leader Abubakar Shekau as laughing when he said that the girls had ‘converted’ to Islam, adding: “The issue of the girls is long forgotten because I have long ago married them off.”

TEACHER KILLED IN MACHETE ATTACK: TANZANIA

A SCHOOL TEACHER was killed with a machete by a group of men after an early morning church prayer meeting in Bukoba, northwest Tanzania. Dioniz Ng’wandu, aged 31, had just finished praying with another Christian, 25-year-old Temistores. Pastor Faustine Joseph and another man joined them at the Busimbe Parish Church of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God on October 9. Half an hour after Pastor Joseph and the fourth man left the meeting, a group of unknown attackers entered the building. Dioniz was killed and Temistores suffered injuries to his left foot needing hospital treatment.

CLERY TARGETS FOR CAR MILITANTS

CHRISTIAN CLERGY have become targets for attacks by militant groups in the Central African Republic (CAR). Father Mateusz Dziedzic, a Polish priest in the diocese of Tar-now, Baboua, was kidnapped by armed rebels calling themselves the ‘Democratic Front of the Central African People’ (FDPC) on October 12. The rebels demanded the release of their group leader in prison in neighbouring Cameroon. Fr Dziedzic has lived in CAR since 2009 and runs nursery schools in his parish alongside other social activities. Another priest, Fr Aubert, was attacked and robbed by anti-Balakala militiamen at a check point whilst delivering goods to the Parish of Dekoua on October 13.

SERMONS FIRED AT HOUSTON MAYOR

THOUSANDS OF SERMONS were sent to the Mayor of Houston after subpoenas were issued in the USA city demanding that five local pastors hand in their sermons, speeches and other communications so officials could inspect any comments on homosexuality or gender identity. Mike Huckabee, former Presidential candidate, led the call for pastors across the nation to voluntarily send Mayor Annise Parker and City Attorney Feldman their sermons and Bibles too – as a protest response to the official directive. Senator Ted Cruz also opposed the directives. Mayor Parker later withdrew the subpoenas following a meeting with pastors and national clergy. She said: “I didn’t do this to satisfy them [the pastors] – I did it because it was not serving Houston.”

HILLSONG LEADER BACKS TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

THE LEADER of the international Hillsong Church network has denied previous media reports that he supports same-sex marriage. Founding Pastor Brian Houston from Sydney, Australia, was reported to have said his church’s position on same-sex marriage was an ‘ongoing conversation’ with leaders and they were ‘on a journey with it’ during a press conference in New York. Later, Pastor Houston said: “I challenge people to read what I actually said, rather than what was reported that I said. My personal view on the subject of homosexuality would line up with most traditionally held Christian views. I believe the writings of Paul are clear on this subject.”

STEVE HILL’S SON DIES YOUNG

THE SON OF evangelist, the late Steve Hill has died in circumstances still being investigated at the time of going to press. Ryan Hill died at the age of 27 in Orlando, Florida, on October 19. He was a media production student and had previously contributed to film work for various Christian ministries. He was also a graduate of the Teen Challenge programme. Steve Hill, his adopted father, died from skin cancer in March earlier this year. He famously led the Brownsville Revival from 1995 to 2000.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN 30 US STATES

A LEGAL RULING means same-sex marriage will be legal in 30 states in the USA. The Supreme Court has denied appeals from five states – Wisconsin, Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma and Indiana – to prohibit gay marriage. Fox News said: “With no other state cases currently pending before the court, the decision to reject the appeals means the justices - for now - will not be considering the question of same-sex marriage nationwide. “

INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF



Thousands filled Europe’s largest nature park. Inset: David Hathaway and interpreter praying for healing AFTER TWO YEARS in preparation, 5, 6, 7 September saw the largest evangelistic ministry in Europe – in Poland. In the largest nature park in Europe, 100,000 Gospel brochures were distributed by churches working with evangelist David Hathaway’s team. “We saw over 80,000 in one day,” said David, who is in his early 80s. “Thousands personally received Christ with miracles of healing. The five regional and national TV companies filming estimated that at any one time, 25-30,000 were crowded in the venue (designed to hold up to 30,000 people at a time), and reported to the nation!”

Baby defender jailed in Canada is mobbed by Polish fans



Mary Wagner adores babies and fights for them

IF YOU MET MARY WAGNER, you’d never believe this quiet and sensitive soul had spent two years in a Canadian jail. Her peaceful aura hides a fervent passion to stop the slaughter of unborn children.



Poles apart: Mary has a Polish fan club but was jailed in Canada

Mary was put in prison in Ontario and released in June after she refused to stay away from women outside abortion clinics. However, she is still advocating justice for babies and has just completed a two-week tour of 26 cities to



Read why the Israeli Ambassador summoned David Hathaway to a meeting in Helsinki on 19 November.



How did this woman get permission to have this photo on her driving licence?



Nick Vujick, the ‘limbless evangelist’ is now a happily married father.

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NATIONAL NEWS



Brother and sister Ben and Emma Vane have started a new radio station

Enjoy carols all year round!

AN INTERNET RADIO station has been launched which plays just Christmas carols and Bible thoughts 24 hours per day – 365 days per year.

Christmas Carols Radio began at the end of September after three years of planning by former radio producer Ben Vane and his actress sister, Emma Vane. The radio station already has more than 1,000

listeners worldwide via www.christmascarolsradio.org

Ben Vane, who is training for the Anglican ministry and moonlights as a presenter for Premier Christian Radio, said: “The one time that non-Christians do engage with the Christian message is at Christmas – and there’s no more striking example of this than the church carol service.”

Fast and pray for climate campaign

THE CLIMATE will be the focus of a new monthly pray-and-fast campaign by Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches launched on November 1.

Christians are invited to join in the prayer and fasting on the first day of every month until December 2015 when Paris hosts the 21st United Nations Climate Change Summit.

A spokesman for the churches’ joint public issues team said: “In the case of climate change, we are not ignorant of some of the issues and causes that lie behind our predicament, and we have a responsibility to respond as those who are servants of a God who is Creator of all things.”

Isle of Lewis churches stand up for biblical teaching

EVERY CHURCH ON THE ISLE OF LEWIS from the Church of Scotland (C of S) has taken a stand against allowing practising gay clergy to become ordained ministers.

Lewis Presbytery, representing the church on the largest island in the Outer Hebrides, which was famously home to the 1949 Hebridean revival, is concerned that biblical views on marriage are being sidelined by the national Church body.

The General Assembly of the C of S has been reviewing whether to allow actively homosexual ministers to be appointed. Every elder and minister at the Lewis Presbytery gave a resounding ‘no’ to the idea in a recent vote.

A number of ministers and churches across Scotland have left the denomination after an

openly gay minister was given a leadership role at Queen’s Cross Church in Aberdeen in 2009. St George’s Tron Church in Glasgow was even made homeless after a split with the C of S over the issue in December 2012.

A statement from St George Tron’s Church read: “This followed years of prayer and preparation as a result of this denomination’s contemplation and then clear choice to allow ministers to be in same sex relationships, in clear rejection of the authority of the Bible.

“Regretfully therefore, in order to remain in fellowship with orthodox Christianity worldwide, we had to break fellowship with our denomination despite very significant consequences for our church family.”

Ann challenges Dave on Red Cross sacking



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Ann Widdecombe has challenged David Cameron to condemn the Red Cross for sacking a pensioner over his views

PM DAVID CAMERON’S refusal to condemn the Red Cross for sacking a pensioner has been challenged by former Tory minister Ann Widdecombe.

Miss Widdecombe has called on Mr Cameron to condemn the Red Cross after it told 71-year-old Bryan Barkley, who had been pictured holding a sign saying ‘no same sex marriage’, that his views were not compatible with the charity’s ‘fundamental principles and values’.

Writing for the Daily Express, Ann Widdecombe said:

“This supposedly neutral organisation has sacked a man who has worked for 20 years as a volunteer just because he opposes gay marriage.

“He did not mention the Red Cross nor did its name appear in any reports of the protest.”

The Red Cross told Mr Barkley in August of the decision to withdraw his ‘opportunity to volunteer with the British Red Cross permanently and with immediate effect’.

The charity is supposedly neutral on religious matters but also promotes impartiality

as a fundamental principle, saying ‘it makes no discrimination as to ... religious beliefs’.

Miss Widdecombe, who converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism, added: “Parliament was given assurance after assurance that freedom of conscience would be respected if the law on marriage was changed.

“Let us be clear: the issue here is not whether one supports gay marriage or not but whether one should be free to state a position.

“What has happened to the freedom of expression we all once took for granted and when did it become acceptable for employers and charities to censor the views of individuals when pronounced outside the workplace or organisation?”

The Red Cross later said it ‘did not dismiss this volunteer specifically because of the views he has on same-sex marriage’, according to the Coalition for Marriage (C4M), which called the comment ‘absurd’.

C4M added: “It was because Mr Barkley’s views on marriage were not ‘in line’ with theirs that they axed him.”

Baker is determined to stand the heat



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Baker Daniel McArthur

A BAKER WHO REFUSED to create a cake supporting gay marriage because of his Christian beliefs faces the wrath of the law unless he gives an official apology and pays compensation.

Daniel McArthur, aged 24, of Ashers Baking Co. in Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland, would not bake a cake with Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie for campaigner Gareth Lee who wanted to celebrate same sex marriage as part of International Day Against Homophobia.

The baker was given seven days from October 27 to respond or face legal action according

to a 16-page letter by the Equalities Commission which slammed his family business for ‘unlawful religious, political and sexual orientation’.

Daniel said: “We feel that the Equality Commission is pursuing us because of our beliefs that marriage is between a man and a woman.

“It feels like a David and Goliath battle because on one hand we have the Equality Commission which is a public body, funded by taxpayers’ money, with massive resources at its disposal, whereas we are a small family business and we have limited resources.

“We’re continuing to hold to the stand that we took originally because we believe it’s biblical, we believe it’s what God would want us to do, and we also think that if we do cave in to the Equality Commission at this point it’ll put pressure on other citizens who are defending their view of traditional marriage.”

Jimmy Spratt, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Northern Ireland, has told the watchdog it is ‘essentially bullying a small business’ and wasting taxpayers’ money.

Northern Ireland’s Assembly recently confirmed its position making same sex marriage illegal – the only part of the UK to do so.

Lords call for judicial oversight in assisted dying

THE HOUSE OF LORDS has called for judicial oversight for all applications for assisted deaths as an amendment to the Assisted Dying Bill.

The debate took place on November 7 on an amendment to Lord Falconer’s bill which would open the way for assisted dying to be allowed for terminally ill patients with less than six months to live who are also mentally capable.

During the debate, Lord David Alton of Liverpool, who has campaigned against the bill, supported the amendment and expressed his fear that the ‘right to die’ might change to a ‘duty to die’. He also stated the call for ‘assisted dying’ was in fact, ‘assisted suicide’.

Lord Alton said: “I am personally disturbed by the idea that we place on people’s shoulders the idea that somehow they are a burden not just to their families but to the rest of us as well.”

“Simply to provide opportunities for people to take their own lives does not seem a wholesome or good way for this country to proceed,” he added.

NATIONAL NEWS

BRIGHTON GIRL’S PRIVATE PROSECUTION AGAINST GENDER ABORTIONS

A PRIVATE PROSECUTION has been brought by a Brighton-based pro-life campaigner against two doctors who allegedly offered to kill two different unborn children in separate incidents due to their gender.

The Daily Telegraph organised a covert film investigation into abortion clinics in 2012. Undercover reporters allegedly found a doctor giving consent for a woman’s abortion as the child was the ‘wrong gender’ at the Pall Mall Medical Centre in Manchester.

A different doctor agreed to abort a woman’s baby at the Calthorpe Clinic in Birmingham because the child was a girl, and officially documented the reason as the woman being too young, according to the Daily Telegraph report.

Police investigated and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) decided not to prosecute

– referring the doctors instead to the General Medical Council (GMC). The GMC has, to date, not taken any disciplinary action against the doctors.

“My aim is for these two doctors to be brought to justice

Aisling Hubert, aged 21 and from Brighton, is a volunteer with pro-life group, Abort 67. She has instructed solicitors for a private prosecution, with the help of three top medical consultants, following the decision by the CPS. The Christian Legal Centre has been supporting her case.

Miss Hubert said: “The CPS rested its decision on the stated belief that there

were no specific guidelines to help doctors in these cases. However, I believe that the counter-argument to this position is stronger.”

She added: “My aim is for these two doctors to be brought to justice and for the judge then to ask the Attorney General to review the application of the Abortion Act and draw up tighter guidelines.”

Andrea Williams, Chief Executive of the Christian Legal Centre added: “The Director of Public Prosecutions has refused to enforce the law and this sends the wrong message to the medical world.”

**SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTION will be completely illegal after MPs voted by 181 votes to one against the idea. MP Fiona Bruce tabled a Ten Minute Rule Bill so that it is now clear that babies cannot be killed in the womb if they are the ‘wrong’ sex.*



Aisling Hubert is trying to save babies from gender killing

Godfather of rock n’ roll dies



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Alvin Stardust was a committed Christian

ALVIN STARDUST – once called ‘the godfather of British rock and roll’ by Rolling Stones’ Keith Richards – has died from cancer at the age of 72.

The singer, famous for hits such as ‘My Coo Ca Choo’ and ‘I feel like Buddy Holly’, died from metastatic prostate cancer

at his home in Billingshurst, West Sussex, with wife Julie Paton and family around him on October 23. Alvin was a committed Christian and he was planning to release his first studio album in three decades this November.

Among those paying tributes was Gerald Coates, former leader of the national Pioneer Churches network.

He said: “Sir Cliff Richard brought Alvin to a meeting in Cobham I was speaking at. He remained a good friend to the end.”

The glam rock star, whose real name was Bernard Jewry, became a Christian after he heard about the Gospel by a group of believers during a train ride in the late 1980s. His ex-wife Liza Goddard later reported that the singer came home and simply announced: “I’ve found God.”

The praying general who helped end WW1

THIS PHOTO shows Lt Gen Sir William Dobbie with his wife and daughter, both named Sybil, in 1941. A year-long exhibition for the 50th anniversary of his death is opening at Christ Church in Jerusalem about this military officer, a devout Christian, who signed the telegram ordering arms to be put down in 1918. He also turned to prayer when riots broke out in Palestine in 1929 and his peaceful strategy tactics stopped violence at the time. Out of gratitude, the Jewish community of Hebron gave him a silver Hebrew Bible.



‘Different spirit’ combats persecution - Archbishop

CHRISTIANS MUST AVOID becoming ‘faithless addicts to self-defensive violence’ in response to global persecution and nurture a ‘different spirit’.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, wrote these comments in a recent article for Prospect Magazine called, ‘What shall we do about ISIS?’

The Most Rev Welby admitted ‘some use of force’ may be unavoidable in conflicts such as against the Islamic State militants in Iraq. However, he has called for Christians to remember, ‘one simplicity’ in the face of worldwide suffering by believers.

He wrote: “All our futures are in the hands of God, who is

Lord of history. We are called by Jesus Christ to trust God, and to love each other, our neighbours and our enemies.”

The Archbishop pointed out that there were ‘no armies, no kings and no pitched battles’ in the first three centuries of the church yet Christianity ‘overcame the greatest power of the age’.

He added: “Christians serve the Prince of Peace who never wielded a sword. We all know that violence by itself resolves nothing.

“Any global struggle with aims of human growth and development, of a just peace and not only on the terms of the rich and powerful, requires a different spirit. For Christians it is ultimately through following the example of Christ’s self-giving love that we may save ourselves and others.”



Caption

MPs support female bishops plan

THE FIRST FEMALE BISHOP could be appointed by the Church of England following approval by the House of Commons.

MPs unanimously supported the Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure on October

20 – following a go-ahead by the Anglican General Synod in July.

The House of Lords has also backed the reform which will be reviewed by the Synod on November 17 before it is formally approved. The first woman bishop could then be announced by the end of 2015.

BIBLE NUGGETS FROM A HEBRAIC PERSPECTIVE

Knowing God

By Dr Clifford Denton

IT IS QUITE A DIFFERENT MATTER to know God from knowing *about* God. Knowing *about* God can remain in the realms of Greek philosophy: knowing God, Hebraically, is to have intimate relationship with him.

The Hebrew verb *know* is *yadah* from which comes *da'at* - *knowledge*. The Bible of the early Christians was the Hebrew Bible or *Tanach*, later called the Old Testament. Herein is the revelation of Jesus the Messiah (Yeshua HaMashiach). The Gospel was first preached from the Old Testament. The New Testament writings were a result of the ministry of the first century Church, translated into Greek but containing Hebraic concepts of the Old Testament.

To understand a biblical concept one is wise to trace the concept right through the Scripture, beginning in the Old Testament.

To understand the meaning of *knowledge* one goes right back to Genesis where it was said that Adam *knew* his wife Eve. Such knowledge is relational, understood through the relationship of a man with his wife – it is that intimate. This is why the God-ordained order of family is so important – a training ground for relationship with him. This concept of *knowledge* goes right through the Bible from

Genesis to Revelation. A significant part of this study is in the Book of Proverbs where Solomon inspires us to consider *wisdom, knowledge and understanding*. These are gifts of the Holy Spirit received through an intimate relationship with the God of Israel. This is in preparation for the Gospel message.

Such knowledge is relational, understood through the relationship of a man with his wife

Greek philosophy relates to knowledge attained by training the mind, whereas our Hebraic heritage is relational. The God of the Hebrews offers more than our knowing *about* him – even the demons know *about* him. He offers us relationship *with* him, more intimate and purer than a man with his wife, and this is the purpose of Yeshua's (Jesus') sacrifice:

This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

(Further studies are available on www.tishrei.org)

Christmas Appeal

Homeless and freezing – Iraqi Christians need warm clothes this winter

Can you help this Brighton mum fill another aid lorry?



Children are suffering as refugees in Dohuk

PHOTOGRAPHS OF A HEADLESS BABY and children wearing summer clothes in a snow-filled refugee camp in Iraq disturbed mother-of-two Samara Levy from Ovingdean in Brighton. She decided to do something about it.

Samara was given support from her church, St Peter's, and volunteers to send a lorry packed full of donations to help some of the 700,000 homeless people in Dohuk in October. She now wants to send another lorry full of aid to help the victims of the Islamic State militants. Samara is seen here with the Turkish driver, Teofilus, who drove the lorry to Iraq in October. She had engaged Mission and Relief Logistics - experts in shipping humanitarian aid to high-risk places.

Samara said: "I organised the first aid lorry in two months around having two small children. If I can do it, so can others. These people are so vulnerable and are in desperate need. Many of them will not survive this winter unless we are able to help them more. I feel that we have a responsibility towards these people as many are in this situation for standing firm in the faith that we share with them."



Samara, second left, with volunteers for the first aid lorry to Iraq

If you can donate winter clothes, email: samara_abdelnoor@hotmail.com or tel: 07960 937 716. More information www.facebook.com/winterclothesappeal



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Easter is early in 2015!

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DECEMBER

Tuesday 2 December and Thursday 4 December

Faith in the Fog with Jeff Lucas
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Email: admin@searchlighttheatre.org

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December
Christmas Fayre and Tree Festival
Church of the Good Shepherd, 272 Dyke Road, Brighton

Saturday 6 December
A Carol from Flanders
Sussex Symphony Orchestra with readings, music and carols sung during the 1914 Christmas truce. Hove Town Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 7 December
Toy Sunday
Bring a toy to donate to Family Support Work, 10.30am, Christ Church, Seaside, Eastbourne

Saturday 6 – Sunday 12 December
Christmas Tree Festival
St Michael and all Angels, Glassenbury Drive, Bexhill

Sunday 7 December
Crawley Churches Joint Service
Crawley Baptist Church, 7pm

Thursday 11 December
Christmas Crib and Tree Festival
St Mary's Church, Upper Lake, Battle. During late night shopping 5pm-8pm

Friday 12 December
The Messiah
The Hanover Band Chorus at St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, 7.30pm.
Tickets 01273 813595

Thursday 11 December
Christmas Lunch Party
With sherry reception, 12.30pm, Chichester Cathedral. Tickets £22. Bookings 01243 782595

Saturday 13 December
Horsham Convention
Speaker: Pastor David Steeve, 6.30pm, Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham

Sunday 14 December
The Greatest Gift
Celebrate Christmas family event with Kings Church, Hastings Centre, 4.30pm and 7pm. Refreshments. Admission free but please book via Kings Church, Hastings

Saturday 20 December
Christmas Music, Readings and Carols
West Sussex Philharmonic Choir, 7.30, St Mark's Church, North Heath Lane, Horsham

Sunday 21 December
Children's Carol Service
St Peter's Church, York Place, Brighton, 9.30am and 11.30am

Sunday 21 December
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Holy Cross Church Uckfield, 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 22 December
Carols at the Pink Pub
Join Holy Cross Church, at The Royal Oak, North Bersted, Bognor Regis. Carol singing for charity at the landmark Pink Pub, 7.30pm

Wednesday 24 December
Midnight Communion
St Peter's Church, Brighton, 11pm

JANUARY

Saturday 10 January
Horsham Convention
Speaker: Dr Scott-Pearson, 6.30pm, Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham

Tuesday 13 January
Carpet Bowls
Join Elim Family Church, Eastbourne for lunch and carpet bowls, 12 noon – 3pm, 1a Hartfield Road, 01323 731843

Friday 16 January
Healing Rooms
Burgess Hill, Mid-Sussex Christian Centre 7pm – 8.30pm, 180 Leylands Rd, 07531160192

Wednesday 28 January
Marilyn Baker and Tracy Williamson
Lead a renewal day, Ashburnham Place, 01424 892244

FEBRUARY 2015

Saturday 21 February
Resourcing Healing Ministry: Great Expectations - Encountering God.
Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne, £10
peter572tomsett@btinternet.com

MAY 2015

15 May
Michele Guinness will speak at St Mary's Petworth, hosted by PACT. Details: geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

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If you would like to try bell ringing in the Eastbourne area contact bells@ccwithsp.org or www.eastbournetingers.org.uk

Debt advice
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DECEMBER 2014 – MAY 2015

Saturday 6 December Christmas Fayre at the IBTI!

Handcrafts, roasted chestnuts, mulled wine, games, homemade food and much more! Join us, 10am-3pm, Hook Place, Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 8RF. www.ibti.org.uk
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Events at Glyndley Manor
**Monday 8 December
Carol service 7.30pm
Monday 12 January
Healing Service 7.30pm**
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Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve: 6pm for Family Mass for all ages
8.30-9pm, Carols by Candlelight before "Midnight Mass" at 9pm
Christmas Day: 8.30am and 10.30am, Mass with carols
Sunday 28 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 21 December
Sunset Service-Carols and Candlelight at Herstmonceux Free Church. 4pm, Chapel Lane, Herstmonceux. Join us for refreshments and mince pies.

JANUARY 2015

Saturday 10 January
**Answers in Prophecy
Antisemitism: history and present day revival: a spiritual battle**
7pm, Crawley New Life Church
The Glade, Furnace Green
Crawley, RH10 6JL

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Sunday 14th ~ Joint Carol Service at 4pm with St Wilfred's, St Mary's Westham & St Nicholas Pevensey

Sunday 21st ~ Family Christmas Celebration at 10-30am

Thursday 25th ~ Christmas Day Family Service at 10-30am

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Christmas 2014



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Saturday 6th December 11a.m. @ Oasis Christian Fellowship, (Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8EA)

Saturday 13th December 11a.m. @ Southwick Christian Community Church (£1.00 p/p lunch donation; children to be accompanied by a responsible adult)

‘The Perfect Present’

The nativity production with a difference!
Featuring an all-age cast and the

‘Rock Solid Community Gospel Choir’.

Sunday 14th December 6p.m. @ Southwick Christian Community Church
Sunday 21st December 6p.m. @ Oasis Christian Fellowship, (Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8EA)

Christmas Services

17th December 12.00 midday Carol Service followed by lunch (£5.00 bookable at Southwick Church Coffee Shop)

21st December Family Service 10.30a.m.

24th December 5p.m. Candlelit Christingle Service for all ages
25th December Christmas Day Service 10.30a.m.

Web Site: www.southwickchurch.org.uk

LOCAL NEWS

Arundel Cathedral gets war memorial funding boost



ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL has been given a grant of £200,000 from the First World War Centenary Fund. Canon Tim Madeley said the money would finance repairs in south-facing stained glass windows damaged by water ingress to remember the 98 men of Arundel who were killed in the First World War.

Curate baptises daughter in toybox for his farewell service



Rev Adam Pymble baptised his daughter Heidi inside a toybox

BAPTISING your daughter by full immersion inside a toybox makes for a rather unusual last act of church service.

That is what Rev Adam Pymble, Curate of All Saints in Lindfield, did for his daughter Heidi on October 19. Adam, his wife Kate and five children have left the

church following three years of ministry to explore church planting opportunities with Trinity Church Islington in North London as part of the evangelical movement, Capital Vision 2020.

With thanks to Peter Ford for this report.

Rejoicing for Jane

A TIME OF REJOICING, thanksgiving and worship followed the licensing of Rev Jane Willis as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, led the service which saw friends of Jane and her husband Gerry join the congregation for the occasion on October 5. Jane and Gerry have lived for many years in Lindfield, where they raised their three daughters, now all adults and away from home. She entered ministry 11 years ago, training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and has served as evangelist, curate and vicar in three other parishes.

With thanks to John Mummy for details supplied.



Rev Jane Willis talking with her new parishioners

Pastor to seek new UKIP seat

A CHURCH MINISTER has decided not to stand as a prospective UKIP (United Kingdom Independence Party) parliamentary candidate for Hove and Portslade in the 2015 General Election.

Rev Clive Hickman, Pastor of Coastlands Church in Peacehaven featured in the April/May 2014 HEART OF SUSSEX in an article on Christians entering politics. Now he has cited 'changed circumstances' and a possible career move out of the area as the reason for his resignation.

He told HEART, "I felt this seat would be best served by someone with a heart for the Brighton area and its unique social milieu. There is a very strong chance I will be standing in another, more suitable, seat and more on this later! My sense of call to serve in government as a Christian candidate remains undiminished."



Rev Clive Hickman still has a 'sense of call' to serve as a Christian in government

DRUGS RAPPER 'SPUN OUT' BY JESUS



Mark Edwards aka MC Tempo's life was turned upside down by discovering that Jesus is real

MARK EDWARDS was at a cross roads. He had already been kicked out of three schools and his drug habit had become part of daily life.

The death of his younger sister and the break-up of his parents had not helped. A friend introduced him to rapping which distracted him in his alter ego as 'MC Tempo'. Suicidal thoughts were never far away, however, and Mark decided there was only one thing that could change his life: finding out if God was real.

Mark, now in his thirties, said: "It was in 2002. I was in my room and I asked God to give me a sign – something real that wasn't an illusion. Then I switched the TV on and there was an image of the valley of Galilee with credits rolling at the end of a programme.

"Suddenly the audible voice of God spoke to me. I wasn't feeling the effect of drugs or drink, it was real. God said he loved me and had a plan for my life. It spun me out!"

Mark did an Alpha course and later found a full-time role as an evangelist helping youth work at Church of Christ the King (CCK) in Brighton, a New Frontiers church.

He can also testify to receiving healing after he was singled out from more than 1,000 people at a meeting at CCK led by guest preacher Ram Baboo who called out, "You are deaf in your left ear. God wants to heal you."

Mark has recently worked with young people at the Crystal Palace academy and is now based at SCC in Sutton as a youth pastor. He is finding God moving in all sorts of ways in his ministry.

Mark said: "We recently prayed for a girl from Croydon with a bad back. Her leg grew two inches, the pain went and she gave her life to Jesus. I love the work that I do. I'm helping the young people and telling everyone around South London about Jesus."

Chris Eyte

LOCAL NEWS

"I'm a walking miracle!"

PAULINE GREEN from Uckfield in East Sussex got in touch after she read the cover story of a pastor's healing in the August/September HEART OF SUSSEX. Pauline says she is a 'walking miracle' after being given only three months to live aged just 11. She told her story to Chris Eyte



IT WAS IN JANUARY 1954 when I developed nasal polyps and the day after my birthday that July I was admitted to the local hospital for treatment.

I was discharged but still needed treatment and ended up at an ear, nose and throat specialist hospital in London. I went back to my home in a village called Tadworth, near Epsom Downs in Surrey, but I was then admitted to the Royal Cancer Hospital, now known as the Royal Marsden Hospital, with sarcoma cancer. I was told I would be home in four weeks.

I was there during the week

but came home at weekends because of the treatment. I remember there was a big machine during the radiotherapy treatment with a spike which came near my face. I felt very frightened, thinking it would go right through my head. I was there for another four weeks and went to school in the mornings. I wasn't allowed to do PE, though, because I had to have a rest. It was irksome for an 11-year-old. I had been given a new Bible for my birthday and also had Scripture Union notes, so I took them with me to hospital and read them in the morning. I was in the adult female department, not the children's department, as it was nearer the location for my treatment.

The lady in the next bed wasn't very pleased to have a child in the next bed to her and asked me what I was doing, reading my Bible! I explained I was reading daily verses and by the time I went out afterwards she was very pleasant and wanted to know what the scriptures were.

In the hospital I had a written out the hymn, 'What a friend we have in Jesus' and I feel that is very personal for me.

I belonged to the Campaigners' Christian Youth Organisation, which is a bit



Pauline blossoming at 17, an age she was not expected to reach

Pauline Green, now in her 70s, celebrating Christmas in 2013

like the Guides. Two years after the hospital admissions I was up in London for a camp reunion. One of the chiefs came and asked me, "Do you know Pauline Barkaway?" I replied, "You are talking to her", and she suddenly threw her arms around me and said there had been prayer circle groups praying for me.

A long time later when I worked in nursing I asked a

consultant for the prognosis for a girl with this type of cancer treated with radiotherapy. He looked at me and said, "Three months".

"In that case," I replied, "Why am I still here?"

He invited me to tell my whole story and I spoke about the prayer circles which had been praying for me. "There's your answer", the consultant said. "That is why you are

alive today."

I am still here in my 60s, living in Uckfield, married to my husband Bryan for 50 years with two sons and three grandsons! People think I'm bonkers when I tell them to pray about things. But I say I wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for prayer. I'm a walking miracle because people were praying for me. Prayer does a lot of things.



PARTNER CHURCH PROFILE

A truly inspiring service at Shoreham Free Church

By Emilie Bruell

Recently I attended a service in this light-filled wooden building whose focal point is a large plain cross on the main wall.

Pastor Tim Buckley spoke on Manna, the Word of God, the bread that Jesus declares is our life, our health, the very rock we as Christians must be grounded on and count our highest authority, Emmanuel, God with us and in us, the sword of the Spirit that must be spoken by us in resisting and defeating all the enemy's fiery darts and in creating, calling into being the promises, blessings and abundance he gives us in his Son.

Pastor Tim admonished his congregation to obey Jesus, doing the works he did on earth and greater ones, making disciples,

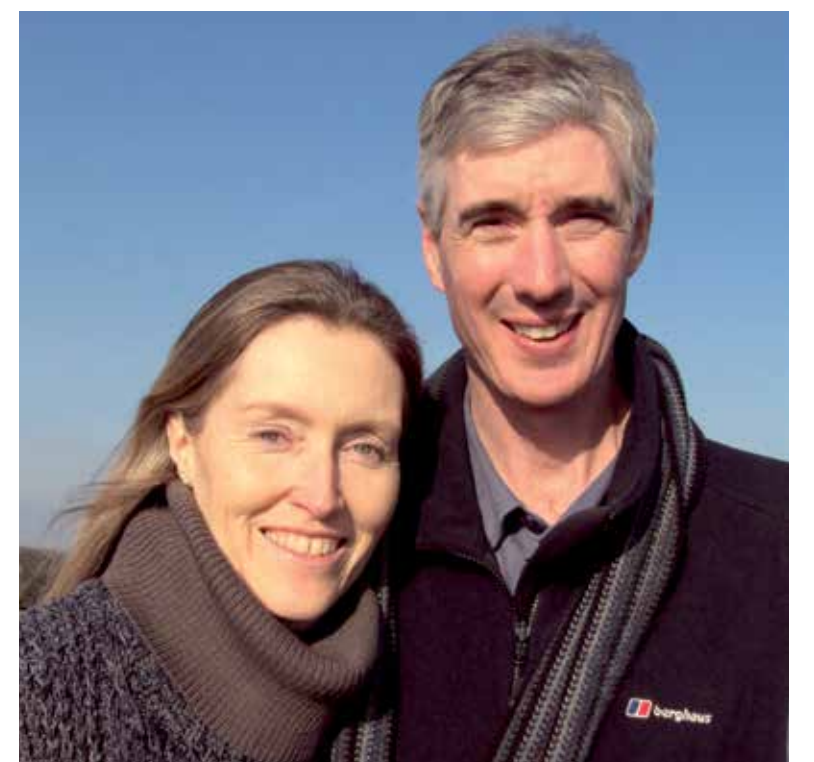
always aware but not daunted by the knowledge that we ourselves can do nothing, but God within us, as on earth he was in Jesus, will do all things, especially that which seems impossible, by believing and decreeing his Words, bringing the Kingdom of Heaven wherever he sends us.

After the service I spoke with Pastor Tim, his wife Tiffany and their three daughters Tabitha, Tamara, and Tallulah, aged from 13 to 18 years. I heard how they had come to minister there at one of the 23 churches in England founded by the Countess of Huntingdon in the mid 1700s in her passion to bring people to know God by giving strong biblical teaching and putting it into action while also loving and

praying for the Jews.

There is a radio interview with Pastor Tim and also details of the amazing work of Lady Selina Huntingdon (1707-91) on the church's website (www.shorehamfreechurch.co.uk) which I hope HEART readers will see. Therefore I will use this space to record what the Buckley family told me of their passions, aims and vision for where they are now.

They certainly are working to achieve what Lady Selina, ranked by many with the Wesleys and Whitfield and highly thought of by George III, desired during her life. As Tim said: "It's encouraging the quiet ones in a place where God's people can feel comfortable, to be who they



Tim and Tiffany Buckley pastor Shoreham Free Church

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LOCAL NEWS

Sussex All Saints build a house in two weeks – in Romania...



The team from Sussex on day 2

BUILD a timber framed house in two weeks? You're joking! But a team of 16 from All Saints' Lindfield did just that at Caminul Felix Family Village in Oradea, Romania last September. With careful instructions being given by Caminul Felix workers Dan



A completed house after two weeks!

and Beni, the Sussex team worked to construct all the timber frames and roof, then insulate and render the house. The house is one of a number being built for young married couples who would never afford it without help. One such couple, Arabela

and Dorin, were overwhelmed to see their new home miraculously taking shape. As part of their agreement with Caminul Felix, the happy couple will now complete all the internal fixtures and fittings and decorating themselves. Catherine Fletcher

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are in every place and situation, on the street, in the workplace, school, as believers who lay hands on the sick and expect them to recover, confident that God wants good things for us and is working in our lives all the time." Tiffany told me, "Most of my

work is outside the church", bringing creative activities, art and music to the elderly. She feels strongly that churches need to use women with their God-given gifts failure in this is a "world issue". She and her musical daughters may well achieve what Lady Huntingdon did not in this area.

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URGENT! READ NOW

By taking a stand for the right of midwives to opt out of abortion, two Scottish midwives have won a ruling that healthcare professionals cannot be forced to participate in abortions if they have a conscientious objection. But this ruling is now under serious threat.

Court rulings so far

In April 2013, the Court of Session in Edinburgh unanimously upheld an appeal by Glasgow midwives, Mary Doogan and Connie Wood, confirming that their right to conscientious objection allows them to refuse to supervise abortions performed on the labour ward in their hospital. (Connie and Mary are midwifery sisters in the labour ward at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.)

Health Board takes case to the Supreme Court

However, despite the clear and strong judgment by the Court of Session, the Health Board representing the hospital is taking the case to the Supreme Court. They want a ruling saying that midwifery sisters like Mary and Connie must take charge of abortion cases in the labour ward.

Furthermore, pro-abortion groups are now seeking to intervene in the case – something which Mary and Connie's lawyers are resisting. It is evident that the pro-abortion groups want every senior midwife, even those with a life-long commitment to protecting the unborn, to supervise abortions.

If the Health Board and the pro-abortion groups succeed, it would force Connie and Mary to oversee abortions or face losing their jobs. It would also be likely to result in very grave consequences for anyone of conscience who wishes to choose midwifery as a career, and it could have a significant impact

on pro-life doctors and nurses across the country.

This is one reason why the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has provided the funding for Connie and Mary to fight the case – and why we have promised to fund them in the Supreme Court too.

Background to the case

In 2007, managers at Glasgow's Southern General Hospital said that all abortions of handicapped infants were to be performed on the Labour Ward instead of the Gynaecology Ward. Pro-life midwives immediately flagged up their concerns. Efforts to resolve the situation failed and Mary Doogan and Connie Wood, supported by other colleagues, raised a formal grievance in 2009.

After a two-year process, the hospital finally refused to recognise conscientious objections for senior midwives in relation to the delegation, supervision and support of more junior midwives participating in abortions.

SPUC pledged to back Connie and Mary in a legal challenge to that decision.

The challenge was unsuccessful at its first hearing in 2012, but Connie and Mary successfully appealed, supported by SPUC donors.

SPUC promises to continue funding

SPUC stands ready once again to step in and ensure that the midwives don't have to worry about funding the legal costs. We believe

we must do this for three reasons:

- because Connie and Mary have made huge personal sacrifices (in terms of careers, reputation, finance) to fight this battle;
- because unless we support pro-life healthcare staff they will be driven out of NHS midwifery, nursing and medicine;
- because mothers and babies deserve the best of care, and that's what midwives like Connie and Mary are committed to providing.

That is why, alongside other campaign commitments, SPUC has to fight to defend them. The legal costs of the case have already exceeded £250,000—a huge sum of money for a relatively small organisation like SPUC.

But, that sum covers only the costs for legal work undertaken, so far, not the forthcoming Supreme Court hearing in November.

And the midwives' lawyers estimate defending the Court of Session's judgement at the Supreme Court would cost in the region of £130,000—but it may be even more.

If the worst happened, and the Supreme Court ruled against Connie and Mary, it's likely that an award of costs would be made against the midwives—making them liable for the Health Board's legal expenses too.

Connie and Mary just don't have the means to take on this new battle for themselves. That's why SPUC is pledging them its support. SPUC's final bill could exceed £600,000.



Midwives Connie Wood (left) and Mary Doogan have made huge personal sacrifices in terms of careers, reputation and finance to fight this battle

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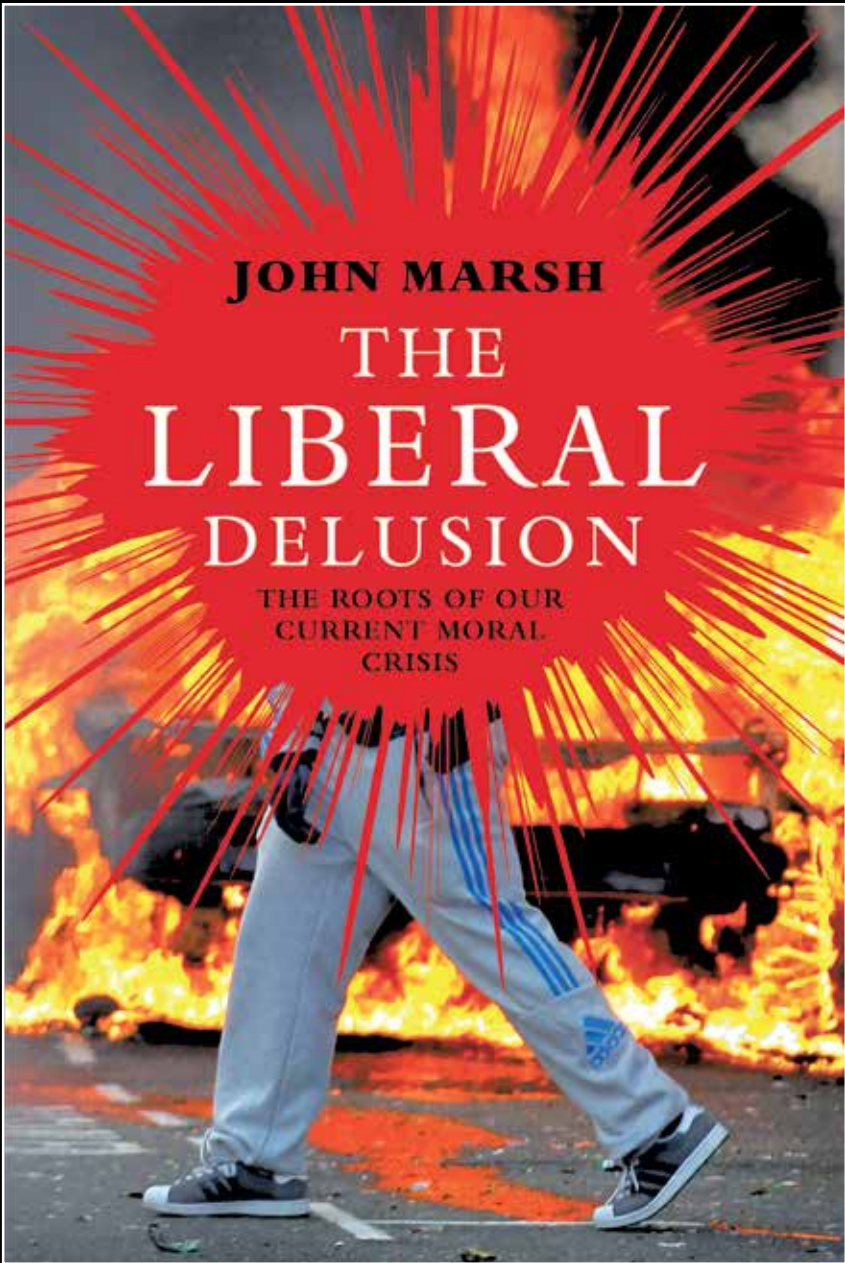
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OBJECTIONS TO LIBERALISM



“Put it on the Christmas list of your best liberal friend.”

Ann Widdecombe

“One of the pleasures of the book is its first-rate line in quotes.”

Robert Henderson

Fundamental to any society is its understanding of human nature. It affects attitudes and practices on a whole range of issues. Yet we rarely - if ever - discuss it.

For thousands of years Judeo-Christian societies were based on the Bible, which sees human nature as flawed, and so our freedom needs to be restrained by morality, by tradition and by laws.

This was rejected by thinkers around 300 years ago in a movement called the Enlightenment, the forerunner of today's liberalism, which believed in the goodness of human nature. On this theory it follows that we can safely liberalise society; we have liberalised alcohol consumption, sex, marriage, divorce, gambling and censorship.

The outcome is binge drinking and drunkenness, broken families, single mothers, fatherless children, high levels of divorce, problem gambling and a society awash with hardcore pornography and violent film and computer games.

Morality, families, traditions and religion have all been sacrificed to the sacred god of liberalism: freedom. Of course freedom is important, but our society is suffering from an excess of freedom. Believing children to be naturally good we have failed to discipline them.

However, liberalism is now being challenged by science. Recent scientific discoveries in the sciences of mind, brain, evolution and genes - including the Human Genome

Project - have all undermined the belief in inborn goodness.

For example, Steven Pinker, Professor of Psychology at Harvard, argues that there is an ugly side to human nature which is inborn. Science has discovered Original Sin. He maintains that these discoveries “eat away at the cherished assumptions of modern intellectual life.” He concludes that a liberal view of human nature is inconsistent with modern science. But many liberals won't accept the scientific evidence. We are witnessing what he calls, “The modern denial of human nature”.

“Science has discovered Original Sin”

Liberal thinking was also rejected by Freud, and by Jung who wrote, “All that nonsense about man's inborn goodness was blown to the winds by Freud and the barbarism of the twentieth century.” History too provides plenty of evidence of human evil. The 20th century showed the ugly side of human nature. Everyday there are news stories of murder, violence and war.

Yet liberals are right to fight for fairness and social justice, so we need to separate out the good from the bad in liberalism; just as we do with cholesterol!

ANN WIDDECOMBE wrote

“The sweep of the book is vast as it traces the roots of our present problems to the Enlightenment. ... It considers the role played by atheism, sexual freedom, education, multiculturalism, the BBC, political correctness and equality laws. ... This book is a thought-provoking analysis... It is well-argued and researched ... it is a readable book easily digestible by a layman and should feature as required reading on the syllabus of any politics and journalism course. Put it on the Christmas list of your best liberal friend.”

ROBERT HENDERSON wrote in The Quarterly Review

“I strongly urge people to read The Liberal Delusion. It is important because it succinctly performs the task of pointing out that the liberal emperor has no clothes or at least very tattered and insufficient ones. That is something which is sorely needed. The book's value is enhanced by being written in a lively and easily accessible style. One of the pleasures of the book is its first rate line in quotes, many of which are staggering in their naivety.”

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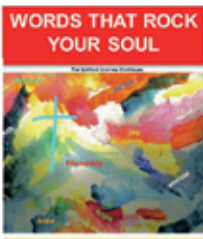
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FILM REVIEW

A timely explanation of how the Qu’ran justifies extreme Islamism today

Sister Religions?

A DVD by Hatikvah Films

“GET UNDERSTANDING, forget it not” is the scripture which came to mind after viewing this revealing new film.

Sister Religions? is a series of interviews exploring the relationship between Judeo-Christianity and Islam.

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, formerly Bishop of Rochester, gives an introductory interview, followed by three interviews with Rev Dr Mark Durie, an Anglican pastor and acknowledged researcher and author on Islam and other faiths, and finally there is an interview with international religious liberty analyst and advocate Elizabeth Kendal.

I watched the DVD comfortably in one evening, but it would also be ideal to watch in a home group over two evenings to allow time for discussion.

I found the views contained in the DVD considered and factual, but rendered all the more explosive by the calm, academic delivery of the experts.

Bishop Nazir-Ali urges us never to allow Sharia law to have legal status in this country, because its values are so at odds with our own. We must instead, he says, encourage integration and the acceptance of the rule of law in our land.

Mark Durie clearly explains why inter-faith dialogue with Muslims can be an unexploded bomb of misunderstanding unless Christians take the time to inform themselves fully of the Muslim understanding of Abraham, their version of our prophets and Issa (the Muslim name for Jesus).

It seems that the Qu’ran cannot be understood without a scholarly grip of what was happening in the prophet Mohammed’s life. It cannot therefore be taken at face value, and interpreters like Mark Durie are helpful in explaining that this faith is radically different in outlook and ‘Weltanschauung’ both from Christianity and from what Westerners might like to believe. Jesus is seen as a sword wielding, violent man who did not die on the Cross but who is coming back to destroy Christianity and restore Islam.

The historic subjugation and humiliation of the dhimmi, (those who are not Muslims living under Muslim rule), has led, (one example among many) to the Copts in Egypt being denied recourse to the law or to testify about the torment and abuse they have suffered at the hands of Muslims. Aid given by non-Muslim countries to an Islamic country is seen as a rightful tribute. There is no need to thank or give place to the giver. Further, the Muslim may lie with impunity to a non-Muslim (called ‘Taqqiya’) if it serves the cause of Islam. Mark explains how this impacts international relations.

The territorial imperative of Islam is explained. Under it if Islam has at any time occupied land it remains Islamic forever (Birmingham?). A similar view of history allows archaeological artefacts (for example from the Temple Mount) to be destroyed, and history to be, in our terms,

Billy Graham’s son slams cathedral for allowing Muslim prayers


WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL HAS ALLOWED A PRAYER MEETING for Muslims - provoking a protest response from Franklin Graham, the son of evangelist Billy Graham.

Franklin Graham berated the Episcopalian leadership of the national cathedral for allowing Muslims to hold their first prayer service inside the iconic building on November 14.

It was reported that Muslims separated into groups of men and women, took off their shoes, spread prayer rugs towards Mecca and prayed with their backs turned against the crucifix at the front of the chapel.

Franklin said: “Jesus was clear when he said, ‘I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’ It’s sad to see a church open its doors to the worship of anything other than the one true God of the Bible who sent his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to Earth to save us from our sins.”

Just before the prayers started, a protester jumped out



Franklin Graham

in front of the bank of TV cameras and shouted “Jesus died on that cross!” She was escorted away. The carpets were arrayed diagonally in the transept, to the side of the sanctuary, so that worshippers can face in the direction of Mecca without seeing crosses or Christian icons. Muslims are not supposed to pray in view of sacred symbols alien to their faith.

rewritten in order to enforce the claims of Islam.

This is a serious and very timely look at Islam and our faith. Please take this opportunity to learn from people with deep understanding. It will be crucial to any interfaith dialogue or witnessing you may attempt.


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Fiona Castle: "Get out and get on with life!"

Fiona Castle

hosted by Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) 17 October

FIONA CASTLE'S remarkable story is of a seemingly successful 35-year-old wife and mother who "inside was falling apart."

Her audience of 150 had come to hear how the widow of Roy Castle, a well-loved entertainer who died young of lung cancer spoke of "Living without regrets" to an audience of over 150 at Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) on October 17. Fiona is the widow of Roy Castle, the well-known entertainer who died of lung cancer.

Fiona spoke first of how God had helped prepare her and teach her to rely on him while Roy was still alive. Caring for her husband and family in the busy social whirl of a celebrity household was far from easy. One day Fiona was on her



Fiona Castle with John Riddell of PACT

knees asking God for help when she experienced peace, and all her worries melted away.

When she got up, the phone rang and a friend said she had been thinking of her and invited her for coffee. As a result of a wise and caring conversation, Fiona described how this was the best and

most defining thing that ever happened to her as she set new priorities.

Suddenly her Christianity had moved from ritual to reality. When Roy became ill, Fiona spoke of an inner peace enabling her to walk through it with hope. Just two days after Roy's death, Fiona was shocked to get a phone call requesting her to be interviewed on a TV programme. A strong inner conviction that she should get "get out and get on with life", enabling her not to wallow in self-pity.

"This," she said, "was the key to living without regrets." She then encouraged us to write a Bucket List. "Write a list of ten things you really want to do," she urged. "It's never too late."

This was an interesting, relevant talk with lots of applications.

Gerald Gresham Cooke

See the Events section for the next PACT speaker.

Simon Barrett's story

Simon Barrett of Revelation TV

hosted by Shoreham Free Church on 11 October

If you enjoy Revelation TV's 'Middle East report', this was a good opportunity to meet its presenter.

Simon spoke about his work for the Christian TV channel and how his past experience qualified him to research and present the 'Middle East report'.

While still at school and enjoying athletics in particular, Simon's mother, whom he says is a Bible believing Christian, was given a prophecy at a conference that her son would be a 'warrior for the Lord'.

During the 1991 Gulf War, she told Simon that the war was a fulfilment of biblical prophecy, and this inspired him to begin his career in research, reading newspapers and watching TV reportage avidly.

While gaining a degree in Jewish Studies at Manchester University, where he opted to learn Hebrew rather than join the Christian Union, Simon spent a vacation working on a kibbutz. During a visit to Jerusalem, he had an extraordinary experience of the Holy Spirit giving him a burden to pray. This was timely, as he was praying as Syria had tried to launch a deadly but abortive attack on Israel.

Once he saw how God could use ordinary people to fulfil



Simon Barrett with his wife Katie

his plans, Simon knew his future path lay with Israel and the Middle East.

On graduating, he had various jobs, but finally landed one with "The Sun", where they requested he concentrate on Iranian strategies. He began to be asked to do interviews for newspapers, and got involved with classified groups, within the UK Government departments, one of which helped to gain a further two years of life for the hostage, Ken Bigley - later killed by Islamic extremists.

He was finally asked to work in Washington, in 2007, and spent time in Government departments, providing challenging insight to leaders of teams engaged in Middle Eastern affairs.

Simon says his reputation as a spokesman for Israel and Middle East Affairs is a path for which the Lord has prepared him.

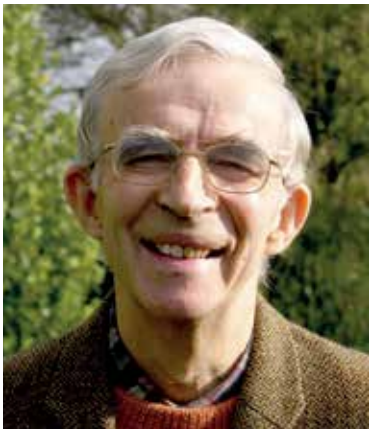
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A CHRISTMAS READ

Short story for Christmas

HEART subscriber David Rawlings has written a short story for Christmas, 'The Visitor from Space'. Read the full version on the Heart of Sussex website and get in touch with David for free 'off the peg' assembly resources or 'lessons for life' material to be used in classroom settings

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David Rawlings is a teacher and writer based at St Pancras Church, Chichester

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Back from the brink?

Prayer DID keep our Kingdom united

THANK YOU for all the articles about the Scottish Referendum in the interesting last issue. We must be so grateful to the prayer warriors who prayed to keep the Kingdom united. I am quite sure that prayer kept the UK together.

Gerald Gresham Cooke
Tillington
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No prayer hotline for Scotland

I WAS VERY CONCERNED when I read your headline, 'Back from the brink - did prayer keep our kingdom united?' The suggestion that the decision on the Scottish Referendum was the result of prayer being offered against a 'No' vote is, to me, rather worrying.

The idea that one group of people have a 'hotline' to God so we must pray against any other group that thinks differently (in the case of the referendum: 1,617,989 people) leans towards religious dictatorship. In political matters or world affairs surely we should be humbly praying for

wisdom for those in authority making far-reaching decisions.

Using such emotive language as references to 'Judgement Day, destroying Britain, back from the abyss', etc, only serves to give material to those who would like to ridicule our faith. Whether we agree or disagree with the decision of the Scottish people; there are other really important things happening in the world where our prayers are needed.

Rosemary C Biggs
Shoreham by Sea

Contraception is homicide

I WRITE TO RAISE the matter of birth control, which all Christians alive before 1930 condemned as an abomination and which has emerged as the driver of the sexual revolution and the catalyst of the culture of death.

There are only two ways in which to commit this sin. The first is by wasting seed as Onan did, for which God killed him (Genesis 38:10). The second is by committing 'pharmakeia', the New Testament term which is rendered into English as sorcery.

Contraception is objectionable because it is used to ensure that a person, who might otherwise be conceived, shall not come into existence. In that respect, contraception must be regarded in the same way as homicide. Both acts share the same immoral character, though not the grave injustice of murder.

One reason why both contraception and artificial substitutes for the marital act are sinful is that there is no divine law to authorise them. They are governed by the same law as applies to public worship and the exercise of public power by civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

Acts by which human life is given or taken are by nature reserved to God. A human act which causes a human conception or death is therefore a crime unless it answers a demand of marital or criminal justice respectively.

Michael Petek
Brighton

Don't mix holy with profane

WELL, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. The season of goodwill, peace and joy to the world?

The Word says that Satan will deceive the whole world. Are you able to stand and say, "It's fine, what is all the fuss about, no harm done?"

Does the Church need to wake up to the

truth? Should we be sitting our children on the lap of a fat, white bearded, red cloaked 'god' called 'father' who gives gifts to good kids and not to bad kids?

Who do you worship? Do not mix the holy with the profane. Do you kneel at a tree draped in gold and silver? What about the yule log, the wreath, the holy

Jesus wouldn't party at 'Xmas'

'CHRIST'S MASS' is the celebration of Christ's birth on 25 December in the western hemisphere, whereas, the Eastern and Orthodox Churches mark it on 6 January or thereabouts, so who is correct?

By the fourth century, as Jews played a lesser part in the Church's affairs, the celebration of the 'Mass of Christ' to mark the birth of Jesus became the norm as the congregations became increasingly Gentile. This distanced the Church from Jewish teaching and the significance of the biblical feasts that Jesus himself celebrated. One such feast is the Feast of Tabernacles in September/October

which may well be the true birth date of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the 'hidden' birthday is the way Jesus would have liked it. No fanfare, no debts, no parties. As an observant Jew I don't think he'd join in our current festivities which only seem to promote decadence, materialism and self-gratification.

Santa is an anagram of Satan, so I sometimes wonder just who is behind all the glitter of 'Xmas.' Somehow I don't think it's a humble carpenter from Nazareth.

Colin Nevin
Bangor, Co Down

Street healing for Korea

I RECENTLY READ A HEART article online about some South Koreans who travelled to the UK to pray for revival.

I was wanting to get in contact with the Korean group because I live here in Korea as an English teacher. I would like to start street healing here but I'm not too good at the local language so I need their help. It is also hard with the culture

to just approach anyone so I have been trying to find someone to partner with me in bringing the gospel to the streets of Korea. Please pass my information on so I can get in contact with them. Bless you!

David Tisdale
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and the ivy, and mistletoe? Has the church lost its way and have we been swayed by the world to conform?

Churches are generally closed to the needy for many days around Christmas so they can do their own thing and ignore the lonely and disillusioned while they revel, as the world revels.

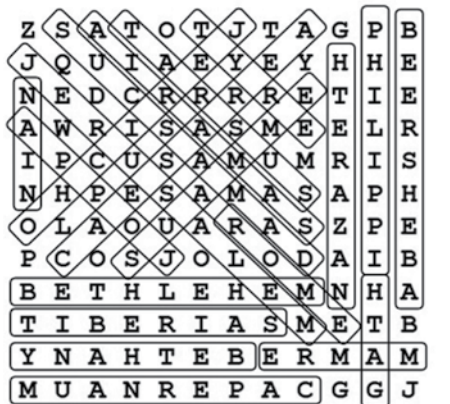
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Not very disgusted

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October/November Word finder Solution



'Heaven touching earth', town-wide prayer gathering

Worthing Assembly Hall
hosted by New Life Church
23 October

This was a superbly organised event which saw the huge venue almost filled, although it was pointed out that the whole town of 100,000 should be praying!

Hosted by Rev Philip Amos, the minister of New Life, Durrington, one of the town's best-known evangelical churches, the meeting involved mainly evangelical and charismatic churches, but Rev Amos apologised for any churches he'd left out! The meeting was also led by Rev Andy Padoju, minister of Elim Church and Chair of Churches Together for Worthing, who had set up some powerful visuals as the stage backdrop. An option to go into a 'quiet room' was largely ignored as people of different churches clustered to pray together.

The meeting moved at a swift pace, with worship songs punctuated by different ministers introducing the next prayer target. One slot was accorded to the town's mayor,



Christians nearly filled the town's largest venue to pray

Cllr Vic Walker, a member of Elim, who prayed aloud for the town.

Churches whose ministers introduced prayer themes included Jubilee, East Worthing Baptist and the Tabernacle, but over a dozen ministers including two Catholic priests were in attendance with their flocks.

Those of us who attended felt it was a milestone in the history of a town whose churches have not always been united. Particularly moving was a section in which participants turned around

to pray with and for members of other churches and sought forgiveness for ways in which they may have offended or indeed have harboured offence.

At the end the ministers lined up on the stage so that the whole congregation could pray for them. We enthusiastically indicated our desire for a repeat event and meantime accepted leaflets inviting all to fast and pray on the following Saturday for particular council wards and their specific social needs.

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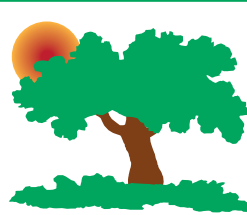
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Southwick Methodist Church	Southwick
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Coastlands Church	Worthing
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“All things new” Find-a-word puzzle

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We are looking ahead to a New Year, and there are 20 “new” things from the (NIV) Bible hidden in this grid. Can you find them all? Answers may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal – forwards or backwards. Each clue is from a verse of Scripture, with the reference provided. The number of letters in each answer is given. Enjoy! **KD**

Ephesians 4:23 ... to be made new in the ____ (8) of your minds

John 13:34 “A new (7) I give you: Love one another.”

1 Peter 1:3 In his great mercy he has given us new ____ (5) into a living hope

Luke 22:20 “This cup is the new ____ (8) in my blood...”

2 Corinthians 5:17

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“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.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new ____ (8); the old has gone...

2 Peter 3:13 ... we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new ____ (5)

Deuteronomy 32:2 “My words descend like dew, like showers on new ____ (5)”

Ezekiel 36:26 “I will give you a new ____ (5) and put a new spirit in you...”

Exodus 1:8 A new ____ (4), to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt

Acts 5:20 “Go, stand in the Temple courts and tell the people all about this new ____ (4)”

Numbers 28:14 This is the monthly burnt offering... at each new ____ (4) during the year

Lamentations 3:23 They are new every ____ (7); great is your faithfulness

Daniel 1:7 The chief official gave them new ____ (5); to Daniel... Belteshazzar

Ephesians 4:24 ...and to put on the new ____ (4), created to be like God...

Psalms 40:3 He put a new ____ (4) in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Acts 17:18 “May we know what this new ____ (8) is that you are presenting?”

Isaiah 43:19 “See, I am doing a new ____ (5)! Now it springs up...”

Matthew 13:52 Like the owner of a house who brings out... new ____ (9) as well as old

Hebrews 10:20 ...by a new and living (3) opened for us through the curtain...

Luke 5:38 New wine must be poured into new ____ (9)

Solution for previous Word finder on p21