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Pray for Nepal



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The confident declaration of God's faithfulness in all circumstances in the opening verses of Psalm 46 (back cover) may be too easy to say for those of us who haven't experienced the complete terror and devastation of a major earthquake. As Nepal slips down the news agenda, we need to keep praying for those who are rebuilding lives and communities torn apart by this disaster. Among those working in Nepal are BMS workers who were there when the earthquake happened: you can read some of their accounts on pages 14-16, with more stories and images on the BMS website.

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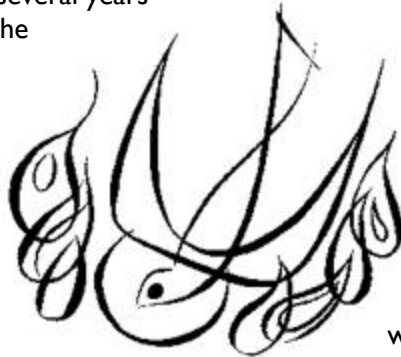
From the Ministry Team

Winds of Change

A few days ago Elsie and I turned up at the new, streamlined, annual Baptist Assembly at Peterborough. Things are certainly changing. Once an event stretching over several weekdays, where proceedings were dominated by older white men with suits, ties and big words it has transitioned through several years of weekend visits to the seaside. This year we encountered an all-age mixture of contemporary worship songs, visual demonstrations of the message, a huge picnic where we broke bread and shared juice, and a tremendous mix of people from different nations, many of whom were considerably younger than me. All in one day.

Our new President, Jennie Entrican, introduced the shortest presidential address ever. The title is simple: "Daring Greatly". She invited us to have the courage to be real, the courage to step out of the box and

the courage to follow Jesus. Then with the aid of a local church we were drawn into the drama of Zacchaeus, the unpleasant little customs officer whose life-changing encounter with Jesus has become the byword for what happens when Jesus reaches out to people on the edge.



Someone coined the phrase "encounters that inspire". We met three people who in five minutes each spoke movingly about the God who changed their lives. A young woman spoke of her faith among non-church-going friends and the call she experienced to introduce Jesus to them. A newly

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accredited minister, founder of a new church in Newton Abbott called “This Hope” (which meets for worship on Saturday afternoons), spoke passionately of the love of Christ for the world. Finally a former church planter in Brazil spoke of retiring back to the UK and finding himself pastoring a little church back into life against the backdrop of God’s faithfulness. Now well into his 70s he had retired again. Inspirational encounters.

Since the Assembly, we’ve travelled through Pentecost Sunday and the story of the overwhelming encounter that inspired the early Christians into daring greatly. Why isn’t the UK church like that now? In his book *I believe in the Holy Spirit* Michael Green offers four reasons why we are not excited by the Spirit.

- We don’t believe he is at work today so expect nothing from him.
- We’ve imagined that he only works inside the church.
- We consign him to the historical record of the Bible.
- We have confused the Spirit for spirituality.

If we took more notice we would realise that he is tapping on the window of every life, every day, sometimes coming as a gentle breeze, sometimes a rushing mighty wind, sometimes a consuming fire, but always seeking to empower us with the life of Jesus. Every encounter with him should be one that inspires so that as we dare greatly others who encounter him in us are sparked into new life.

Be inspired

Brian

*O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Thy tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.*

*O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive Thy church in every part.*

Bessie Porter Head

Around the Church

Changing Rooms

One afternoon in late August Heather, Kate and I were standing in the Youth Room at Headingley wondering at our surroundings. The giant TV, the kitchen cabinets, curtains hanging in disarray, a faded carpet and the bold stripe of blue paint; there was room for improvement there!

The Youth Room is a well-used room, the tots use it for their story time, the young people meet there on a Sunday morning and the Lupton Hall group host their bible study there once a week; it's used for the Pamper Course too. With so many different users this room has a lot of scope for realising our Church Vision, having a world populated by Spirit-filled people. So we decided that it was time to make the most of its potential and give it a makeover!

We wanted to create a room that would suit all of its users so we set about considering the needs of each of these groups. The tots need it be

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restful, or at least Kate does so everyone can put their “listening ears” on! The pamper course would like it to feel serene and the young people were looking for something up-to-date. Talk of student film nights and Heather and Nathan’s use of film clips prompted us to think about getting a new multimedia set-up in there as well, so the young people could watch films and YouTube clips. After deciding these things a budget was drawn up and a proposal went to the church meeting ...

Hannah Preston

Fan of Green Paint

The refurbishment of the Youth Room has been a real team effort! At the start of the year, the Church



Youth Room: Before

Meeting approved the budget for the renovations. Hannah and I then headed over to Bradford Community RePaint to pick up a few pots of calm and restful green paint.

After Delessa had done the preparatory work, seven of the young people along with Megan Chambers and I began painting the new, fresher colours on to the walls. (As the painting took place on

Youth Room: After



Shrove Tuesday, they all enjoyed a pancake or two as reward for their efforts!)

Once the paint had dried and Delessa had tidied up, it was time for the finishing touches. A new carpet was picked out by the young people and laid by Jotti Carpets. Then Richer Sounds installed a high-tech projector set up with an amp and DVD/Blu-ray player (Adrian-certified, of course).

Kate Burkett, who had acted as a Creative Consultant throughout the process, was happy with the choice of curtains at the third time of asking. Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen eat your heart out! Tom Broadbent hung the curtains with precision and Delessa finished it off by glossing the doors.

The Youth Room has been transformed and its new look has



been enjoyed by all the regular users (Under 5s, Junior Church and Lupton Hall Group) and a few first timers too (Sent Lounge and Leeds University Christian Union Committee).

Nathan Shipley

Paint chauffeur

If you would like to use the Youth Room maybe as a church group, cell group or another organisation then please get in touch with Hannah via the Church Office: we'd like to make the most of these resources!

Sent Update

The past couple of months have seen Sent engaging with the national and local debate surrounding the general election as well as seeking to bless our neighbours in Headingley.

On Friday 10 April Sent Lounge, our monthly event, focused on engaging with the election. Candidates from all of the major parties standing in the area joined us in the Green House to discuss local issues and to answer questions, over a hot drink and a piece of cake. It was an informal way of getting to know the local candidates and being able to share

 LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR
THINK, PRAY, VOTE

We welcomed the community and there were some great conversations with local residents

and explore the Christian perspective on current issues. We were also encouraged to consider the election on a wider scale using the “Think, Pray, Vote” resources. The evening ended with an opportunity to be creative, by writing messages or verses of encouragement onto handkerchiefs with the aim of giving it to a local candidate or person in a position of power encouraging them not to “blow it”.

Saturday 9 May saw the inaugural Great South Parade Bake Off! This was an opportunity not only to test and celebrate the baking talent

within Sent, but also to invite and welcome the local community to join us for a drink and piece of cake.

There were some great conversations with local residents over the course of the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who contributed a cake, (I think even Mary Berry would have been proud!) and to everyone who was



The winning cakes and winning bakers

so welcoming to those who came in. Congratulations to:

- 3rd prize: Sue Walker
- 2nd prize: Rebecca Ansell
- 1st prize: Megan Chambers!

Upcoming events include a BBQ on 12 June and a trip to the Kirkstall Festival on 11 July!

Ruth Hughes

Elder

PS Have you noticed – no it's not a typo – Sent has voted to change its name to "Sent", leaving behind the SENT acronym and seeking to live up to its name. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to be a mission community sent to fulfil



God's call on our lives. *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."* John 20.21

Northside News

The last *Intouch* article from Northside set out our monthly routine.

We are seeing more people coming to Outburst Sunday (the third Sunday each month, led by Heather,

Nathan and the young people), and more importantly,

Northside

some families coming month by month. Unfortunately we are not at present seeing any children from Adel Primary School. Please pray for more families to come, particularly from the school.

Over the summer holidays the school hall is being re-roofed, so we are looking for an alternative venue. We have got used to a spacious hall with a piano, so that's what we're looking for.

We are thinking about how best to introduce ourselves to the new houses being built on the Bodington Hall site. We have also gone back to Friendship Evangelism, planning a series of events which are low key introductions to Northside.

Brian is running the Mission-Shaped Church series again in May. When this was last run as a Lent course in Adel, one result was starting Café Church at the ABC coffee shop. We are hoping for more exciting outcomes in 2015!

Katharine Widdowson

Northside Leadership team

The Hallelujah Chorus on Tour

We hope that caught your interest but I will explain all in the fullness of time!

One week at church I heard a notice given out for a men's weekend away: it prompted a small group of us women "of a certain age" to ponder "wouldn't it be nice for us to do something like that too?" So fast forward to 25 April and a group of five of us: Liz, Christine, Helen, Moira and Pauline booked a weekend in Lincoln combining a bit of cultural activity, a meal out and Sunday morning at Lincoln Baptist Church. The train journey from Leeds to Lincoln was

an opportunity for us all to spend time being with each other without one eye on a clock! Actually Christine was good at keeping us on time and at the right platform for the connecting train - so one of was clock watching a bit.

We booked into the Premier Inn and then set off for Lincoln Castle via Steep Hill – a bit of challenge for some of us – but will not divulge who! Lincoln castle has recently been upgraded for visitors with a 360 degree walkway along the castle walls and the views over Lincoln and its countryside were amazing. We had an opportunity to see the Magna Carta and, perhaps more importantly, learn things about each other along the way.

We then headed for the cathedral – an amazing awe-inspiring place. We arrived just before 3pm in time for the traditional address and prayers for the world and personal prayer requests. It was good to be reminded that this was and still remains a place of worship to our risen Lord. If you ever visit do take the tour as the history surrounding the cathedral, not forgetting the Lincoln Imp, is very interesting. After some fun and laughter in our room (Liz bought chocolates from the pound shop and we just about got one each when we opened the box!) the

evening was rounded off by a lovely meal down by the riverside with Lauren Savage, who was there to share Saturday evening with us and escort us to her local church the following day.

*As God's people
we are all one big family*

We arrived at Lincoln Baptist Church on their 40th church anniversary and shared fellowship and singing with them. Chris Ellis, who is the outgoing President of the BU, led the service. The music group's hymn choices spanned four decades from 1975 onwards. What a joy it was to join in worship, singing praise from the old to the newer hymns. Of course we all know at SPBC we love our singing – and it seems our joy and actions (“be bold be strong”) were enjoyed by the row behind us who said to Lauren at the end of the service: “we knew you said you were bringing some friends with you from SPBC but you didn't tell us it was the Hallelujah chorus”. Almost in unison, we said Colin Jones would be pleased, but then we looked at each other and in unison said maybe not!

All the congregation made us very welcome, inviting us to share their anniversary lunch after the service and it was a reminder to us all that, as God's people, we are all one big family. Let's hope and pray that visitors to SPBC will always feel that same warmth of welcome – and that we can all play a part in that welcome however small.

Liz Crathern

With Helen, Moira, Christine & Paula

PS Our castle and cathedral entrance tickets last 6 months – so we think another weekend is due before they run out.

The Big Night Out

On Saturday 9 May almost 2,000 young people descended upon Lightwater Valley for The Big Night Out!

The Big Night Out is the largest



Cencacle

Christian youth event in the north of England and is organised by half a dozen Christian organisations.

A small but happy few from Headingley Morning went to the event, which saw them enjoy the rollercoasters and rides during the afternoon and an open-air gig from Cenacle in the evening.

A big thank you to Mark Vipan and Paul Rockley for helping with transport to and from the event. Thank you!

Nathan Shiple

Associate Pastor

Strangely Warmed

On a sunny afternoon on Pentecost Sunday, Christians from churches all over Headingley gathered on the (newly-mown) grass outside St Chad's church to celebrate and reflect on the Holy Spirit's coming to our lives.

The short service, organised by Churches Together in Headingley and gently led by Tom Lusty, vicar

We prayed that the Spirit would "burn with inextinguishable blaze"

of St Chad's, included a contribution from a member of Headingley Methodist Church who pointed out the significance of the date. 24 May is when Methodists mark "Aldersgate Day". At a meeting on that date in 1738 in Aldersgate Street, London, John Wesley, the father of Methodism reacted to a preacher "*describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation.*"

We sang Wesley's brother's hymn *O Thou who camest from above*, and prayed as we sang that the Spirit would "burn with inextinguishable blaze". Tom then spoke movingly about his encounters with the Holy Spirit while working as an abbey guide at Iona before he was ordained, and led a sung response with words from the Iona

Community:

*Most Powerful Holy Spirit
come down upon us and
subdue us*

*from heaven where the ordinary is
made glorious
and glory seems but ordinary.
O bathe us with the brilliance
of your light like dew.*

The younger members of the churches of Headingley had been playing on one side of the field during the service, but joined us in

an action song where we asked the Holy Spirit to “make my eyes to see, make my ears to hear, make my lips to speak, make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out and touch the world with your love”.

Everyone was anointed with special oil as a mark of the Holy Spirit’s work within us and we left with the rousing words of the hymn *O Breath of Life* ringing in the air. We sang “O Wind of God come bend us, break us”, as the wind of north Headingley blew strongly, forcing the unique gathering of musicians from different churches (keyboard, violin, saxophone, cello and tuba) to use all the clothes pegs we had to stop the sheet music blowing away down the A660.

This special afternoon left us all reflecting on the unity that the Spirit brings us, as He strengthens, equips and guides us all. Come Holy Spirit!

Matthew Newman

Headingley Morning Mission Community

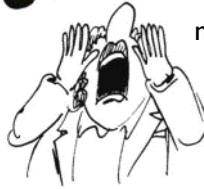
Summer at Connect

We’re holding our annual Free Family Funday at Hollybush Primary School on 4 July. You’ll see from the poster on page 41 that we have

a real draw this year in the form of a falconry display as well as the bouncy castle and other great activities.

We really need people to help out on the day: all volunteers get to wear a cool purple “Connect with People, Connect with God” T-shirt, and a free lunch! Help is needed from 10am to get things set up. We have “open gates” from 1-4pm and then clearing up until 5.

Volunteers!



anyone can commit the full day that would be brilliant or any help at any time is most welcome. Please contact Sian, Ann or me if you can help us out, and please pray for the success of the day as we reach out to the community around us.

Thanks

John Pelham

Elder for Connect

Redmire Remembered

As someone who has been to Redmire more times than I can possibly remember (it must be almost 10 by now) I would like to think myself something of an expert.

The traditions of singing on the coach ALL the way there, sleeping ALL the way back, playing bog brush hockey, glow stick hunting, Greg's dancing and devouring Redmire chicken are things that come second nature to me now.

However every year at Redmire is a unique experience, and the things that seem most commonplace and familiar can sometimes provide the biggest surprises. The fun that can be had whacking a roll of toilet paper with a (clean(ish)) toilet brush is unparalleled and something that more than one child cited as their highlight of the weekend.

What's the most fun you can have from an egg, a pair of tights and a roll of newspaper?

New games too provide fun experiences: how would you, for example, have the most fun possible from an egg, a pair of tights and a roll of newspaper? Attaching the egg to your head with the tights and

trying to bash the other team's egg with the newspaper of course.

Another game the children enjoyed immensely, Greg too, as the champion, seemed taken with the game.



However Redmire is not only a place for games and messiness, the hilarious (and well acted) sketches provided the children with a grounded and relatable story to relate God's teachings to their own lives. The plethora of worship songs provide everyone with a way to worship God while still having fun and the prayer and reflection times allowed the children to really connect to God in a way that some had never experienced before and will hopefully continue to do so.

The way in which young people can connect with God and really consider faith under the stimulation provided at Redmire is a constant reminder of how the Lord works through the young and old. I'm proud to say that as a leader, I am inspired by the children of Redmire, as I hope they are by us.

Matt Hall

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Share news from Around the Church from your Mission Community or homegroup by emailing magazine@spbc.org.uk.



Pray for Nepal

South Parade members Andrew and Michelle Furber are former missionaries to Nepal. They have been following the news from that country closely and reading the accounts from BMS workers there now.

Nepal suffered a terrible earthquake on 25 April of 7.8 magnitude which killed more than 8,000 people. This was followed by numerous aftershocks and a further major 7.3 quake on 12 May. The geology of the country remains unstable with many landslides continuing to put lives at risk and hampering the relief effort.

BMS World Mission has a long history of work in Nepal and has workers in country who are leading aspects of the relief effort. These include Jerry and Ruth Clewett, who posted the following on their blog on 15 May 2015:

We are twitchy, in a way that you could well decide was normal after a twitchiness-inducing event or two. We

subside gradually into a wary calmness until the next tremor sends ridiculous quantities of adrenalin surging through our veins and we find ourselves half-way out the bedroom door at 3am without having woken up first. Our brilliantly strong house is doing well – some hairline cracks showing the strain but still ok for now. Apparently 3mm width is the time to get suspicious.

Aid is being delivered, but many have even now not received any. The reason for that is the remoteness of villages perched on inaccessible mountain ledges where paths have fallen with the hillsides. Helicopters are needed

but are not always able to land. Everyone is processing together and supporting each other, but many have much trauma to work through. Kathmandu hospitals and imported mobile medical teams have done a good job, but only with the people who have reached them.



Ruth and Jerry Clewett

The paradox is that this is a terrible scenario that is not half as bad as predicted. 15,000 schools have collapsed. If it wasn't Saturday that first quake,

what would that have done to the casualty figures? It was the middle of the day and lots of people were out and about and not in their fragile houses. The airport was not destroyed, or how much slower would aid have been?

Churches have been instrumental in taking initiatives to travel to outlying villages with aid.

When we travelled from Pokhara to Kathmandu not one of the many bridges was out - very unlikely. Churches missed out on the lucky list, as it was their meeting time, and something like 600 churches were destroyed, with hundreds of casualties. Churches generally, along with youth clubs and other community groups, have been instrumental in taking initiatives to travel to outlying villages with aid.

Andy and Jenny Saunders, also with BMS World Mission in Nepal, pick up on the impact on

the Nepali church in their blog posted on 20 May:

Our cattle-shed church was slightly damaged in the earthquake and the landlord doesn't seem in a hurry to repair it. The week after the initial quake we met in the corridor. As Andy was preaching on Jesus calming the storm it seemed appropriate to meet in the shape of a long thin Nepali dug out canoe! Since then the church has moved back to the old building that they couldn't afford. Where next we wonder?

Christians were one group particularly badly hit by the earthquake. Lecturers from the Bible College told Andy that initial estimates by church leaders suggested about 9% of the deaths were of



Bungamati Temple lies in tatters following the quake.

Photo: BMS

Christians. The percentage of Christians in the country is around 1-2% so why such disproportionate suffering?

For the majority of the country, mid-day on a dry Saturday was the best possible time for an earthquake to hit. It's a holiday so schools, offices and government buildings were all closed. Most families eat around 10am so housework was finished and many were out in the fields or resting outside houses.



Andy & Jenny Saunders

For Nepali Christians, who worship on a Saturday, the timing was very bad

If the earthquake had come at night or during a working/school day the number of deaths would be exponentially greater. However for Nepali Christians, who worship on a Saturday because it is the one free day for most people, the timing was very bad. The Nepali Times reports how nearly 80 believers were meeting on the 6th floor of a concrete building in Kapan, north of Kathmandu, when the earthquake struck. It collapsed, killing 26 and

wounding 49.

I (Andy) play out this imaginary scene in my head: God says to the church, "The earthquake can come on a Saturday at mid-day or the same time on Sunday, you can choose". Would they have chosen the option that was best for them or best for all? Meanwhile most churches are not pondering philosophical questions but getting on with aid distribution...

Friends at South Parade have been hugely generous, collectively raising £1,700 to support the relief work. Please continue to pray for:

- All Nepalese including Christians supporting the relief effort and rebuilding their communities
- Nepalese who are still suffering from the on-going consequences of the earthquakes
- Staff from BMS World Mission and other agencies who are responding

Andrew Furber

Headingley Morning Mission Community

...involved...

Further information and updates can be found at www.bmsworldmission.org/nepalearthquake



A Psalm for Nepal

*Lord, who is our shepherd,
We pray for the people of Nepal in this time of want.
Guide those who grieve to still waters;
restore their soul.*

*Lead those who are searching to the right places.
Comfort those who are trapped
in the darkest valley of fear.*

*May generosity and compassion overflow in response
so that goodness and mercy may follow all
who will live in the shadow of this earthquake.*

*May they dwell in secure houses and
know healing and protection all their life long.
Amen.*

www.christianaid.org.uk



Families take refuge in the KISC basketball court for the first few nights after the earthquake.

BMS teachers Becky and Dan Parnell took this photo and were part of the group sleeping here.

Mission and Creation Care

Recently we have had two outstanding speakers at Christians in Science: Elaine Storkey and John Weaver.

Elaine is acting President of Tearfund, and her topic on Wednesday 20 May was *God's Creation - Our Responsibility*. There are Christians who believe that we have no responsibility for God's Creation, and whatever happens to other people is not our concern. Elaine vigorously challenged this viewpoint. Her talk was very well received and one person sent her an email thanking her for coming.

Our other speaker, a few weeks before Elaine, was John Weaver, who coinciding with Elaine's visit has just produced a series of five Bible studies on *Mission and Creation Care*. These make an excellent follow up to Elaine's talk.

John has a background in both geology and theology. "Not possible" you say? Well read his Bible studies. John has been Principal of South Wales

Baptist College and President of the Baptist Union.

*We live between
the Cross and Christ's
second coming,
when God will renew
the whole of creation*

John - who is the Chair of the John Ray Initiative and has recently helped Tearfund in exploring their theology of mission - offers five Bible studies plus extensive leader's notes for small group discussion. These are designed to challenge our understanding of Christian discipleship and encourage us to practise sustainable lifestyles including the care of creation. They explore the nature of God as

creator,
redeemer and
sustainer of all
life and
creation,
whose

relationship as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is characterised by love.

They show that God the creator is



in a covenant relationship with the whole of creation, which he brought into being. God created it; God ordered it; God loved it; God was pleased with it. Remember we live between the Cross and Christ's second coming, when God will renew the whole of creation, and all relationships will be redeemed and restored.

The five discussion topics are:

- Renewing our understanding of mission;
- The call to care for creation;

- The challenge to sustainable lifestyles;
- A biblical approach to economics;
- The Church's role as an agent of change.

If you do not want to do the Bible studies, the leader's notes are very good and are well worth reading by themselves.

John Lockwood

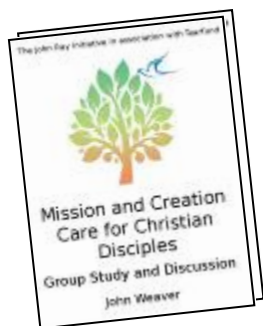
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The five studies plus leaders notes are jointly offered by JRI and Tearfund, and can be freely downloaded from either website: www.jri.org.uk or www.tearfund.org/campaigns.

Renewing our understanding of mission

Mission involves the whole person engaging with the whole of creation - all that I am, all that I see, hear, say, smell, touch and think as I experience the place where I live and the world of which I am a part.



It has been said that Christians need to experience three conversions: a conversion to Christ; a conversion to Christ's body on earth, the church; and a conversion to the world for which Christ died. As a response Christians need to move beyond a personal relationship with Jesus (the vital first step on the journey of discipleship) and respond to Jesus' challenge to be his church, and to join in his mission in the power of the Spirit (John 20.21-22).

John Weaver

BMS World News

Finding a home for Ella

A project for trafficked women in London is almost ready to launch. It just needs a building.

“**P**eople think that if you’ve been trafficked and get out of it, that’s the end of the story,” says Emily Chalke, co-founder of Ella’s Home, a BMS World Mission supported project. “But there’s so much work to be done, re-understanding who you are and healing your self-image. Without that, it is very easy to end up back in exploitation.”

Many women in the UK who have escaped the trauma of being trafficked into the sex industry do get help. But, due to a lack of money and resources, they often don’t get the time they need to truly turn their lives around and can end up either homeless or back working in a brothel. Ella’s Home will work with women on the basis of their individual needs, with the target of a minimum three month period of recovery. The women who stay there will have a

“I hope that Ella’s Home will be able to give women a real chance at freedom”

range of skilled volunteers, such as counsellors, doctors and barristers, to assist them in their recovery.

Everything is ready, except a home for Ella’s Home. Finding a suitable place that is not too expensive has proved difficult. In February an offer

was put on a house but they were “gazumped” (beaten by a higher offer). Emily is hopeful they will soon find an appropriate place where they can begin restoring the dignity of damaged women.

“I hope that Ella’s Home will be able to give women a real chance at freedom,” says Emily, “a way to build their life again, to truly get out of a cycle of exploitation.”

Ella’s Home is part of the Dignity initiative. Learn more about how you can take a stand against gender based violence at bmsworldmission.org/dignity



Prayer Diary



June & July 2015

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.”*

Romans 12.12 (NIV)

JUNE

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Pull out and use!

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Wed	15	Hazel Randall and the TLG mentors working with children in

Thu	16	Those who work with the Yorkshire Baptist Association
Fri	17	Work with children and young people across the church
Sat	18	Paul Rockley
Sun	19	Connect Mission Community
Mon	20	Becky North in Chad
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Wed	22	Adrian Howe, church treasurer
Thu	23	The Youth Band
Fri	24	Preachers at services in all Mission Communities this week
Sat	25	Hannah Preston
Sun	26	Rooted
Mon	27	David and Ann MacFarlane in Italy
Tue	28	Everyone who works on the Intouch magazine
Wed	29	Andrew Bedingham and the work of the CAP centre
Thu	30	New church members
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Sat	1	Brian Nicholls
Sun	2	Yourself and your place in South Parade
Mon	3	Colin & Jill Jones and their work with the church in Normandy
Tue	4	The Barnabas Bunch
Wed	5	The Deacons
Thu	6	The work of BMS World Mission
Fri	7	Drop-in at Cragg
Sat	8	Geoff King

Prayer for Migrants

*God of every tribe and nation;
source of our humanity,
in whose likeness each of us is made,
we lament any needless loss of human life;
but especially our hearts cry out
for those who have perished
in their quest for hope and sanctuary
within the continent of Europe.*

*We confess the failings of those economic
and political structures,
from which we often benefit,
yet leave traffickers and exploitation unchecked;
rescue services inadequate;
and fellow human beings so desperate,
that they will risk life itself
in search of what has been denied them
by the self-interest and indifference of others.*

*Make us restless in our pursuit of justice,
hope and security
for everyone with whom we share your
world.*

Amen

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Safe to Sail to the Med?

It must have been a commonplace in Paul's day – that it's not safe to sail the Mediterranean in winter (after the Fast of Yom Kippur, Acts 27.9).

The Jews considered it unsafe to sail between Yom Kippur and Pentecost. Suddenly, in our news, this little detail takes on a new significance as the approach of summer brings out flotillas of unsafe boats loaded with would-be migrants leaving the North African coast and heading for Europe. Too often the boats have proved unseaworthy, vulnerable to capsizing when overloaded, deathtraps for the desperate, preyed on by the unscrupulous...

As a Christian I do not want politicians turning a blind eye to desperate human beings as they perish at sea

Whatever the political consequences shouldn't European nations

determine to work together to rescue lives? Isn't that what human beings do in an emergency? Yet there is half-heartedness about this, as if a few hundred people drowned is the necessary collateral damage for us to keep our borders secure.

Do we seriously believe we can cut ourselves off from the rest of the world in which we have such a large economic and political stake? As a Christian I do not want politicians to keep promising me that they will control immigration if that means turning a blind eye to desperate human beings as they perish at sea. We need to hear their cry. After all, we are all aliens and strangers on this earth.

*"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears. For I am your passing guest, an **alien**, like all my forebears." Psalm 39.12*

Mary Taylor

Regional Minister,

Yorkshire Baptist Association

This is an edited extract from her blog: read more at www.yba.org.uk

Step of Faith

Signposts on the Way

David Li was one of three people baptised at a memorable service at Headingley on Easter Day when he shared his testimony.

I first encountered Christianity as a young child, via my grandmother who was a Catholic.

She lived with us and looked after me whilst my parents worked during the evenings. My earliest memories were of her praying with her rosary morning and evening. I knew of Jesus but I did not know him.

I studied RE at A level but studying the gospels did not bring about

more faith but instead as I journeyed further into adulthood I found God to be an increasingly remote figure far from the routine of daily life. I encountered a lot of racism and prejudice which hardened my heart. I began to lose my trust, faith, compassion and spirituality.

It would be the late nineties before the veil of spiritual blindness would begin to lift. I developed an interest in Buddhism and was practising QiGong meditation which can be simply explained as a form of Chinese yoga involving static and moving postures along with periods of seated deep meditation.

During this time I had a series of powerful dreams which left me with little doubt that there was more to this life than meets the eye. I now believe that these dreams would eventually lead me to Jesus and that I had been gracefully given a tiny glimpse of God's nature.

In one dream it was night time and



as I stood atop a window ledge on a very high block of flats, I could feel the chill of the wind on my face and when I looked down I could see the sparkling lights of the city below. It was exhilarating and it should have been scary and yet I was not afraid, instead I knew it was a dream and that if I stepped off the ledge, I would not die. Indeed I felt that if I chose to step off I would be saved... somehow. The choice was mine to make. I agonised over the decision. Eventually my logical mind took over and I decided against it.

When I awoke I wondered again and again, why I didn't do it. I now realise that when God reaches out to us, we ourselves need to reach out and take that leap of faith. I also realise that left to my own devices, without God's grace and help I could never have stepped off that ledge, because it was not in my nature.

Despite all my spiritual experiences I was still stubbornly blinded by my worldly desires and my lack of love and compassion. But all that was about to change.

I spent a lot of time with my father whilst he was dying from cancer and visited him nearly every day in hospital. I got him a pair of headphones and kept playing him Bud-

dhist mantras in the hope that it would ease his suffering and that he would end up in a better place.

Whilst Dad was knocking on heaven's door, God was signposting the Way but I just couldn't read the signs

After a few weeks he told me he felt conflicted, he said he was a Catholic and didn't know where he would go after he died if he continued listening to the Buddhist chants. I asked him "Dad, where do you really want to go - Christian heaven or Buddhist reincarnation?" and he said "I want to be with your Grandmother" I said "Are you sure? You've only ever gone to church as a child and you've never been since". He said he was sure and after that I played him Elvis and Gospel music.

He told me how he felt moved to wash a very sick patient's feet in the middle of the night at the hospital. I was horrified at the thought of him washing a stranger's feet and though it must be all the morphine that had got to him. But now I know better, whilst Dad was knocking on heaven's door, God was signposting the Way but I just couldn't read the signs: I didn't understand.

And then I met Teresa. As I got to know her, she was quite insistent that I should go to Church and give Christianity a chance. At the time I thought she was an over zealous woman... but another part of me thought this could be my destiny, why not go with the flow and give it a chance. We went to Leeds Chinese Christian Church on Kirkstall Road. In the services they asked everyone to "Stand up for Jesus". I chose not to stand: I felt uncomfortable and rebellious but there was a part of me which kept saying give them a chance. So I persisted and carried on attending church but I did not fully believe or make a commitment. I told Pastor Johnny that it would

take a Damascus road experience for me to believe and I knew that wasn't going to happen.

*At this moment I
made the commitment
to follow Jesus.
I was truly sorry and
asked Him to forgive me.*

Well I was wrong. A few weeks later I was lying awake in bed and I saw a light. It came from afar but it got nearer and nearer until I was surrounded by it. It was not the harsh bright light you get from car headlamps or the soft light you get from a candle but something in between - an overpowering

light. I felt it all around me and it felt like every cell of my body was illuminated by it but I was not dreaming as I could feel myself lying in bed and yet I felt powerless. I grasped my hands in prayer.

This lasted for a good few minutes. I was really astounded, this transcended my previous experiences: was this my Damascus road experience? I didn't commit myself to Jesus at that



**David Li's Baptism at Headingley,
with Nathan Shipley and Brian Nicholls**

moment, that would come later. I asked Jesus to help me to understand, to help me with my faith.

As I walked to church one Sunday I felt a little strange and tearful. I arrived late and there was no space at the back, but there was plenty of space on the second row behind the musicians; in fact there was only one chap sitting there, so I sat next to him.

When the call came to “Stand Up for Jesus” I stood up. In my heart I felt broken. I said I’m sorry Jesus, please forgive me and I began to cry and I couldn’t stop crying. It was as if a great baggage had been taken from me. Fortunately the chap next to me had some tissues. I guess

God had planned it. I looked over to Pastor Kim in embarrassment and she smiled knowingly.

It was at this moment that I made the commitment to follow Jesus. It was the moment that I knew repentance comes before redemption, for I was truly sorry and asked Jesus to forgive me. It would take another few years for me to make that commitment in public at South Parade, in submission and obedience.

Thank you Lord Jesus for your grace, love and patience. Thank you everyone for helping me understand God’s teaching and giving me the necessary support.

David Li

Headingley Morning Mission Community

...inspired...

To find out more about baptism or church membership, or about taking your own next Step of Faith, speak to any of the Ministry Team or Elders listed on the inside back cover of the magazine, or contact the church office.

If you have a story of your own journey of faith to share for the Step of Faith column email magazine@spbc.org.uk

*The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in you alone...*

Stuart Townend

No Snakes or Scorpions for My Tea

Reflections for Father's Day

As we celebrate Father's Day on 21 June Catriona Mossop will remember her father's death last year. As she reflects on her relationship with her Heavenly Father she has a message for all earthly fathers.

My father died just after Father's Day, June 2014. He was 82 years old. He had prostate cancer for a very long time. I told him he would die from something else. I was wrong. It crept into his spine and he lost strength, first in his lower body and then the upper. A statistical blip, he was "fast tracked" out of hospital. I wrote a care plan for him to go home but it wouldn't have worked. We found him a yellow room with an interesting view in a nearby nursing home. And he slept.

I would sit with him and wait until the night staff came on. They promised they would ring as I went home to sleep. When the phone rang at 4am I was ready. I drove through the empty streets of Carlisle praying to my God for

strength, but what had I to fear? All I had to do was be with a man I had known all my life.

When I arrived at his bedside I kissed his cheek and explained to my Dad that I had come to watch the dawn with him. The nurses at the end of the bed looked perplexed. They didn't understand this easy relationship between father and child. I found out later that one of the nurses had never met her father and the other had not spoken to her father for 20 years. We live in an imperfect world. How can you explain this relationship to someone who has never known their father?

My Dad was a good man and always present in my life. He was not a Christian. He didn't believe in God or heaven (he got a big shock - methinks!). But my mother sent me to Sunday school because that's what you did. And when I heard the "good news" it all fitted. I had a lovely father so the whole of creation had a loving father too. All was simplicity. The complexities of

theology could wait for another day. I wasn't scared to knock, and my earthly father's kindness and guidance opened the door wide for the Holy Spirit.

Fathers - hold fast and keep true, for your task is a mighty one. Remember that little eyes are watching you.

So this is my message...to all the good fathers at SPBC, (and I know there are many): I encourage you to hold fast and to keep true, for your task is a mighty one. I know it is hard, with sleepless

nights from tears and worry. But remember that little eyes are watching you.

My father always watched football with his sons. So that night, the night before he died, his sons sat with him and they all watched the England World Cup match. Luckily Dad was in a deep sleep, because England lost disastrously to Uruguay. In the early morning I kissed him a final goodbye. And this Father's Day? I will thank God for giving me my slightly annoying, very funny, incredibly kind earthly father.

Catriona Mossop

Headingley Morning Mission Community

“So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



Luke 9.11-13 (NIV)

Ford's Focus

John's Gospel Part Three: "They Have No Wine"

John 2.1-11

Steve Ford's study on the book of John continues with some reflections on the wedding at Cana.

Are we in this desperate situation where our wine has run out? If so what are we going to do about it?

In John 2.3 Mary informs Jesus of the situation and Mary's concern became Jesus' concern. Mary was convinced that Jesus was the answer and could solve the problem. The fact that the wine had run out was neither Mary or Jesus' concern. They were not the organisers

or the hosts, they did not need to get involved and could have just left the situation to deteriorate and let the guests disperse. What do we do when the wine runs out? Who, what or where do we turn? Mary turned to Jesus. Would we do the same?

The scene here is that the guests are assembled, ready and expecting to receive wine and there is none, the wine has run out. How many times do we have people around us whose wine has run out, those friends and colleagues who have no connection to God through Jesus Christ or those who are in situations that require God to intervene or those who just need someone to demonstrate God's unfailing love?

Some of these people may have never known Christ, their wine hasn't run out because they have never been filled with the new wine of the gospel in the first place. So here we have a situation that requires someone to take the initiative. Mary did just that, she raised her concern with Jesus. We need to



have that kind of concern for the lost, the lonely, those who have never tasted of the new wine of the kingdom. We also equally need to have that kind of concern for those who have tasted the new wine of the kingdom but their supply has been restricted or stopped for whatever reason.

We see Mary get alongside the waiters and say “whatever He says do it”. Mary had come to realise that she could do very little but what she could do was (just like John the Baptist, Andrew and Philip in John 1) point out Jesus. Mary used her experience of Jesus for the wider good, she was not put off by Jesus’ lack of enthusiasm. She knew what was needed and had the courage of her convictions (not commitment) to point out Jesus. Sometimes all that is needed is for us to point out the Son of God and let Him do the rest.

Mary knew that Jesus was the answer. She had clung on to the knowledge that all things were possible

Has your wine run out? Are you one of those people who is just expecting the wine to continue to

flow, or are you one of the waiters thinking this is impossible, what is this woman saying “just do as he says”? Faith comes in many guises, on the one hand we have Mary who knew that Jesus was the answer, she had experienced it in her life and had clung on to the knowledge that all things were possible; all she had to do was believe. On the other hand the waiters had no idea who Jesus was, they had not experienced his miracles. For all they knew he was just an ordinary guest at a wedding, why should they do as he said, he was not their boss. How many of us say “no I am not going to do as Jesus says. I am going to continue on my own sweet way, after all it is not my concern that the wine has run out”.

If we heed the request “do as he says” our lives will not be the same because we will have seen God step down into our space and provide us with an awareness of himself that will change our lives. These waiters had to be willing, in the first instance, to listen to this guy Jesus and they then had to be willing to do as he said. Jesus can only be experienced in our lives if we are willing to do as he says. God does not contravene free will.

In some ways these waiters did not have much to lose as the fact that the wine had run out was not their

responsibility, but on the other hand, as employees of the host they were expected to deliver. In the same way God expects us to deliver, it may not be our responsibility that someone has run out of wine but I might be the one to replenish their glass.

There are three things that Jesus asks the waiters to do:

- Fill the water pots with water
- Draw some out now
- Take it to the master of the feast

We need to allow our lives to be used and filled as God intended

The first thing they are asked to do is fill the water pots. These water pots were intended for the tradition of purification (washing before eating). If we look a little deeper into the Greek wording used for the phrase “set there” (NKJV) or “standing nearby” (NLT) we find that the Greek word used is more akin to lying around, indicating that these

pots were not being used for what the purpose intended, that of holding water.



In the same way we need to make sure that we do not allow our lives to be left to “lie around”, unused and unfilled but are used and filled as God intended.

We are the habitation of God here on earth by the Holy Spirit. I trust that we have not neglected our

vessel so that it is not being used as God intended. To use our vessel for what God intended we need to hear the word of God, get soaked in His word and continually put ourselves in a position where our vessels can be filled with all that God has for us.

We see that the servants filled the pots to the brim. We have a responsibility to fill the vessel that God has given us with what God intended it to be filled with. We will never be able to share what God has done for us if we have empty water pots. When required we need to be in a position that we can draw out. If we are just an empty water pot what can we draw out? We then have to have the courage of our convictions and take

it to those in need of replenishing or refreshing.

It is not us that turns the water into wine, Jesus does the miracle, we just draw on what has been placed within us and obediently take to those in need, not just those on the highways and byways but to those already invited to the wedding feast, those people expecting wine. If I am willing to do this one thing who knows what God will do with those that I have been instrumental in topping up their glass.

Has your wine run out? Are you in need of fresh wine? Do you have water pots filled and ready? Are you able to draw and allow your water to be turned to wine? I am so glad that Mary did not sit on the sidelines and

that she shared her concern with Jesus. Let us draw from her experience and engage Jesus with our concerns so that he can intervene and engage the ministering servants to do as they were asked.

Are you a Mary who engages Jesus with your concerns? Or are you a ministering servant who listens and does as Jesus asks, or are you both so that He can intervene and enable you to either draw and take or receive and be refreshed.

They have no wine, has your wine run out?

Steve Ford

This study first appeared in *Intouch* in 2011. The series continues in August.

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Questions

All Things?

Theology is the study of the nature of God. There is a reluctance to analyse the detail of our understanding of topics such as evil (the Fall), afterlife and the nature of judgment. How do we understand Paul's statement that evil comes not from eating forbidden foods, but from inside ourselves, or James (2.20) that faith without works is dead?

Paul asserts that we are raised as spiritual bodies (1 Corinthians 15.44). What does this say about our individual personalities? Are they of the spirit and will they survive death? We can be confident with Paul that the Creator God is also the God on the Cross and the giver of Grace.



Is the Professor capable of poking fun at himself or has he lost all touch with reality?

In contrast we can look at the alternative world view of a man regarded by some as the most outstanding scientist of his generation. There is a singer who left his band leaving a large number of heartbroken fans. Stephen Hawking in a video link to a concert at the Sydney Opera House advises "any heartbroken girl to pay attention to the study of theoretical physics. One day there may well be proof of multiple universes". In one of these alternative spaces, Zayn is still with One Direction and in another possible universe, she and Zayn are happily married.

Is the Professor capable of poking fun at himself or has he lost all touch with reality? There are no processes known to science that could verify the existence of the

multiple universe fantasies created by theoretical physics. How fascinating that Stephen Hawking should believe human transference from this world to others “not beyond the realms of possibility” while being so aggressive towards the Christian faith of his first wife.



It is now clear that his search for “the single elegant theory of everything” has failed, but others will find it in the omnipotent Maker of All Things, understood by revelation through Creation and Redemption, interpreted by the


Holy Spirit. Even the very tools of theoretical physics were given at the beginning, when God said “Let there be light”.

A fuller understanding of the basic forces of nature and the laws by which they operate are the product of about four centuries of study with astonishing gains in the last half century in nanotechnology and microbiology. It all confirms the vision of the

Psalmists filled with wonder at God’s greatness.

Cyril Snell

Headingley Morning Mission Community



*May all who come to you
be glad and joyful.
May all who are thankful
for your salvation
always say,
“How great is the Lord!”*

Psalm 40.16 (GNT)

...informed...

For details of service times, locations, Mission Communities, small groups, children’s work, student events, our vision and structure, sermon downloads, the church blog, the weekly notice sheet and much much more, go to the church website: www.spbc.org.uk

Come Prepared

Preaching Themes and Readings

We try to follow the same preaching and teaching themes across all our Mission Communities. There are always local variations particularly in the summer as other events interrupt the pattern, but you can usually pick up Sunday material from the website at www.spbc.org.uk by clicking on the “Resources” tab near the top of the front page.

We are continuing our Sunday morning trawl through Luke’s Gospel, concentrating on excerpts from Chapters 9 to 12. Through stories, teaching and action Jesus develops what missionary discipleship should look like, starting with the big ques-



The Good Samaritan story reminds us that mission is more than words. This kind of mission disturbs Satan and exposes hypocrisy.

tion, “Who do you say I am?” (Luke 9.18-36 – 7 June). He then sends a wider circle of 72 anonymous followers on a mission that both announces and demonstrates the Kingdom of God (10.1-24 – 14 June). Mission is more than words as the Good Samaritan story reminds us (10.25-37 – 21 June). This kind of mission disturbs Satan (11.14-28 – 28 June) and exposes hypocrisy (11.29-54 – 5 July).

Luke 12.1-12 (12 July) tells us that we are not to be afraid. Worth more than sparrows, even the hairs on our head have been counted. Such care for us exposes the foolishness of building bigger barns to store up that which is transient (Luke 12.13-21 – 19 July). The sec-

tion is rounded off with the call not to be worried, but to put our treasure in the right place (Luke 12.22-34 – 26 July).

Evening material is drawn from Paul's letter to the Philippians. The series starts on 31 May and is based on the apostle's own experience of pressing on towards the prize of knowing Christ.

Midweek material continues to be available. Contact Paul Rockley (paul@spbc.org.uk) if this is not reaching your small group, or you'd like a personal copy for study.

In addition we are running a reduced version of the Alpha Course in Brian's office (Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm – entrance through double gates at Headingley and use the intercom on the office door opposite). You can join this course at any point – the subjects are:

- 2 June: Why is the Bible important and how should I use it?
- 9 June: How can I be sure of my faith?
- 15 June: Why and how should I pray?

- Break for 23 & 30 June and 7 July.
- 14 July: The Holy Spirit – the who, what and how of experiencing him.
- 21 July: Living in relationship with others – the church and baptism.

There is also a "Mission Shaped Church" course running in the Green House each Wednesday from 7.30pm. Again you can join in at any point – the titles are:

- 3 June: Session 2 – A changing church for a changing world – the challenge of culture and consumerism
- 10 June: Session 3 – Re-imagining the church as community
- 17 June: Session 4 – Worship in a re-imagined church
- Break for 24 June and 1 & 8 July
- 15 July: Session 5 – Leaders and disciples for a new generation
- 22 July: Session 6 – So what comes next?



Brian Nicholls

Senior Minister

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Remember you can download many recent sermons at www.spbc.org.uk ("resources").

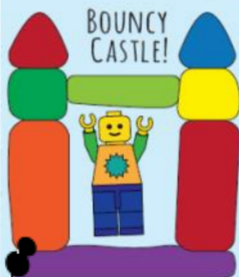
Church Noticeboard



Drink With a Chimp is a new play by Common Chorus about one woman's struggle with addiction and her journey to recovery. Created from the biographical experiences of addicts in recovery this is a story of hope for anyone who has ever wanted to be "better". Tickets for the performance at South Parade on Saturday 13 June are available from the Church Office now, price £6 (not suitable for under 14s).

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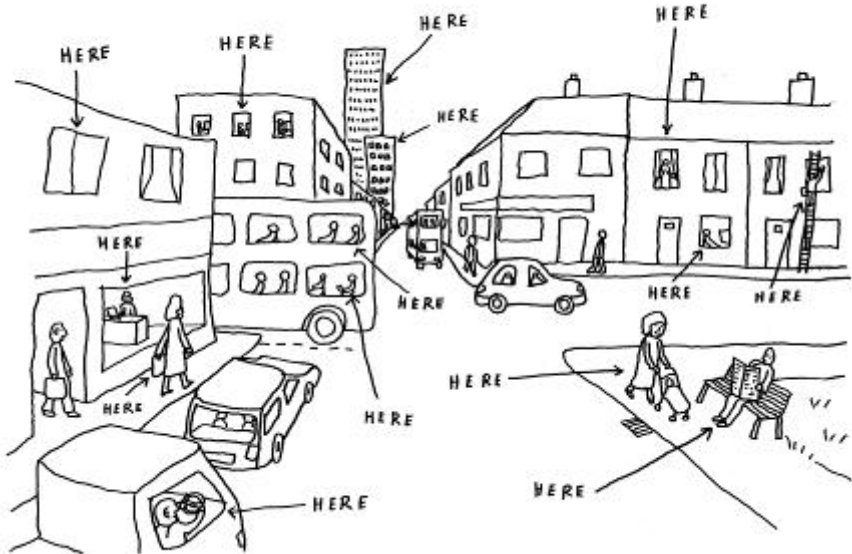
Guess Who?

- I am over 18 years old
- I am not in bed before 8.30pm
- I am free on Thursday evenings



It could be you! The Youth Band are looking for adults to support them at their practices! Being musical is not essential – we are looking for people who are able to turn up, keep us focused and cheer us on. For more information get in touch with Nathan Shipley or Paul Whitman.

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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Mr Men Prayer

Lord God thank you that we can turn to you however we feel, that when we're **HAPPY** or **GRUMPY** you love to hear us pray.

Thank you that you help us when we're afraid and feel like **JELLY**, when the world feels really big and we feel so **SMALL**, or when we've had a few **BUMPS** along the way.



Forgive us when we're **MEAN** or **GREEDY** or **LAZY** and help us to become more like you. Help us not to be **FORGETFUL** and remember that you will always pick us up when we're all **MESSY** or in a **MUDDLE**.

Father God we want to be **NOISY** telling the whole world about everything you have done for us, about how **STRONG** and mighty you are, and that with you nothing is **IMPOSSIBLE**. Amen

From the Headingley Morning Service 17 May 2015



South Parade meets as five distinctive Mission Communities across Leeds: in **Headingley** and **Cragg** on a Sunday Morning, and as **Sent** at Headingley on Sunday evenings. **Connect** meets at different locations in the community in Bramley. **Northside** meets in Adel and at the ABC Coffee Shop in Holt Park. We're involved with Church@Little London, run a CAP Debt Centre and have a partnership with the Arabic Christian Fellowship. To find out more, visit the website or contact the church office.

Together, we have a shared vision to **build community in Christ**. We hope that all who meet us will be helped to **belong** to Christ and his people, will discover what it means to **believe** in him, and will **become** all that he invites them to be in character, lifestyle, witness and service.

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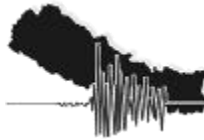
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*God is our shelter and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken
and mountains fall into the ocean depths;
even if the seas roar and rage,
and the hills are shaken by the violence.*

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Psalm 46.1-3 (GNT)

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