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Recipe For A Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humour.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year.

Author Unknown

Contributed by Eddie Newall via Parish Window



**Wishing everyone a Blessed
and Peaceful New Year**



NEW YEAR 2016

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
So let us trust and know just this -
Our times are in His hands.

By Megan Carter

Epiphany Prayer

Father of all,
Thank you for the revelation you gave to those travellers
from the East so long ago. Thank you that everyone who
truly searches for you will find you, in Jesus.
Show us your Son afresh, we pray, so that, at the start of
this New Year, we can go forward hand in hand with him, into
whatever the new Year might hold for us, knowing the
security which only he can give.
Give us confidence and peace and strength to live each day
with that assurance.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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New Years Resolution ?

Dear God,

Please grant me three things.....courage,
serenity and wisdom.

Courageto change the things I can change

Serenity.....to accept those that I can't

and the..... Wisdom to know the difference.

From the Vicarage

Broken (an advent lament by Neil Robbie)



Our A&E groans like a gangrenous laugh,
satisfaction now far from both patients and staff.

An NHS ward makes up the next bed,
as suffering souls become targets instead.

Consultants are drawn by satisfaction and pay,
and the mind stretching challenge of curing Miss Hay.

Our nurses demob and chase agency stash,
a fraction of trouble for double the cash.

The budget expands with no where to turn,
As government cuts continue to burn.

The system is broken, the money is tight,
people are stressed, just turn off the light.

Our schools are no better, it has to be said,
results are what matter if you want to stay Head.

The government calls for results to improve,
our children need grades if the country's to move.

So Ofsted investigates every small crack,
and anyone lagging will soon face the sack.

The teachers are stressed and seek to implore,
our children to progress, just a few stages more.

Our children are pawns in political chess,
their results are required to keep voters impressed.

But the voters have children who need to see CAMHS,
They are under the pressure of endless exams.

So which will break first? The schools or the kids?
Something must change as our lives hit the skids.

Our debt grows each day by millions of pounds,
It's 1.5 trillion and we're still losing ground.

The economy falters and refuses to grow,
we're told to work harder with nothing to show.

The deficit shrinks, but not by enough,
and one more recession will finish it off.

The state will default or something much worse,
the banks will foreclose on our poor public purse.

Then what shall we do, with no money to pay,
for our schools and our hospitals on that very dark day?

Our law makers tinker with national policy,
unfettered by norms not matching their honesty.

The economy's god, and has to be served,
adopt monetary law or face hardship deserved.

Competition is fierce and all must comply,
from banker to bin man to sly private eye.

And the cameras stare into all open space,
There's nowhere to hide from their all seeing gaze.

The state becomes nanny, policeman and judge,
with laws to control all those who won't budge.

Dare anyone protest about all of this pain?
Any who differ face Twitter campaigns.

It's an animal farm behind this ol' barn door,
how did we drift into Orwells' '84?

Our housing costs spiral up out of control,
As landlords take benefit from those on the dole.

The rich quickly swoon at the value of property,
as the gap in our wealth lands millions in poverty.

It's location, location, location, they say,
undesirable places soon urban decay.

The rich separate and the poor must then cluster,
As the sad urban landscape loses its lustre.

The people who gather in middle class cliques,
have no real idea about life on our streets.

Grandparents swim in the wealth they have gained,
Whilst grandchildren muse about their future sustained.

The cool Western nations suppose order's a given,
human nature, they say, is the root of true livin'.

We pity poor countries where corruption is rife,
and can't fathom out their bent way of life.

“British values” are best and they need to be taught,
or the nations which move here will bring us to naught.

Society believes that we Brits know what's best,
Rule of law and good justice will make you all blessed.

But to live by which laws? And who did create,
the sad way of life which now we all hate?

These laws did not grow, as if from the soil,
But we're to live in Great Britain, in a way not to spoil.

The threat from abroad is now threat from within,
an evil idea gains a following thin.

But then in our streets, and across many lands,
this trickle of followers slowly expands.

Their message is clear, their methods intense,
submit to our way or lose your defence.

We rely on our spies and then on the Met,
as GCHQ trawls the vast internet.

But these systems are creaking, there's barely a plan,
our intelligence systems are dependent on man.

Our confidence wanes as we wake from the dream,
this world is in melt down, or so it would seem.

Because the system is broken, so then are we,
we collectively groan whilst longing to flee.

But to what shall we run and to where shall we go?
We can't close Great Britain and move the whole
show.

There's one thing to alter, our god we must change.
Out with the targets and cold stock exchange.

We must usher in God, three persons in one,
Eternally loving, the bright morning Sun.

Creation gives value and true dignity,
To each human being, made through Trinity.

Our fall is complete, as we each went astray,
temples of Mammon trade on our Lord's day.

What we all need is a dose of real grace,
our sins washed away as to God we must face.

His laws they do bless and by wisdom he guides,
our burdens he carries, he heals our divides.

God refused to stay distant but came down instead,
to be born with his creatures in a poor cattle shed.

His words bring us life and his light he does shine,
in pits of our darkness, he says "you are mine."

From the pain of the cross he calls "it is done!"
As God our great Father gave us his Son.

Christ's life and his death were true sacrifice,
and he turns on it's head, our fool's paradise.

As our life finds it's meaning in the love of the Lord,
our reason for living now strikes a new chord.

God's kingdom of love is a kingdom of peace,
our rest is then found and our battles will cease.

And so goals need to change from the bank to the
Lord,
our desire is to please him, no longer to hoard.

The Lord is not stupid, he's no utter fool,
he let's us chase others, till we go through his school.

His lessons are hard, his love can be tough,
we go our own way till we cry "that's enough!"

"Have mercy on us, please turn the way back,
we were fools to chase targets, as one thing we lack."

"We lack a real sense of what life is for,
the stress and the chaos shout, there has to be more!"

So when will turn from the cruel god "economy",
who drives us like slaves through lies of autonomy.

Let's abandon this god, and his ways which bring
strife,
and collectively turn to the God who brings life.

To lose our life now, in the King's saving grace,
is to find our real self in the Lord's resting place.

Prayer Focus - Birmingham City Mission



Birmingham City Mission does exactly what it says “Proclaiming the Gospel, Helping the Needy”, throughout the Birmingham area and in 2016, it celebrates its golden jubilee.



The Clock Tower is already the site for its new resource centre, which stocks furniture, clothing, bedding and issues food parcels for the needy which all come in through donations. Volunteers collect and deliver and thousands of people are helped each year and shown the love of Christ by action and word.

Please pray for the staff and volunteers, for safety and strength and compassion for all whom they have contact with.

Please also pray that God will continue to show His love to those who use it.

Children's Work

The children’s team share Jesus with children across the city. Their aim is to faithfully teach God’s word so that the hearts of the children are ready to respond to Jesus. They lead assemblies, teach R.E. lessons and provide after-school clubs in 4 schools. They also develop, train and/or equip members of churches, as well as leading holiday clubs and weekend camps plus X:site Birmingham.

Specific prayer requests are :-

To thank God for 17 new school openings and for all that He is doing in the schools.

To pray for the on-going outreach ministry of local churches to children.

To pray for X:site to be well supported by churches.

To pray that God would provide the funds for more workers to meet the growing demand.

Young People

A very busy youth team, serve in secondary schools, youth camps and in supporting new and existing church youth ministry, as well as a regular central event which takes place 3 times per year and is well attended.

Please pray for all the leaders and volunteers, for inspiration, protection and God's love to be accepted by the youth.

Thank God for the growing team and for His continued blessings in opening more doors.

Thank God for the encouragement of a fledgling youth ministry at an Iranian Fellowship.

Charity Shop and Book Shop (229, Hawthorn Road, Kingstanding)

The staff and volunteers are encouraged by the way God uses the items that are donated to help people, not just in practical ways, but in more meaningful ways too. He also provides conversations that can help bring emotional healing. Some of the donated items are also sold on e-bay and they have made almost £9,000 in 5 years by selling new or more costly items via the e-bay website.

Please pray for increased sales in the shops and for more opportunities to talk about God's love.

Evangelism and Missionaries

Challenges

Increased apathy, due largely to relentless humanist and secular activity. Many people were hearing the gospel for the first time, including long-standing churchgoers.

Encouragements

Newcomers are often more open to listen to the message about Christ, many hearing for the first time.

Literature distribution - 47,750 tracts plus other leaflets and scripture portions.

City Centre Outreach

Open air days - 100. Open air contacts - 1660. Door to door visits - 24,270. Contacts made - 4,270.

Please pray for protection, both spiritual and physical for all the evangelists and missionaries and for patience and encouragement.

Please pray for all people who have come to know the love of Jesus through the open-air mission.

Other Projects

For Care and Nourishment, phone Elderlink.

Thank God for the many people who volunteer to help with the elderly especially the young volunteers and all who work in hospitals.

Thank God for the new Care Centre being built at Washington Street which will be used to help the homeless and for all the love and support given to the homeless over many years.

Thank God for Christmas Toylink, which takes 6 months to prepare, distribute and clear up. 2500 children receive 3 parcels each. WOW!

THANK GOD FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION AND FOR THEIR LOVE AND CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE OF BIRMINGHAM AND THEIR FAITHFULNESS IN SERVING GOD FOR 50 YEARS - AND ONWARDS.
AMEN.

If you want to know more about Birmingham City Mission, please visit their website at www.birminghamcitymission.co.uk or see me Joan Copper and I will try to help you.

*Their present address valid until March 2016 is, 75, Watery Lane, Middleway, B'ham B9 4HN. From April 2016 it will be, The Clock Tower, 2 Langdon St., B'ham B9 4BP.
Temporary mobile number: 07717508281.*



The Conversion of St Paul

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.



"Beginners in the service of God sometimes lose confidence when they fall into any fault. When you feel so unworthy a sentiment rising within you, you must lift your heart to God and consider that all your faults, compared with divine goodness, are less than a bit of tattered thread thrown into a sea of fire. Suppose that the whole horizon, as far as you can see from this mountain, were a sea of fire; if we cast into it a bit of tattered thread, it will disappear in an instant. So, when you have committed a fault, humble yourself before God, and cast your fault into the infinite ocean of charity, and at once it will be effaced from your soul; at the same time all distrust will disappear."

Saint Paul by Bartolomeo Montagna (1450 - 1523)

Ven John Barton considers the evidence that Christians can use when they talk to their neighbours...

Next time someone tells you that Jesus did not exist...

Recent research in England revealed that 40% of people do not realise Jesus was a real person. Among 18-34 year olds, 25% think Jesus was a mythical or fictional character. They probably have no doubts about other famous people from the past. Of course, it matters more when the authenticity of Jesus is questioned. If Jesus was as 'real' as the Christian creeds imply, then the whole purpose and destiny of humanity are changed. There's a lot at stake.

How do we know that Jesus actually existed? For that matter, how do we know any historical figure existed? We need to look for corroborative evidence.

In any other historical investigation we would examine all literary sources. However, as sceptics often discount biblical material because they suspect the writers distorted the facts, we look outside the New Testament to non-Christian authors for clues.

First, to Roman historians. Tacitus (56-117 AD) wrote "Christus was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius". Suetonius (69-130 AD) wrote of "Chrestus" and of his followers having been persecuted by Nero. In 112 AD a Roman Magistrate, Pliny the Younger, sought advice from the Emperor Trajan, having failed to force Christians to renounce Christ whom they "worshipped as a god", when worship was due exclusively to the emperor. The Jewish historian Josephus (37-100 AD) referred to James as, "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ." None of these authors questioned Christ's existence.

*Tacitus Publius Cornelius Historian/senator Of
the Roman Emperor*



Even-handed enquirers would also want to know what the New Testament has to say. By comparison with texts of other ancient literature now available, we have infinitely better records. Over 5,000 separate manuscripts are now available. One complete New Testament in the British Library is over 1600 years old. A substantial collection of New Testament documents is dated mid-3rd Century and is split between Dublin, Michigan and other locations. Much of the Gospel of John is in a document dated 200 AD or earlier. Modern translations of the Bible result from studying all these manuscripts. It is false to suggest that they suffer from multiple translations.

Let historian Michael Grant have the last word, "...if we apply to the New Testament, as we should, the same sort of criteria as we should apply to other ancient writings containing historical material, we can no more reject Jesus' existence than we can reject the existence of a mass of pagan personages whose reality as historical figures is never questioned..."

Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became "Ἰησοῦς" (*Iēsoûs*), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'. The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

Special Sundays for January

10th – Plough Sunday

17th - Peace Sunday

18th – 25th - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

24th - Education Sunday

Also 24th - Homelessness Sunday

Begin the year with a smile

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, And I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. She asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No ma'am," little Johnny replies, because I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

River Quiz - a JP contribution

On which river do these towns/cities stand

- 1) Stoke-on-
- 2) Ross-on-
- 3) Newcastle-on-
- 4) Henley-on-
- 5) Berwick on
- 6) Kingstone upon
- 7) Glasgow
- 8) Gloucester
- 9) Cheltenham
- 10) Cambridge
- 11) Nottingham
- 12) Cardiff
- 13) Hull
- 14) Dundee
- 15) Plymouth
- 16) Middlesborough
- 17) Bridgwater
- 18) Preston
- 19) Ipswich
- 20) Peterborough



- 1) Stoke-on-Trent
- 2) Ross-on-Wye
- 3) Newcastle on Tyne
- 4) Henley on Thames
- 5) Berwick on Tweed
- 6) Kingstone upon Thames
- 7) Glasgow is on the Clyde
- 8) Gloucester is on the Severn
- 9) Cheltenham is on the Chelt
- 10) Cambridge is on the Cam (where a bridge was built over it!)
- 11) Nottingham is on the Trent
- 12) Cardiff is on the Taff (it is in Wales, after all)
- 13) Hull (or to give the full name, Kingstons-upon-Hull) is on the Humber
- 14) Dundee is on the Tay
- 15) Plymouth is on the Plym (not the Tamar)
- 16) Middlesborough is on the Tees
- 17) Bridgwater is on the Parrett
- 18) Preston is on the Ribble
- 19) Ipswich is on the Orwell
- 20) Peterborough is on the Nene

Answers

Christmas memories from the 1940's

Grandad John Mander was asked by his young grand daughter if he had Christmas in the olden days. So he wrote this poem below some of which will be easily recognisable to some of us. John is a local man and his wife's (Betty Parkes) owned the cafe on the corner of Spon Lane and Bolton Road. Actually 150 Spon Lane which again some of us will remember.

A POEM FOR CHRISTMAS by GRANDAD JOHN

MY CHRISTMAS MEMORIES FROM THE 1940'S

I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY CHRISTMAS MEMORIES WHEN I WAS JUST A KID,
NOTHING WE HAD OR ATE EVER COST MUCH MORE THAN A QUID.
THE WINTERS OF THE 1940'S WERE COLD AND SNOW HUNG AROUND FOR DAYS,
WE HAD NO CENTRAL HEATING AND HAD TO KEEP WARM IN DIFFERENT WAYS.
I HAD A FAIR ISLE BALACLAVA KNITTED UP FROM BITS OF WOOL BY MY GRAN.
DARNED UP SOCKS FOR GLOVES TO KEEP MY HANDS WARM AS I PUSHED THE PRAM.
EVERY WEEK WE PUSHED OUR OLD PRAM TO THE GAS WORKS FOR A BAG OF COKE,
THROUGH RAIN, AND HEAVY SNOW DRIFTS I TELL YOU WAS NO JOKE.
MY BEDROOM WAS LIKE AN ICE BOX THERE WAS NO POINT IN SHUTTING THE DOOR,
THE WINDOWS WERE ALWAYS FROZEN, AND FROST LAY ON THE FLOOR.

CHRISTMAS DAY WAS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THINGS THEN WERE HARD,
CANDLES WE BURNED TO KEEP THE WATER FLOWING IN THE TOILET UP THE YARD.
GRANDAD SHED A TEAR AS HE KILLED THE COCKEREL HE'D REARED FROM A CHICK,
GRANNY MADE THE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS AND I HAD THE WOODEN SPOON TO LICK.
MOTHER MAD CHAIN LINK TRIMMINGS WITH THE EVENING NEWS AND GLUE,
AS USUAL FATHER CELEBRATED TO MUCH AND SPENT THE MORNING IN THE LOO.
WE ALL ATE LUNCH TOGETHER, GRANDDAD, GRANNY, MOTHER AND ME,
FATHER HAD TWO MOUTHFULS THEN WENT OFF TO BED TILL TEA.
I TRIED TO LEARN MY NEW MOUTH ORGAN I ADMIT IT WAS A BIT OF A DIN,
WHEN FATHER CAME THUNDERING DOWN THE STAIRS AND THREW IT IN THE BIN.

FOR TEA WE HAD A SMALL TIN OF SALMON, TIN FRUIT, AND COLD CHRISTMAS PUD,
THIS FOOD IN THE 1940'S WAS A TREAT AND TASTED REALLY GOOD.
FATHER GOT UP AT 7.30 AND WAS OFF TO THE PUB IN A FLASH,
TO GET A FEW MORE DRINKS DOWN HIS NECK AND GET RID OF ALL HIS CASH.
GRANDAD DOSSED IN THE CHAIR A BIT, GRANNY CARRIED ON KNITTING A SCARF.
MOTHER AND I PULLED CRACKERS WHILE WARMING OUR FEET ON THE HEARTH,
THEN ON THE STROKE OF 10.30 IT WAS THE SAME EVERY YEAR,
FATHER CAME IN WITH HIS DRINKING MATES AND A LARGE CRATE OF BEER.
ONE OF HIS MATES GOT ON OUR PIANO AND RATTLED OUT CAROLS TO SING,
MOTHER MADE CHICKEN SANDWICHES, WHILE GRANNY SUCKED ON ONE OF HER WINGS.

CHRISTMAS DAYS IN THE 1940'S WAS NOTHING LIKE TODAY,
EVERYTHING WE USED THEN, NOTHING WAS THROWN AWAY.
BUT NOW THE YEARS HAVE FLOWN BYE AND THERE IS MORE TO HAVE AND SEE,
I'M SURE MY GRANDKIDS WILL HAVE MEMORIES MUCH BETTER THAN ME.

Included by kind permission of John Mander - johnnymander@gmail.com

Memorable dates down the years - January

175 years ago:- on 28th Jan 1841 that Sir Henry Morton Stanley, Welsh-born journalist and explorer of central Africa, was born. Best known for his successful search for the missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone, and for his discoveries and subsequent development in the Congo region.

125 years ago:- on 6th Jan 1891 that the world's first penalty kick was taken by Airdrieonians FC in Scotland. (The first penalty kick in the English football league was taken by Wolverhampton Wanderers later that same year, in Sept 1891.

80 years ago:- on 20th Jan 1936 that King George V of the UK died. He was succeeded by Edward VIII.

75 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1941 that Amy Johnson, pioneering British aviator, drowned in the Thames Estuary near London after bailing out of her plane, which had run out of fuel and crashed in adverse weather.

75 years ago:- on 8th Jan 1941 that Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, British army officer, died. He was founder of the Scouts and Guides movements.

60 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1956 that Elvis Presley recorded the song *Heartbreak Hotel*. It was his first single for RCA and topped the Billboard charts for seven weeks, selling more than one million copies.

50 years ago:- on 17th Jan 1966 that the album *Sounds of Silence* by Simon and Garfunkel was released.

40 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1976 that Pol Pot's communist Khmer Rouge regime proclaimed a new constitution in Cambodia and renamed the country Democratic Kampuchea. The regime collapsed in 1979.

Also 40 years ago:- on 21st Jan 1976 that the supersonic airliner Concorde went into commercial service in Britain and France.

Also 30 years ago:- on 28th Jan 1986 that the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster took place. The Challenger exploded shortly after lift-off from Cape Canaveral, killing all 7 astronauts.

15 years ago:- on 15th Jan 2001, that Wikipedia, the online collaborative encyclopaedia, was officially launched.

People and News

Birthday Celebrations - January 2016

11th Tess



*Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May the Lord bless you richly
In all that you do*

18th Gillis

18th Sue Hardcastle

20th Mya



*Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
May God Bless you and keep you
Happy Birthday to you.*

29th Ian Goodson

Remembrance - January 2016

3rd Mrs Grice - All our loved ones in God's nearer presence.

10th Mr & Mrs E. Hall - Treasured memories of dear parents & sister.

17th Mr. & Miss Johnson - In loving memory of a dear wife and mother.

In Loving memory of **Albert F.J.H. Johnson** "At rest in the Lord".

24th Phoebe Jane Braden - In loving memory and with deep gratitude for all her help to others.

31st Mrs Matthews - In memory of a loved husband.

Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them . May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Every Sunday morning at 10.00am before the morning service there is a time for quiet prayer.

All welcome. Please join us if you are able.



TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER TIME

Every Tuesday evening at 8.00pm.

A time time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Kevin. All welcome. Please join us if you are able.



League of Friends Sandwell Hospital

**WELCOME THE
DONATIONS
of BOOKS and
MAGAZINES**

**PLEASE KEEP THEM
COMING**

If you need any further information please see Madeline Page.
Thank you all very much for your generous



“Urban Catechism”

Thursdays at 7.30pm and
Sundays at 4.30pm.

Please see Neil or sign up
on the list at back of
church.

MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER TIME



West Bromwich Food Bank

The Food Bank collect and stores food ready to freely distribute to individuals or families in crisis (who cannot afford to feed themselves).

* Milk (UHT or powdered) *
Sugar (500g) * Fruit juice (carton)
Soup * Pasta sauces * Sponge
pudding (tinned) * Tomatoes
(tinned) * Cereals * Rice pudding
(tinned) * Tea Bags/instant
coffee * Instant mash potato *
Rice/pasta * Tinned meat/fish *
Tinned fruit * Jam * Biscuits or
snack bars * Or cash donation



Catechism:- a summary of the principles of Christian religion in the form of questions and answers, used for religious instruction.

Urban:- in, relating to, or characteristic of a town or city.

Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am there is a time for quiet prayer. All welcome.
Please join us if you are able.

Forthcoming Events

MY HOPE



Watch *Second Chance*, the powerful new Gospel presentation from

Billy Graham

Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 7th January and Saturday 9th January @7.30pm in church

The short film includes moving life stories of success and second chances from Rend Collective lead vocals Chris Llewellyn, Ebola doctor Nathalie MacDermott and pro-skateboarder Brian Sumner brought up in Liverpool.



Wesley Church

West Bromwich
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Monday 15th – Saturday 20th February 2016
at 7.30 p.m.

at Wesley Church, High Street, West Bromwich



Our own Sue Hardcastle performs once again in the Wesley pantomime. This time as the Empress of China

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