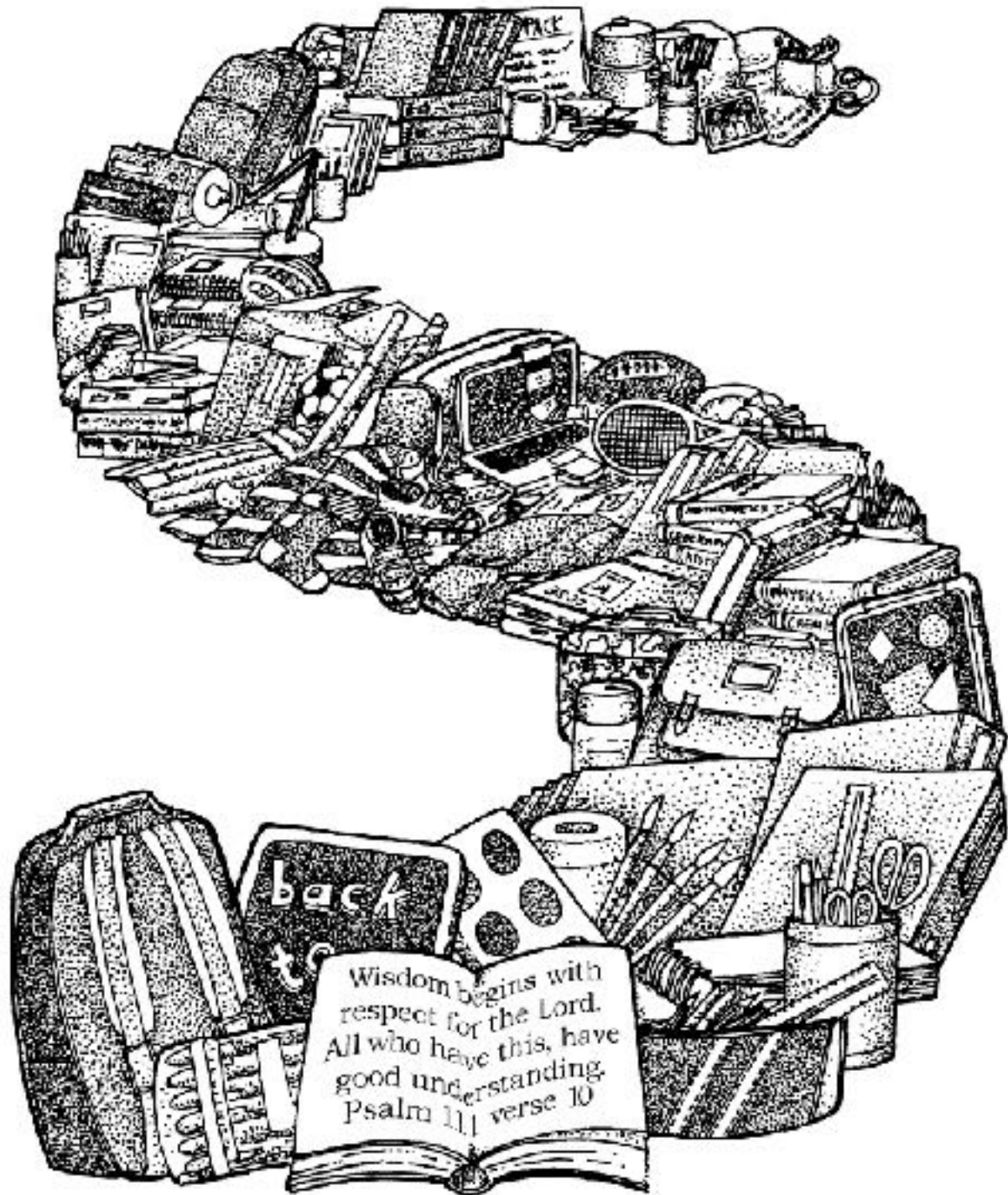


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Sunday Services

10.30am	All-Age Service	1st Sunday of month
	Holy Communion	2nd and 4th Sundays
	Service of the Word	3rd Sunday of month and 5th of 5 week months
6.30pm	Holy Communion	1st and 3rd Sundays
	Evening Prayer	2nd and 4th Sundays and 5th of 5 week months
1.00pm	Asian Calvary Church - Every Sunday	

Regular Events

Mums & Toddlers	Tuesday afternoon @ 1.15 pm
Tuesday Morning Prayer Time & Bible Study	Every Tuesday @ 9.30am
Tuesday Evening Prayer Time	Every Tuesday @ 7.30pm

Youth Groups

TNG	Wednesday @ 7.40 pm
Kids Club	Wednesday @ 6.30 pm
Messy Church	One Wednesday of month @ 7.30 pm

Social

Ladies Cake & Chat	Every Thursday @ 9.15 am. Homemade cake, toast and chat.
Social Afternoon	3rd Wednesday @ 2.00pm with gentle exercises. Cost £1.00/head .
Coffee Morning	Last Saturday of month with prayer opportunity @ 9.0 am and Toast & Chat @ 10.00 am.
Lunch Club	First Wednesday of the month @ 12.30pm

SEPTEMBER - DIARY Morning

Afternoon/Evening

Sunday Pentecost 13	3rd	10.30	All-Age Worship	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Holy Communion
Tuesday	5th	9.30	Bible study/Prayer	NO	Trinity Tots
Wednesday	6th	11.45 12.30	Holy Communion Soup lunch	NO NO	Kids Club TNG
Thursday	7th	9.30	Cake & Chat		
Sunday Pentecost 14	10th	10.30	Holy Communion	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Evening Prayer
Tuesday	12th	9.30	Bible study/Prayer	1.15	Trinity Tots
Wednesday	13th			2.00 6.30 7.40	Social Afternoon Kids Club TNG
Thursday	14th	9.30	Cake & Chat		
Sunday Pentecost 15	17th	10.30	Service of the Word	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Holy Communion
Tuesday	19th	9.30	Bible study/Prayer	1.15	Trinity Tots
Wednesday	20th			2.00 7.40	Social Afternoon + Extend TNG
Thursday	21st	9.15	School Harvest Serv.		
Sunday Pentecost 16	24th	10.30	Holy Communion	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Evening Prayer
Tuesday	26th	9.30	Bible study/Prayer	1.15 7.30	Trinity Tots Deanery Synod
Wednesday	27th			6.30 7.40	Kids Club Messy Church
Thursday	28th	9.15	Cake and Chat		
Saturday	30th	9.30 10.00	Decorating Church McMillan Coffee Morning		
Sunday Pentecost 17	Oct 1st	10.30	Harvest Festival + Lunch	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Harvest Communion

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From the Vicarage

“The world is a great book, of which they that never stir from home read only a page.” Thomas Fielding, 1824

There are so many bad news headlines these days, I can't begin to take it all in, let alone remember which countries the headlines belong to. I was suffering information overload when we booked a cheap summer holiday in Turkey. We didn't really register the failed military coup, a couple of major terrorists attacks and several smaller ones, the strained NATO relationships nor the effect that huge numbers of Syrian refugees had when they flooded the country. We left not knowing what to expect. Living there for two weeks gave me a glimpse of Turkish life and I believe there's lessons we need to take note of here.



The first impression was of stunning natural beauty, the goodness of God in creation. Vast pine forests on huge mountains, crystal clear water in sheltered coves and warmth, both of the sun and of lots of people. Isha and I took a diving course and swam at 60ft under water with loggerhead turtles and an octopus and then Gillis had a taster day and we swam near a huge eagle stingray on our last dive. I sang in my heart, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”



But then I learned the history of Turkey and about the root of the current difficulties in the country and my soul lamented, “how long oh Lord, have you forgotten your people forever?”

For 1000 years, Turkey was the place where the heart of global Christianity pulsed strongly. Faith in Christ was so deep and widespread that Turkey has been called “The other Holy Land”. It has more biblical sites than any other country in the Middle East. The Apostle Paul was from Tarsus and he travelled throughout Turkey, starting churches in Collosae and Ephesus; there were converts from Cappadocia on the day of Pentecost; the seven churches of Revelation were all in Turkey and the Apostle John was imprisoned on Patmos, a Greek island just off the coast of Turkey. From 325AD to 787AD, church councils gathered theologians and bishops from all over the Christian world to meet in Turkey to discuss theology. The Christian message was lived out and refined in Turkey. There are many well preserved archaeological discoveries which show how ingrained the life of Christ was in this part of the world.

Then, from 1299 to 1920, the Ottoman Empire dominated Turkish life and culture. The Turks were a nomadic people who had adopted Islamic faith in the 9th century AD. In 1453, Constantinople fell to the Turks and the massive Hagia Sophia (Church of Holy Wisdom) was converted into a mosque. By 1915, 78% of Turkish people were Muslim, with only 22% who followed Christ. Between 1915 and 1920, leaders of the Turkish government set in motion a plan to expel and massacre Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire. Though reports vary, most sources agree that there were about 2 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire at the time of the massacre.

By the early 1920s, when the massacres and deportations finally ended, some 1.5 million of Turkey’s Armenians were dead, and reports of the death of a further 700,000 Greek Christians, with many more forcibly removed from the country. A revolution in 1920 ended the Ottoman rule and the nation's government became secular. In 1955, a further two days of violence spread through Istanbul. Suspected non-Muslim (Greek) men were ordered to show whether or not they had been circumcised and were then killed or were circumcised by force in the street. 300,000 Greeks fled from Turkey, never to return. Today Turkey is 98.5% Muslim and the government is becoming less secular and increasingly Islamic. An American Pastor, Andrew Brunson, has lived in Turkey for 23 years with his family, but has spent the last 10 months in a crowded Turkish prison on unclear charges of insurgence.

What lessons should we learn from the history of Turkey?

God is good and his creation sings his song, his fingerprints are all over his world.

Changes come unexpectedly. At the time when Turkey was at the heart of global Christianity, no one would have expected change.

The church in Turkey needed a reformation. Europe experienced a reformation but it came too late for Turkey. The Reformation began in Europe in 1517, over sixty years after the fall of Constantinople. The Reformation was a movement of God which took the church back to the ultimate authority of the bible, rather than the authority of church tradition and ritual.

Secularism provides a vacuum of belief into which something must flow. In Turkey, Islam is slowly filling the vacuum today.

God preserves a remnant. There are around 160,000 Orthodox and Roman Catholic believers in Turkey today, out of 74 million people, with around 8000 evangelical Christians (0.01%) of the nation. I joined Fethiye Community Church, which began in 2005, for Sunday worship and a midweek prayer meeting.

We must pray for the faithfulness of the few to be a seed which grows into the largest tree in the garden. Pray for protection and for boldness for followers of Christ.

It is easy to see how great changes can occur in a country short period of time. The Christian history and life of Britain has changed in one generation beyond all recognition. There is a need for another Reformation in the church. The secular vacuum will be filled, but by which belief system? The remnant of faithful followers of Christ could grow or continue to shrink. Will we learn the lessons of Turkey? Will the stump of the tree grow new branches and become the largest tree in the garden?

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

With love

Neil

Prayers

Prayer of thanks to our Faithful Father

Faithful Father,

Thank you for your presence with us, all the time. Thank you for your goodness towards us, all the time. Thank you for the forgiveness you offer when we put our trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross, so that not even the most desperate circumstances can cut us off from you. Thank you for the on-going possibility of a new start with bright hope for each tomorrow.

Thank you, thank you Lord,
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Surely... (Gen 28:10-17)

Jacob,
schemer, deceiver, deserter.

In a bad way,
in a bad place,
in the dark
with his head on a stone,
alone.

And yet...
surely, surely,
wonderfully and certainly
that is not true!

No matter what,
no matter where,
no matter how desperate,
no matter how dark the place,
surely the Lord is here
with His forgiveness,
with His love,
with His good purpose and His plan
for Jacob – and for me.
Surely the Lord is in this place today,
if we open our eyes and ears and hearts
to that reality.

By Daphne Kitching

The Five Fingers Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you, and without it you are helpless. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, without whom you, too, would be lost. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the President of the USA, the UK Prime Minister, the national leaders in Europe, Brexit, the leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your 'pinkie' (as the Americans call it) should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



Angels Unaware_s

by Canon David Winter

One of those surveys which some newspapers love to publish claimed recently that a large number of British people believe in angels – almost as many, in fact, as claimed to believe in God. They didn't tell us what people meant by 'angels'. I suspect quite a few were thinking of young children who die, who are often now said to be 'angels' 'up there'. They're not, of course. They are transformed human beings. Be that as it may, when Christians celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels later this month, there will be many of us, inside and outside churches, who will wonder exactly what or who we are celebrating.

Most simply, the word in the New Testament means 'messenger'. An 'angel' is a being who brings to us God's message or his help. In the Bible angels are variously described. The familiar notion of wings and flight comes from a vision given to Isaiah in the Temple when he was being called as a prophet. The angel Gabriel, who told Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah, is not described at all, but his words are recorded in detail. Angels speak to people in dreams (Joseph, the husband of Mary, for instance) and Jesus spoke of 'angels' who particularly care for children ('guardian angels').



Most people, even very devout ones, have never knowingly encountered an angel, I guess. However, the New Testament tells us that in 'showing hospitality to strangers' some of us have 'entertained angels without knowing it'. Clearly wings and eyes of flame are not obligatory. Just human care. 'Oh, go on, be an angel and make me a cup of tea!'

This Harvest, could your church support the Mustard Seed Appeal as part of your celebrations? If you would like to host a collection in a service, or hold an event, please go to: <https://www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-resources> for resources to support your activity. We run this article long, but you may of course cut it to suit your available space. There are visuals to go with this – please find them under the Illustrations.

Mustard Seed Appeal - bringing hope to those in debt

This Harvest, the Archbishop of Canterbury is asking churches to support the Mustard Seed Appeal, set up last year to respond to the desperate growing debt problem that so many in the UK are facing.

At present, about 600,000 families are spending more on repaying debts than on food. One in four adults have less than £500 saved to cover an emergency. Nearly nine million adults are over-indebted, but only one in six are currently seeking help.

The impact of financial distress can be devastating, creating stress and anxiety, hardship and hopelessness. Relationships, family life and mental health suffer as people become stuck in a spiral of debt and end up spending more of their income on paying back loans. Without support, people become vulnerable to loan sharks and pay-day lenders.

In 2016 the Archbishop of Canterbury's Mustard Seed Appeal was set up to respond to this desperate need and to launch the Just Finance Foundation. Archbishop Justin's vision for a fairer financial system is inspired by the parable Jesus told where a tiny seed grows into something big. Your donation is helping to sow seeds of hope.

The money that is raised through the Mustard Seed Appeal will help to fund the Just Finance Foundation's two streams of work. The aim is to both help people already in financial crisis, and to create a new generation who can manage money wisely.

More details at: <https://www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-appeal>

‘England’s Rose’

This month marks 20 years since the funeral of Princess Diana on 6th September 1997. Recently Prince William described how his mother’s death was like an earthquake, the shockwaves taking time to sink in. When we remember the days leading up to the funeral, the whole nation seemed touched by her death. Over 32 million people watched the funeral on television. As we look back to this event, what is its continuing significance?



As those made in the image of God, we are called to reach out to show love to others. *‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’* (1 John 4:7). Princess Diana did this, especially the vulnerable in our society, remembering especially her work with AIDS sufferers and landmine victims. However, she was also a flawed individual, who fought various ‘demons’ in her own life and struggled with relationships. People identified with her humanity as *one like us*: fallible, weak yet more than good enough.

There is always something powerful about vulnerability in others; we can identify with them because, like us, they don’t have it all together. God uses flawed people in his purposes, as we clearly see in the pages of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David and Paul, to mention just a few!

Ironically, Mother Theresa died the day before Diana’s funeral. Again, she was somebody who was much loved for her work among the poor. However, despite being declared a saint last year, she openly talked about the vulnerability of her faith. Mother Teresa revealed that she spent nearly 50 years without a tangible feeling of God’s presence in her life! It’s not easy to be a perfect saint!

‘I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.’ (Princess Diana).

Canon David Winter considers our need to look for a villain...

THE WAY I SEE IT: The Blame Game

‘It’s her fault!’ That, along with ‘it’s not fair!’ is among the first sentences most children learn. Something’s been broken, someone’s in tears, and the Blame Game has begun. The awful truth is, we don’t grow out of it. Look at any newspaper or watch daytime television and you’ll see it played out endlessly.

Years ago, a battle-hardened journalist told me that ‘in news there are no accidents’. Of course, in fact there are. But after every well-publicised incident the media and aggrieved parties ensure that the endless hunt for someone – anyone – to blame and punish goes on, even if it takes years.

When the tower in Siloam fell, the crowds didn’t ask Jesus who was to blame (they simply assumed it was an ‘act of God’). They wanted to know if the 18 victims were particular sinners, to suffer such a fate. No, he said, they weren’t – though they should all amend their ways. The crowd weren’t concerned with blame, but consequence. It sometimes seems we’ve reversed that, in the modern world, and replaced consequence with blame. Somehow it will all be better if someone is punished – or is made to pay heavy compensation.

Every time we say the Lord’s Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but add ‘as we forgive those who sin against us’. It may well be their fault, but we are not seeking a penalty for it. That seems a healthy, if radical, alternative to the Blame Game

This is based on an article by Nell Goddard on Jane Austen and the new £10 note. Nell was writing for the LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.)

On the Money

The new £10 note has provoked some disgruntled comments from Jane Austen fans. For it comes with an odd quotation from *Pride & Prejudice*: ‘I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!’

What’s wrong with that? Well, within the context of the book, those words were spoken to deceive. The simpering Caroline Bingley was only trying to woo Mr Darcy, whom she knew loved reading. Caroline Bingley actually hated reading!

So these words, now printed on thousands of £10 notes, are a prime example of ‘proof-texting’. This is the practice of taking isolated, out-of-context quotations from a document to establish a proposition which may not reflect the original intent of the author.

What about us? How often do we so focus on finding a comforting biblical quotation that we forget to consider the context? Take a prime example: Jeremiah 29:11, much loved for its cuddly promises that God has in mind great plans that will benefit us. (It was Bible Gateway’s second most popular verse in 2016.)

Yes, God spoke them to comfort Israel, but what was actually happening at the time? Israel had sinned greatly, and so God had let her be taken into exile in Babylon. She had 70 years of captivity, exile and hardship ahead of her. And now God commanded Israel not to expect immediate blessing, but instead to seek peace and prosperity for Babylon. She should pray for her enemies, who had taken her captive.

So – in practice, the words of Jeremiah 29:11 are a challenge as well as a blessing. Israel will not be rescued right away, she needs to accept her current situation so totally that she prays for those difficult people around her. She must be patient. BUT – God *does* promise that it will ultimately work out for her blessing. He has in no way abandoned her.

For us, it is perhaps a call to commit to the place in which God has put us, whatever that is, and to ‘go all in’, to seek to build up the people around us, and accept the difficulties and limitations. We can then know that God will bless us, in his perfect timing.

Going back to Austen – perhaps there really is no enjoyment like reading ... quotes in context!

Pete Rowe's Desert Island Discs.

How would I cope alone on an island ? I.O.W. (isle of Wight) fine, but the editor said no way Peter, it has to be a desert island.



So for my luxury items a sharp knife, an axe, fishing line and hooks. I will have to rely on my military army training during two years National Service, most of the time spent in Germany 1953 - 1955 (July).

My choice of discs which I only ever knew as 78 rpm records were played on Mom and Dad's wind up gramophone player. They were both big fans of Bing Crosby and my earliest recollection (1941-42) was of Bing singing **Don't Fence Me In** which is my first choice.

My number two from the same era, The Ink Spots singing **I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire**. Every time we played that record Dad would say "No, Hitler's was trying to do that". Many of you reading this will never have heard of The Ink Spots who were from America but they were very popular from the 1930's until the late 1950's. Check them out on YouTube.

Before my third choice just a little about my family. Mom and Dad of course, and I am the eldest of two younger brothers all born before WW2 and one sister born after WW2. We lived in a two up two down house with an outside WC. Friday night was tin bath night but we missed a few Fridays because of air raids. Many a night spent in an air raid shelter in a local builders yard. Dad had a reserved occupation which meant he was exempt from military service. He was out most nights as a volunteer fire watcher. Spent many nights in air raid shelters with my brothers and mom worrying where dad was. He had quite a few stories to tell helping to put out fires caused by incendiary bombs.

My 3rd and 4th choices are big bands with no vocals. **Intermission Riff** by Ted Heath and **In The Mood** by Joe Loss. Why? Before the Beatles etc we danced to big bands at The Tower Ballroom, Edgbaston with Cliff Deely as the resident band. Dancing included Bebop, Jive, Ballroom and Rock and Roll. On Sunday nights we danced to live big bands at The Odeon, Warley. HAPPY DAYS!

Choice numbers 5 and 6 has to be Frank Sinatra. I became a Sinatra fan when I was 16. So many songs and a super voice. Choice No5 **Come Fly With Me** followed by No6 **It Was A Very Good Year**. I went to see Frank at the Birmingham Hippodrome in July 1953 and he was absolutely brilliant. I still have the original programme. One week later the Government sent me away for two years, but thats another story.

Choice 7 is by Tom Jones. **It's Not Unusual**. First saw Tom at The Cedar Club in Birmingham. The night before was his first appearance on Sunday Night at The London Palladium - April 1966.

Choice No8 is Frank Sinatra. Told you I am a big fan. So is Carole and we both love this one **Strangers In The Night**.

My thanks to Colin for the opportunity of sharing my DID.

God Bless

Peter

David Partridge will be next up in October magazine, followed by the Editor in November and the return of JP in December when the series ends. Hope you're enjoying it.

Tennis Mirrors Christian Life

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

As I write this my eyes are glued to the TV watching the Wimbledon 2004 Women's finals match between Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova. Williams is trying for her third Wimbledon Championship. For Sharapova, at age 17, this is her first time in the finals. In the first set, Sharapova cleans Serena's clock at 6-1, the first time that's ever happened to athletic Serena in a match such as this. Serena is on her heels. But now into the second set, Sharapova is faltering and Serena is regaining her poise.

As I watch this tremendous battle on Center Court, I can't help but think that in some ways this tennis match mirrors life. I played varsity tennis for four years in high school, so I know a bit of what goes on during a match.

Several parallels come to mind. First, tennis is filled with errors. Most every serve, nearly every volley will end in a point attributable to someone's mistake. Mistakes are part of the game. The very best players make mistakes. But winners learn how to deal with their own lack of perfection — in spite of years of practice — and still go on.

Second, it isn't over 'til it's over. A tennis match requires two winning sets before the game is complete. You can blow the first set and still get your legs under you again. It's hard, but you can do it. You can come back in the second and third sets and still win. Earlier this week, Serena was down a set, and rallied to win. Don't give up just because you lost the first round.

Third, mental toughness is just as important — even more important — than raw talent and skill. If you get down on yourself, if you lose your focus, if you lose your confidence that you can win this game, it is fatal. I know what it feels like to win, as well as the extreme frustration of losing to someone who isn't as skilled as I. It requires mental toughness to come back from being battered down by an opponent.

As I write, I can't keep my eyes off the televised game. Sharapova keeps up her amazing accuracy and hammering baseline shots. The match finishes — 6-1, 6-4 — and Maria Sharapova unseats the champion in two sets. With graciousness Serena congratulates her winning opponent.

Which brings me to a fourth point — there is another day. Whether we win or lose today, the world isn't over. Life goes on. You may have been beaten down by life. You may have been crushed by circumstances. Satan may have played to your weak side and gotten the better of you. But don't give up. Don't quit. Perseverance is vital to the Christian life — steadfastness, the will to continue even against the odds.

Fortunately, life is *not* like tennis is one singular point. When you are playing a singles match, you're on your own. But in the Game of Life, Christ is with you. The Holy Spirit is present to strengthen you. Your Christian brothers and sisters are rooting for you and there to encourage you in the fray. You are *not* alone. Draw on the resources God has given you. Don't be a foolish loner.

I think of the Apostle Paul who saw many spiritual victories, but went through depression, beatings, deprivation, prison, shipwreck, betrayal, and abandonment. Near the end of his life, he wasn't looking back in bitterness, but forward in hope.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Don't give up. Don't quit. You live to fight another day with Christ at your side. And you — with Christ — *will* prevail! Count on it! I read the last chapter of the Book. We win!

<http://www.joyfulheart.com>

Interesting and cool facts

1	Chewing on gum while cutting onions can help a Person from stop producing tears. Try it next time you chop onions!
2	Until babies are six months old, they can breathe and swallow at the same time. Indeed convenient!
3	Male mosquitoes are vegetarians. Only females bite.
4	To find out if a watermelon is ripe, knock it, and if it sound hollow Then it is ripe.
5	It snowed in the Sahara Desert in February of 1979.
6	Plants watered with warm water grow larger and more quickly than plants watered with cold water.
7	Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
8	Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave.
9	Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears Never stop growing.
10	There is a hotel in Sweden built entirely out of ice; it is rebuilt Every year.
11	Cats, camels and giraffes are the only animals in the world that walk Right foot, right foot, left foot, left foot, rather than Right foot,Left foot.....
12	The sound you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually the sound of Nitrogen gas bubbles bursting.
13	Leonardo DA Vinci could write with the one hand and draw with the other simultaneously. Now we know why his pictures were exquisite!
14	Names of the three wise monkeys are: Mizaru (See no evil), Mikazaru (Hear no evil), and Mazaru (Speak no evil).
15	Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child Reaches 2-6 years of age
16	Electricity doesn't move through a wire but through a field around the wire.
17	All U.S. Presidents have worn glasses; some of them just didn't like to be seen wearing them in public.
18	No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

We continue our column that looks at memorable dates in the month (this time, September) down the years.

All in the month of SEPTEMBER

250 years ago: on 4th Sept 1767 that Charles Townshend, British politician, died. Chancellor of the Exchequer (1766-67) whose taxation of imports into the British colonies in North America led to the American Revolution.

150 years ago: on 4th Sept 1867 that Sheffield Wednesday Football Club was founded.

80 years ago: on 21st Sept 1937 that J R R Tolkien's novel *The Hobbit* was published.

75 years ago: on 21st Sept 1942 that the Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber made its first flight.

70 years ago: on 8th Sept 1947 that the Treaty of Dunkirk came into effect. It was a Treaty of Alliance and Mutual Assistance between Britain and France against a possible attack from Germany following WWII

65 years ago: on 6th Sep 1952 that the Farnborough Air Crash took place in Hampshire. A de Havilland fighter jet broke apart and fell into the crowd, killing 31 people.

60 years ago: on 4th Sept 1957 that the Wolfenden Report was published in Britain. It recommended that homosexual behaviour between consenting adults in private should no longer be a criminal offence. (Homosexuality was decriminalised in England and Wales in 1967, in Scotland in 1980 and in Northern Ireland in 1982.)

50 years ago: on 1st Sept 1967 that Siegfried Sassoon, British poet, writer and soldier, died. He was one of the leading poets of WW1, particularly known for his anti-war poetry and autobiographical works.

Also 50 years ago: on 30th Sept 1967 that the BBC reorganised its radio network. BBC Radio 1 was launched; the BBC Light Programme became BBC Radio 2; the BBC Third Programme and BBC Music Programme were merged and became Radio 3; and the BBC Home Service became Radio 4.

40 years ago: on 18th Sept 1977 that NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft sent back the first-ever photograph of the Earth and Moon together in a single image.

25 years ago: on 16th Sept 1992 that the Black Wednesday sterling crisis took place. Britain crashed out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), raised interest rates from 10% to 15%, and spent billions of pounds buying up sterling that was being frantically disposed of on international financial markets.

20 years ago: on 1st Sept 1997 that French investigators revealed that Henri Paul, the driver of the car in which Princess Diana was fatally injured, had been nearly three times over the French drink-drive limit and had also been speeding.

Also 20 years ago: on 5th Sept 1997 that Mother Teresa of Calcutta died. She was a Macedonian-born Albanian Indian nun and humanitarian. She founded the Missionaries of Charity and was winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. Beatified October 2003.

Also 20 years ago: on 6th Sept 1997 that the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, took place in Westminster Abbey, London.

Also 20 years ago: on 29th Sept 1997 that scientists announced they had established a link between BSE (mad cow disease) and the human brain disease vCJD.

15 years ago: on 6th Sept 2002 that the US Congress convened in New York City to honour victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks of 2001. It was the first time Congress had convened outside Washington DC since 1790.

10 years ago: on 29th Sept 2007 that the world's first commercial nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was demolished. It operated from 1956 to 2003.

Smile Lines

Heaven

An elderly Anglican Archbishop and an elderly Roman Catholic Cardinal died within minutes of each other. They arrived at the Pearly Gates together and St Peter ushered them into a waiting room.

An hour or so later, they heard someone else arrive at the gates, and looked out to see a very young man wander in, looking rather surprised. But St Peter welcomed him with open arms, and ushered him straight on through into Heaven. When the Archbishop and Cardinal protested that they should have precedence, St Peter explained, 'That young man has only been driving for six months, but in that short time he has put the fear of God into more people than both of your Graces have, in your whole lives.'

Giving thanks

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals. Then he would ask the blessing. One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, 'Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?'

'Why, of course,' he replied. 'He hears us every time we pray.'

She pauses on this a moment, and asked, 'Does He hear everything we say the rest of the time?'

'Yes, dear, every word,' he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters.

However, his pride was quickly turned to humility when she asked: 'Then which time does God believe you?'

Church service

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the minister asked the man where he had gone. 'I went to get a haircut,' was the reply.

'But,' said the minister, 'why didn't you do that before the service?'

'Because,' the gentleman said, 'I didn't need one then.'

Here's a different type of cross word for you

Across

1. To strike with fist
2. & Judy (puppets)
3. Small shire horse bred in Suffolk
4. A mixed drink, often in a bowl
5. A metal drift for making holes

Down

1. Small vegetables
2. Female sheep (plural)
3. Farmyard birds
4. Small Oceans
5. Dropped by some

1	2	3	4	5
2				
3				
4				
5				

Can you match the collective name to its correct subject?

For example:- A Flock of Sheep, A Herd of Cows

SUBJECTS

- BISHOPS
- CANONS
- DEANS
- DONS
- MESSENGERS
- PREACHERS
- UNDERTAKERS

NAME FOR A GROUP

- BENCH
- CHAPTER
- CONVERTING
- DECORUM
- DILIGENCE
- UNCTION
- OBSTRUCTION

Who did it?

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together in Scotland. One was a solicitor, one a doctor, and the other a minister. After many hours on the moorland, they found a stag and all three of them shot at it simultaneously. The stag dropped, and they rushed over to see it. To their surprise, instead of three bullet holes, there was only one. And so, a debate began as to whose bullet had shot the deer.

'It was me,' said the doctor. 'It is very neat; there is little blood.'

'No, it was me,' said the solicitor, 'it was a very complicated shot, with an expensive bullet.'

'No,' said the minister sadly, 'I'm afraid it was me. Look – you can tell that the bullet went straight in one ear and straight out the other.'

People and News

Birthday Celebrations - September 2017

6th Ruth

14th Amanda

14th Kelly



Happy Birthday to you

Happy Birthday to you

May God Bless you and keep you

Happy Birthday to you.

Happy Birthday to you

To Jesus be true

May the Lord bless you richly

In all that you do

Remembrance - September 2017

3rd Cutler - In loving memory of George Cutler who died May 7th 1966 aged 66 years. 'The beloved husband of Mabel, and dear father of George and Frederick.' "At rest in the Lord."

In loving memory of Mabel Francis Cutler dear wife of George who died 28th March 1981. "A Dear Mother At Rest and Reunited.

10th Fenton - In loving memory of Lily Fenton who was killed in a road accident on February 24th 1966 aged 70 years. The beloved wife of the late Herbert and dear mother of Bert. "At peace in God's nearer Presence.

17th Holden - In loving memory of Florence Holden who was killed in a road accident on February 24th 1966 aged 65 years. The beloved wife William Edward and dear mother of Donald, Duncan and Tom. "At peace in God's nearer Presence.

24th Roberts - In loving memory of my dear husband Harry Roberts who died suddenly on November "God Bless"

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.

Prayer for those in church who are ill or who can no longer join us in worship

Father ,

We pray for those who are hurting in our church family today. Lord, some have minor health problems while others have some very serious ones. We pray that You will be with them and heal them, Father. You are the Great Healer and we believe in Your power to heal! Lord, please give peace to those who are in the midst of serious health issues. Father, we pray that they turn to You and know that You are right there beside them in their time of crisis. May Your will be done in their lives this day. Amen

Regular Prayer Times and Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Prayer

Every morning at 10.00 am. prior to the morning service.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Prayer and Bible Study run by Chris Pegler at 9.30am.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Prayer

A time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Ian and Kevin at different venues @ 7.30pm.

Midweek Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am in church for a time of quiet prayer.

McMillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 30th September
10.00am - 12.00am



Come and join us for tea/coffee toast and fellowship.
Bric-a-brac and book stalls. All donations and money collected
donated to monthly just cause.

West Bromwich Food Bank - now facing an ever increasing demand. If you would like to donate any of the items below please leave them at the back of church and we will deliver them.

In July Liz plus helpers delivered 19.70 kg of goods to West Bromwich Community Church in Victoria Street. There is also a need for toiletries and cleaning products. Thank you very much to everyone who has donated money or goods. All goes to help people struggling in these difficult times. Please continue the good work.

* 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



David Partridge with help from Lauren, Amanda and Helen are endeavouring to start a music group to lead our morning services. If you are interested in joining such a group and can play an instrument or enjoy singing please talk to David, Lauren, Amanda or Helen. It would be great to see a regular music group again in church.



Books and Magazines donations - for the volunteers of League of Friends at Sandwell Hospital. Your donations are sold in the hospital and help support the parking costs of the volunteers. Please see Madeline Page if you would like to donate or need further information.



June Coffee Morning - the Coffee Morning in June raised almost £50 which this month is going to Barnabas Fund.

Forthcoming Events



The Schools Life Exhibition Holy Trinity Church - w/c 5th November

The Life Exhibition is a multi-media experience designed for primary school children which complements and works alongside existing RE teaching. Using interactive tablets, QR codes, graphics, quizzes, films, songs and a discussion café, *Life* helps children learn – in just over one hour – about the story of Jesus and his relevance today. It is aimed at KS2 children, although sessions can be shortened to include children in YR3.

8 schools will attend during the week and Holy Trinity will require teams to host and welcome visitors to our church. Opening times will be 9.30am - 3.30pm and the church will be open in the evening.

Last year The Life Exhibition was extremely successful and hopefully will be again this year. Training sessions will be given before the start of the Exhibition so please don't be afraid to volunteer. You will not be on your own.



Holy Trinity Church
Family Weekend Away
November 24th - 26th November
Quinta Christian Centre
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