

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2018

Dear Friends

It's very seldom that anyone comments on what I write in the Gt. Staughton and Perry Life! This month it was different, I missed the deadline and my contribution failed to appear. I have been late before but one of the editors has held the page and given me a reminder. Not this month so instead of my words of wisdom there is a different page. So sorry to all of you who look and read.

So here I produce what should have been in for Easter.

The Most Important Question in the World

The brilliant professor of philosophy at London University, C.E.M. Joad, was not a Christian. He was asked on a radio programme, 'If you could meet any person from the past and ask them just one question, whom would you meet and what question would you ask?'

Professor Joad answered without hesitation: 'I would meet Jesus Christ and ask him *the most important question in the world* – "Did you or did you not rise from the dead?"'

There came a day in Professor Joad's life when he assessed the evidence, encountered Jesus himself and wrote a book called, *Recovery of Belief*. If Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, this changes everything.

When the New Testament writers speak of God's love they point to the cross. When they speak of God's power they point to the resurrection. God's 'incomparably great power' was 'exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead'. The risen Jesus says to His disciples, 'All authority (*all power to rule*) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me' (Matthew 28:18, AMP).

The resurrection means that the risen Jesus is present with you now. Jesus continues, 'I am with you always' (v.20).

The result of the resurrection is not only His power and His presence but also his provision.

I do pray that you all may know this Easter that Jesus is Risen.

If you think you can do better and meet the deadline please volunteer I will very happy to pass the task on! What is needed is a Christian content and update on meetings in Church.

Tony

Sunday Services 10.30am each week.

1st Rev David Taylor. 8th Liz Herrington

15th Rev John Martin. 22nd Rachel Carron.

29th Godmanchester Team.

Fellowship evening, Home Group Thursdays at 7.30pm.

5th & 19th 31 Roundhouse Drive.

12th & 26th 24 Glebe Road.

Continuing our look at the Minor Prophets.

Friendship Circle 2.30pm in Church Monday 23rd April.

Carpet Kurling. Please come and support this meeting both Ladies and Men invited. I hope the kurling stones run straighter and truer than the carpet bowls did!

Buckden and District Churches Together

Study lunch 9th April at 12.30 in Methodist Hall.

This month speaker Rev Pam Siddall

Coffee morning 28th April from 10.30 am to 12.30pm.

By kind invitation of David and Ann Burditt 14 Blythe Green.

Prayer Diary for April 2018

1st Christ is Risen Hallelujah let us thank God for our means of salvation bought at great cost yet free for us by God's Grace.

2nd Ted & Marjorie Wady

3rd Roger Watkins

4th Tony & Cilla Whitlock

5th David and Ann Burditt

6th Lara and John Campbell

7th Audrey Clarke

8th Joyce Denman

9th Stephen & Grace Draper

10th David & Dorothy Haines

11th David Hawthorne

12th Joyce Jones

13th Pearl & Brian Lanham

14th Pauline Moody

15th Anne and Mac Macaskill

16th Viola Powell 17th Our Regional Minister Beth Powney

and the National Settlement Team that seeks to match

Churches and Ministers.

18th Mary Mullis

19th Iris Mumford

20th Betty Presland

21st Howard & Ann Purser

22nd Pam Sear

23rd Marjorie & Doug Smith

24th Bob & Joyce Stammers

25th Dave & Sue Stone

26th Amanda Tyrrell & Paul.

27th Ken & Marlene Turner

28th David & Kathleen Taylor

29th Jan & David Usher

Each day please remember those who are ill. Our Moderator, Deacons, Preachers and the future Ministry of the Church. Tony

Next Newsletter 29th April 2018

Members meeting & AGM

The minutes from these meetings will soon be available on the website. For access please ask Joyce Stammers.

Just one note if you see the offering bag passing by some of the Congregation it is because they give by standing order. We currently have six standing orders that go straight into the Bank. A good way to make sure you don't forget and also thanks to everyone who when away make up their offerings the next time they come to Church. We have to remember that the Church meets every week and the bills have to be paid.

Also, we thank David Hawthorne for volunteering to clean the Church for us.

Next Church meeting: Wednesday 4th July.

Ann's Story

“I hope the Lord has brought you here. Because if not, you might as well go back now.”

Ann Bothamley heard these words towards the end of a very long journey. She'd been travelling by boat and train for weeks and most certainly wasn't going back. The Lord had brought her to India and he had brought her for life. The year was 1968 and Ann was at the start of her service as a BMS World Mission nurse. She'd worked in Glasgow and London and was now on her way to Vellore. Fifty years on, Ann remains in this loud, beautiful, vibrant city, still serving, and still showing people what Christ's love looks like.

I visited Ann recently with one of my colleagues. Ann drove us around in her jeep, showing us the vast hospital in which she provides pastoral care for patients, and the hostel she founded many years ago for children of mission doctors. When she took a moment to sit down and rest, Ann thought back to when, as a child after Sunday School one day, she said: “I've decided I want to follow Jesus.” Ann has been following Jesus ever since. As we prepare to remember our Lord's death and resurrection, I encourage you to read Ann's reflections on her life as a BMS worker.

I've been inspired by them. And I think you will be too.

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Ann's story can be found at

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/>

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