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**Hello, and welcome to our magazine. I hope you find something to inspire you in this issue.**

One thing I discovered early on in my ministry training was that hymns can convey truth in a way sermons cannot. We retain what we sing especially when we have been taught these songs from a young age.

The Hum: ‘*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*’ has been going through my mind a lot of late especially the constant refrain “**take it to the Lord in prayer**”. Through all the trials, sufferings, doubts and temptations in this world, we can leave them with the Lord who has broad shoulders to carry them. In return, he gives us his peace and encouragement and comfort. To do this requires faith. We make faith into a complicated business but faith is in fact a simple trust in the one who made us and knows us like no one else. How do we develop such trust? I have been challenged lately about this and it seems to me that I need to develop the habit of leaning on God for everything. It is so easy to trust in our own wisdom and experience, but that will only take us so far along the road of Christ-like obedience and trust. When we learn to depend on our Lord, and realise that is what he wants us to do as he is our loving father, then the love and peace that he wants us to have in our hearts can come and live within us. Whatever we are going through, may the Lord help us to trust him.

In many respects, October seems to be a quiet month as so many of our folk are away at some point or other. A highlight for me is going to be the *Small Churches Day* on **8<sup>th</sup> October** at **Stoke Saint Gregory Baptist Church**. Catherine Morgan will share her experiences both as a small Church Pastor and a mission advisor for the Baptist Union to help us think about how we can become beacons of light and hope in our communities. Later in the day, Nigel Manges, our Regional Minister will lead a session on ‘*7 Small Church Choices*’ that can help us become flourishing communities of faith. I hope to have plenty to report back for the November issue.

May you all know the peace of Christ as you put your trust in him.

Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**

*Two little Baptist birds in a wood,  
Were singing their hymns as loud as they could,  
They couldn't work out what the words did mean,  
But they felt they were doing them a power of good. !!!*

If you're like me you'll enjoy your Sunday visit to church all the better when some of your favourite hymns are included in the service. But, as my friend pointedly asks, do we really listen to what we sing?

We sing “Onward Christian soldiers”—but we have to be press-ganged into service.

We sing “Tell me the old, old story”—but are seldom there to hear it.

We sing “Take my silver and my gold”—but put our small change in the plate.

We sing “O for a thousand tongues”—but fail to use the one we have.

We sing “I need Thee every hour”—but grumble about spending one in church.

We sing “What a friend we have in Jesus”—but turn to Him only when we're in a jam.

We sing “I'm not ashamed to own my Lord”—but wouldn't dream of mentioning the fact outside the church.

We sing “Rise up, O men of God”—and lie in bed till twelve on Sunday mornings!

Honestly, now—do you really mean it...?

#### Bible Reading Notes

For about 5 or 6 years Gerald and I have either collected or received the Bible reading notes from Good Books in Bridport. While we were members of the Baptist Church it was easy to hand them out to those who enjoy using them. Since going to the parish church I have done the paper work and Gerald has been the delivery boy. The time has come for us to hand over this work to a member of the Baptist Church. It is not a difficult or big

job for a Baptist Church member. The bible notes are sent by post so no travelling is required. Someone is required to take this on as from October, for the 9 persons concerned.

Please contact Sheila Gould 01884 38105.

## **Homes and Gardens.**

A very big thank you to all who support this again. It is such an important part of our giving to Home Mission. I really do appreciate those who willing, I think, open their homes and provide delicious food.

I have been organising this for many years and so I would like to think that someone else might take it over, and maybe even come up with a new idea for the summer. This summer was particularly difficult for me as we were so busy on the Park, also Norman not being able to drive and me very tired. So please, make this an item of prayer.

Freda.



## **Church Diary *Welcome!***

You are welcome to join in any of our activities. Newcomers to the town and holiday visitors are particularly welcome.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Services are at 10.30 on a Sunday morning. Evening services are held in the schoolroom at 6.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month. We have a regular Morning Sunday School. Children take part in the 10.30 service before going to their own activity. Please join us after the service for coffee in the Hall.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham
	pm	<i>No evening service.</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	am	Dr. Adrian Bailey
16 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham— <i>Communion</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham
30 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham

### **House Group**

Monday group, 10.30 am, venues will be announced.  
Tuesday group, next meeting Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. 7.00 pm, at 23 Pear Drive Willand.

### **Prayer Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat  
of month

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 am in vestry.

### **Meeting Point Coffee Morning**

Fridays 10 to 11.30 am in schoolroom. Pastor Glen will be there to listen, advise or discuss any problem privately during coffee time.

### **Computer Drop in**

Last Fri  
of month

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October during coffee morning. For help or advice. Bring your laptop or tablet.

### **Lunch Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri  
of month

12.30 pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. To book phone Margaret 01392 881633.

### **Fairtrade**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat  
of month

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October morning, in schoolroom.

### **Baltic Evening**

28<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. Marilyn's Cruise Memories.

### **Summertime**

29<sup>th</sup> October: ends tomorrow. Put back clocks on hour tonight.

