



KAY STREET NEWS

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Happy Birthday

Summer is the time for birthdays! At least it is as far as I'm concerned!

My sister and I both have June birthdays and we have children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces who also enjoy summer birthdays. Over the years there have been parties in the garden, the park, and last year we celebrated my sister's 70th with a large family picnic at Martin Mere.

Children like birthdays, looking forward to them and proudly telling people how old they are. As we get older some of us prefer to forget them and don't want to acknowledge the passing years. Although there does seem to be a point where people start to tell you their age again! (somewhere round about 80 I think!)

Birthdays celebrate the anniversary of our birth. The Bible talks about the need to be born again – we can all have a second birthday!

In John chapter 3 Jesus tells Nicodemus that in order to enter the kingdom of God he must be born again. As Jesus explains what He means by this, He uses the familiar words we find in verse 16:

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Believing in Jesus, receiving His forgiveness is what is needed to start a new life – to be born again.

Summer is also when we celebrate the birthday of the church – at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to those who believe,

just as Jesus promised. His Spirit lives in all who receive His salvation – all who are born again.

My June birthday this year wasn't a “significant” one but last year my second birthday in September was, it marked 60 years since I gave my life to Jesus and began my new life as a child of The Kingdom – a life that is eternal.

I am so glad I have 2 birthdays! Are you?

So whenever your birthday falls, have a good one but don't miss out on the best birthday ever - being “born again”.

Allyson Jump on behalf of Matt, Jonny, Jess and the Deacons.

From Kathryn

Thank you to everyone for your support in my new step with Mercy Ships.

The kindness and generosity I have experienced from you all through prayer, scripture, finance and more has been overwhelming and very humbling.

I will keep you all up to date what is happening and look forward to coming back next summer to share with you all. I will be praying for you all at Kay Street while I am away.

God bless

Kathryn

Mercy Ships

The Africa Queen, with Kathryn on board, will stay in the port of Dacca for ten months.

There they hope to -

Provide up to 1350 free, life changing surgeries on board, including up to 55 paediatric surgeries, as well as evaluate and treat between 2000 and 3000 for eye conditions and diseases.

Treat thousands of patients at a land based dental clinic to prevent future health problems. They will offer free dental treatments such as restorations, extractions, cleaning and basic dental instructions.

Offer training and mentoring to hundreds of local health care professionals through a wide range of courses on essential surgical skills, obstetrics, anaesthesia, trauma care and more.



The Good Zacchaeus

The Amazon river, the thirsty town and the missionary money collector.

The missionary smiles as she collects money from the people of La Union, Nauta. This is a thirsty community surrounded by water. Nauta sits on the banks of the Marañon River, a tributary of the Amazon, but its water is not safe to drink. And for the neighbourhood of La Union, the water is even more dangerous. The community gets water from wells, contaminated by run-off from nearby latrines. It's impossible to feel safe when the water you're drinking could kill you. It's a life lived with unavoidable risk. But the missionary pockets the money, says thank you, and moves on to the next house.

Her name is Laura-Lee Lovering. The money collector. She's been in Peru for eight years. She is a BMS World Mission worker serving at a community and theology facility called Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre (NIMTC). A BMS-founded centre that, apart from all the theological and practical training it provides, helps the community of La Union feel safer. Laura-Lee and our local partners knew they had to work with the people of La Union to get them clean water. So they dug a new well together. A clean one, one they knew would be safe to drink. For the first time, people in La Union had water piped into their homes, and they didn't have to worry about getting ill from drinking dangerous water. A community water committee was created to ensure the new system was properly looked after by the people in the neighbourhood. And the committee elected Laura-Lee as their modern-day Zacchaeus.

Alejandro runs the project like it was always his. He's a retiree from La Union and Laura-Lee's right hand man on the project.

He knows how to fix things and he's there every morning turning on the water and is on hand to help with the maintenance. "Just seeing his own sense of pride and ownership of the project is so satisfying," says Laura. But you can't fix a leaking pipe with a sense of ownership alone. And that's where Laura-Lee the money collector comes in.

To keep the project sustainable, and to make sure the people of La Union never have to go back to drinking dirty water, each participating household pays a small fee into a central pot. The money contributes to maintaining the pipes and pumps, and it's cheaper than buying water from the shops. It builds a sense of ownership – the community is fully invested in the project. Literally. This is why Laura-Lee goes door-to-door and collects the payments from her neighbours. She's a good Zacchaeus, collecting money with their blessing and permission, and never taking too much. And it's helped her get to know her neighbours. She's not just going to collect their money, she's laughing with them, chatting to them. Witnessing among them.

"It's been really special to get to know the community and helping them get to know me as well," says Laura-Lee. When she's away, she knows the people of La Union won't need to go back to drinking dirty water. She knows that the project is in the capable hands of the community, of people like Alejandro, and that, with the Christian community at NIMTC there, their access to living water will never run dry.

(From BMS World Mission weekly email printed with permission)



Church Family News

Change of Address: **David Reece** has moved to Holme Manor. Please remember David and Mary in your prayers.

Amy Buffrey has moved home.

2 things for China Thank you to all who contributed to the £2,534.20 we have been able to send to this.

Olivia was dedicated on Sunday morning June 23 by Jonny Hirst. Various members of the fellowship also took part. We rejoice with **Matt & Ali** as they celebrate this very special and significant event.

Amy Lord came home from hospital on June 26 but is now back in hospital. Please continue to remember Amy in your prayers.

Prayers for Muslims in Ramadan

Thanks to everyone who took one of the Prayer guides and were able to pray for the people and situations outlined each day.

Thank you too to those who were faithful in attending the evening prayer sessions.

Please keep praying for Muslims to come to Christ.

Malcolm Cowan

Prayer Points

CAP Job Club

Give thanks:

that Linda and Jim have been accepted by CAP to restart the job club in Rawtenstall.

Please pray for:

Linda and Jim as they complete their training and establish the club

Two more volunteers to join the team

Good relationships to be developed with organisations who are able to refer people to the club

Jane as she looks to identify possible clients who might benefit

Good relationships with the local churches

The right people to come to the club at the right time

Club members to find sustainable jobs

Club members to find Jesus as Lord and Saviour

(Many of the more general prayer points could be used for other Christian organisations supporting vulnerable people in the Valley; the Magdalene project and Bacup Family Centre all need volunteers, good relationships with referring agencies, people to come who would benefit and funding!)

Kathryn

Please continue to pray for Kathryn as she:

completes her induction in Texas

travels to West Africa

joins the ship and begins to form relationships with the other people on board

meets and begins to teach the children

becomes at risk of getting seasick

Please pray also for the medical and support teams on board as they seek to serve in West Africa
Pray for safety during surgery and on the ship

BMS World Mission

have asked for prayer for the response to the Ebola outbreak in Uganda and DR Congo:

Pray for medical supplies and personnel to arrive quickly
Pray that the doctors will know what to do and that God would give them wisdom to decide what action to take
Pray for the local authorities, especially where there have been Ebola cases reported, that they would know how to respond
Pray that aid agencies would be well co-ordinated in responding to the crisis.
Pray that God would guide them in their decision-making
Pray for those who have lost loved ones or are looking after people who are suffering from Ebola. Pray that God would console them and give them strength
Pray that God would stop the spread of this terrible disease.
(BMS World Mission)

Our Nation

Sometime in July we will (probably) get a new Prime Minister
Pray for him as he assumes office and selects a cabinet and other officials.
Pray for a fair and orderly resolution to the Brexit situation
Pray for the government to have space and wisdom to tackle other issues facing the nation
Pray for reconciliation and an end to the bitterness and division which has been evident in our country over the last three years.
Pray for good relationships with other nations and their citizens, both those within and outside the EU.

Sunday Worship in July

July 7 AM All Age Service
Coordinator David Griffith & team

INFORM will be taking place on Sunday 7th July after the All Age service. A chance to hear about what's going on in the life of the fellowship, including a special focus on the vision for Kay Street moving forward and where we're up to. Lunch will be served afterwards which we encourage everyone to attend.

PM Communion & Prayer led by Rev M Hirst

July 14 AM Preacher Rev M Hirst Coordinator Ian Pickup

PM DVD led by Allyson Jump

July 21 AM Preacher Mrs D Isherwood Communion
Coordinator Rev M Hirst

PM Preacher Mr D Isherwood

July 28 AM Preacher Rev J Hirst Coordinator David Griffith

PM Café Church led by Rev J Hirst

Sunday Worship in August

During August **indicates Children Together - Children start in main service and then go out where all groups (not necessarily YP) meet together.

Aug 4 AM All Age Service Team
Coordinated by David Griffith & team

PM Communion & Prayer led by Rev J Hirst

Aug 11 AM Preacher Mr J Barrie
Coordinated by Rev J Hirst**

PM DVD led by Di Isherwood

Aug 18 AM Rev J Hirst
Coordinator Allyson Jump

PM Preacher Rev J Prior

Aug 25 AM Preacher Rev M Hirst
Coordinator Heather Skilling **

PM Cafe Church led by Rev M Hirst

September 1 AM **Promotion Sunday All Age Service**
Coordinated by All Age Team

PM Communion & Prayer led by Rev J Hirst

Thurs Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CAP Nurture Group

Sun Aug 11 Care Home Visits Holme Manor 2 pm.
Cherry Tree Lodge 3 pm.

Thurs Aug 15 Fun, Food & Friends

Sat Aug 17 Prayer Walk 4 pm.

Sat Aug 24 Striders' Monthly Walk
Anglezark and White Coppice 7 miles
(see below)

Mon Aug 26 Church Prayer Meeting 7.45 pm.

Striders Walk

A gentle start above the shores of Anglezark through quarries, pasture and woodland to the head of the lake. We head up the valley to the pretty cricket ground at White Coppice and then climb Healey Nab to a large cairn at Grey Heights with extensive views. We return along past Yarrow Reservoir. A walk of 7 miles along field paths, over styles and along good tracks through an interesting and varied landscape



Looking Back to July/August 1994

and the newsletter of that date

Civil war in Rwanda-the fellowship had responded to the great need in Rwanda but the need for medical assistance, food, shelter, clean water, and sanitation continued. Mention was made of Christian Aid, Tearfund, World Vision, Samaritan's Purse and other Christian charities working with the refugees from Rwanda who had fled to the surrounding countries.

The fellowship had 'the privilege' of meeting a team of young people from BMS known as the 28:19 team who 'provided a fascinating insight' into the lifestyles and spiritual development of the local people they had met in Nepal and Thailand.

There was also news from Leyland Baptist Church who had opened a Family Centre on a nearby housing estate. The minister Rev Adrian Argile described the response of the residents 'as encouraging'.

Rotas for July

STEWARDS

Coordinator Alan Morton

	Porch	Upper Right	Upper Left
July 7	Pat & Robin Coulston	Natasha Richardson	Bob Crowther
July 14	Alan Morton Tom Pickup	Margaret Robinson Amy Morris	Margaret Morton Anna Morris
July 21	David Pilling Paul Webb-Sear	Anne Webb-Sear	Andy Moss
June 28	David Isherwood Peter Leonard	Jilly Horton	Mike Wells

FLOWERS *Coordinator Carol Hargreaves*

July 7	Vacant
July 14	Margaret & Alan Morton
July 21	Sheila & Fred Wild
July 28	Christine Coates



COFFEE *Coordinator Sandy Rushton*

CRECHE *Coordinator Jess Goldie*



Rotas for August

STEWARDS *Coordinator Alan Morton*

	Porch	Upper Right	Upper Left
Aug 4	James Pickup Margaret Robinson	Margaret Spurrell	Elaine Bagshaw
Aug 11	Bill & Ruth Boaden	June Worsley	Thelma Hitch
Aug 18	Stuart Brown Robin Coulston	Joan Crook	Pat Coulston
Aug 25	Carol & R.J. Hargreaves	Natasha Richardson	Bob Crowther

FLOWERS *Coordinator Carol Hargreaves*

Aug 4	Anne & Trevor Elkington
Aug 11	Vacant
Aug 18	Vacant
Aug 25	Vacant



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