



Kay Street News

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Give Your Life to Jesus....

The story is told of a man who had lost his way whilst on a countryside ramble. He saw a local farmer working in a nearby field and so he asked directions to his destination. The farmer first started enthusiastically explaining one route and then realized that this did not work; he then outlined another, before again realizing that this too would not help the walker. Finally the exasperated farmer scratched his head and said, "Well, if I were you, I wouldn't start from here!"

The problem with the journey of life is that we have to start from where we are. Like Bunyan's Pilgrim of old, whether we are stuck in the Slough of Despond, the Valley of the Shadow of Death, Doubting Castle, or the Valley of Humiliation, we have to start our onward journey from where we are right now, even if we wish that we could start from somewhere else.

I was recently reading the Apostle John's letter to the church at Laodicea containing the oft quoted verse: "*Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*" (Revelation 3: 20) This verse is often used in an evangelistic context to encourage those who do not know Jesus to open their hearts door to Him.

However, it occurred to me that the Spirit inspired letter was written to those who were already part of the Christian community of the church at Laodicia. In other words it was written to Christians who already had a faith, even if it had grown "lukewarm" (v.16)

I became a Christian at the age of 11. At that point I gave my life to Jesus. However, the life I gave to Jesus then as a spotty, gawky-looking sprog, just entering secondary school, is not the life that Jesus invited me to give to Him twenty years ago when I was at the height of my teaching career, nor is it the life that Jesus wants me to give to him as a retired teacher, turned photographer, today.

God always requires us to start from where we are right now and persistently knocks on the door of our ever-changing lives asking to be at the centre of them.

So this is an evangelistic message of encouragement to those who are already Christians to open the door of your heart today to allow the One who said, "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life...*" (John 14:6) to guide you from where you are right now, however wonderful or desperate that place is, onwards and upwards to the future He has prepared for you.

Trevor Elkington, on behalf of Matt and the Deacons

SAVE THE DATE - LITE NITE 2016!

Choose from Sunday 30th or Monday 31st October, 7:00pm at Woodlea Mission. For 4 to 12 year olds.
More details coming soon!

Please note that items for the November newsletter should reach the editor, Joyce Barnes, joyce.barnes563@btinternet.com by October 20 for publication on October 30.

Lymington Rushmore Camp

Back in July I attended one of the Junior summer camps run by Lymington Rushmore, part of the Christian charity the Titus Trust. I found out about it through St. Ebbe's, my church in Oxford, which was strongly encouraging students to assist on Christian summer camps, and particularly through one of my friends there who at that time worked for Lymington Rushmore.

I arrived at Sandroyd School in Salisbury on Friday morning, July 15. This was a couple of hours before the campers were due to arrive so that those of us who were new to the site could be shown around and the nature of the camp be explained. The assistant leaders were split into a dining team and a house team according to the types of jobs they would have to carry out. As a member of the dining team, I was to prepare the tables and trolleys for meals and breaks, and to carry out cleaning around the kitchen.

The campers, aged 10 to 13, were put into different Olympic-themed groups overseen by one or two of the leaders. During the day there was a great variety of games and activities both on and off site which the groups competed for points and prizes in, and in the evening there were sketches and Olympic-themed entertainment put on by the leaders. Every day there were also two short talks (and some singing) each outlining a small portion of the gospel, which eventually built up to the opportunity for campers to make a commitment to live their lives for Christ. In the mornings there was also a voluntary group where topics from the talks would be explored in more detail.

For me and the other assistant leaders there was a men's Bible study and a women's Bible study each afternoon, covering 2 Timothy over the course of the camp. Moreover, the leaders gave talks on a number of topics such as the new creation, and several on aspects of Christology. This meant that we only had a couple of free hours each afternoon, so people were generally quite tired by the end of the camp on Saturday, July 23.

It was great to meet the other assistant leaders and make some new friends with whom I could discuss the Bible. Unfortunately, the assistant leaders didn't have much interaction with the campers, but it seemed as though they enjoyed themselves, and hopefully took away some spiritual things to mull over.

Will Platt



Please support Antioch's annual Fair Trade for Christmas; do some Christmas shopping and help poor farmers and artisans struggling with poverty

and enjoy refreshments and fellowship!

Playtime in Gulu – Lois' Blog 25.9.2016

Oh how I love watching Connie play. Joe and I will often give each other a nudge when we see her doing something particularly funny or endearing, so we can share in watching whatever scene may be unfolding. One of the most hilarious and sometimes disconcerting things to see, are those playtimes that clearly mirror what she sees going on around her. Inevitably at the moment there is a lot of pretending to be a parent.

Her three favourite playmates, Baby the imaginatively named Dolly, RB the Monkey and Siphon Bear are constantly having their bottoms changed, being strapped to her back or the toy buggy and being kissed goodnight with a whispered 'sweet dreams', in-between being breastfed or made to 'sit properly' whilst eating their imaginary rice and beans. These poor creatures are also frequently placed on the naughty step for some misdemeanour or other, usually 'not doing good listening' and left rather longer than the usual two minutes as they apparently are 'not ready to say sorry yet.

' Eek, Connie holds up a mirror to us and although often amusing it's also uncomfortable and a good reminder that what she's sees us say and do is what she says and does. Hmmm....

Connie's play not only holds a mirror up to us but it also reflects the culture and life here in Gulu. Connie's play is like any other two year old copying what she sees around her but these imaginative play scenes may look a little different from her UK friends.

I'm sure playing 'cafe' is a fairly common occurrence in the UK, so when Connie and her friends told me what they were playing there was no surprise. They were sat around a small table talking a bit but mainly just sitting so I asked them what they had ordered and if it was nice. "We're just waiting...it not ready yet" came the response . At least 5 minutes later I asked again, "still waiting" she sighed. I couldn't help but laugh, waiting is certainly a key feature of any cafe

experience here. Eventually their pretend meal came. Was it nice? Well... "Bit nice, bit yucky".



For Connie's first birthday we got her a Bodaboda (toy motor bike). Boda's are the main form of transport here so it's no surprise she loves hers, especially going as fast as she can and maximising the slope on the driveway to full effect then breaking at the last possible moment so she doesn't slam into the gate (she's getting better). Her boda is good for burning energy but it also forms a lot of her imaginary play, whether it's washing her boda (keeping things clean is very important to the Acholi) or balancing objects on the back, pretending to be the Milkman, or going to the market.

A recent imaginary trip to the market, yielded some bananas, a pineapple and a watermelon. When I enquired as to where the passionfruit and apples I'd requested were, she responded "they not have any" and my change? Well they apparently didn't have that either. A pretty accurate imaginary shopping trip!

Sometimes we are so immersed in what is going on around us that we fail to see it. My heart is sadly often critical of things here but having Connie's set of eyes to look through brings a new wonder and appreciation to life in Gulu. She also helps me to remember that how Joe and I live our lives is how Connie will live hers, for now anyway. It's a good challenge for me, when I simply don't want to be kind, patient, generous etc, I have two little sets of eyes watching and copying. Connie See, Connie Do.

Lois



Prayer Points for October

North Korea

Give thanks for Christians who seek to work within this very closed country

Please pray for:

God to strengthen and sustain the believers in North Korea
Bibles and teaching aids to reach those who are ready to receive them

God to protect those who run safe houses in China and elsewhere for Christians from North Korea.

Christians who reach South Korea from the North to be welcomed and accepted by the church there and to be able to grow and serve.

Joe and Lois

Give thanks for their safe return to Gulu and their settling back into life there

Their interest in and work against gender-based violence

Please pray for:

Continued good health for Joe, Lois, Connie and Reuben.

Further opportunities to serve God there.

God to use their work against gender-based violence to encourage and protect women and to show them the love of Jesus.

Claire in Africa

Please pray for:

Clarity as she trains and for the trainees to learn and apply the training.

Her vehicle to be mended soon and protection whilst travelling

Ongoing peace in the country in which she serves.

Wisdom in relationships and decision making.

Friends of hers who are in need of the peace of God at the moment.

The US elections

Please pray for:

The people of the US as they consider for whom to vote
Pray for the person of God's choosing to win the US election
The new president as they take over office and form their administration

Brexit

Please pray for:

The negotiators on all sides as conversations and negotiations commence and progress.
A fair and sustainable deal to be reached.
Brexit not to be used as an excuse for racial or other abuse.
The work of all who seek to reduce racial tensions and hate crime.

Syria

Give thanks for the recent negotiations and small steps towards a peace deal.

Please pray for:

A just and lasting peace settlement to be reached.
The relief of those suffering in sieges.
Safety and protection of those seeking to help the refugees and war victims.
Openness to the gospel amongst the people of Syria and the refugees.
The church in Syria to remain strong and to share the love of Jesus with others.

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Please pray for:

Matt as he returns from sabbatical, that he will return refreshed.
The leaders and congregation as he seeks to share what he has discovered.
The appointment of a new Families and Children's worker
Wisdom as the future staffing needs of the church are considered.
Wisdom regarding any future development of the building.

Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday October 2nd
All-age Worship



As last year we will be supporting **Raft**, our local Food Bank. Please bring gifts to the morning service of:-

Coffee – Sugar - Long life milk – Beans - Tinned Spaghetti
Tinned Meat eg ham, corned beef - Tinned Sponge Puddings
Milk puddings – rice or custard - Instant whip - Crackers
Tinned or powdered potatoes - Tinned vegetables such as carrots and sweetcorn - Pasta sauces
Children's toothpaste – Toothbrushes – Shampoo - Toilet roll
Sanitary towels



Any monetary gifts will be sent to **Tear Fund's** work meeting the need for food in **Chad** which is desperate:-

Yasmin and her family live in Chad, one of the many countries Tearfund works in around the world being hit hard by the changing climate. They're going hungry. Drought means Yasmin's family are being forced to dig up ants' nests in search of grain the ants have stored.

More about both causes on the day and at lunchtime which will be a **SANDWICH SUNDAY**

Bring your picnic and share fellowship and continue to learn about and remember those who have so much less.

The week October 8 to 16 has been designated as
'Speak up about Climate Change Week' by some
organisations including Tearfund and BMS World
Mission

A prayer based on Psalms 102: 25 (NIV) from BMS's 'Worth
Saving' Initiative

*"In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the
heavens are the work of your hands."*

Loving God,
thank you for the gift of creation.
As we experience each day,
as we take every step on our life's pilgrimage,
may we take time to wonder and give you thanks.
From each sunrise to every sunset,
in all the seasons
and with every breath,
may we celebrate our home in creation,
and the gift of life.

As our climate is changing,
give us the compassion to care deeply
that people are suffering now,
from spoiled harvest and violent storms,
from drought and flood.
Give us the imagination to see
that future generations are in peril
and may not know the beauty we see.

May our actions reflect a love for your world
our prayers be shaped by a longing for justice for all,
and our imaginations inspired to hope for
a world free from poverty.

Amen.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Bring your completed boxes to be picked up from church at the beginning of November.

There are helpful leaflets available about what can/cannot be included – see below:-

THINGS TO INCLUDE:-

Toys – doll or cuddle toy (with CE label) toy car/truck, skipping rope, yo-yo, small ball, musical instrument

School Supplies – pens, colouring pencils, eraser, sharpener, crayons, felt pens, writing pad, notebook or paper, colouring book.



Hygiene Items – tooth brush, toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, comb, hairbrush, flannel

Other Items – hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, jewellery set, hair accessories, sweets (must have BBE date at least March 2017)

DO NOT INCLUDE :-

Anything war related, sharp items, additional clothing, playing cards, liquids, lotions, medicines, hand made toys, chocolate, anything of a religious or political nature

Boxes should be labelled for a boy or a girl and for age range 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. If you are able please include an envelope with a donation of £3 in the top of the box to cover shipping costs. Use one of the boxes available in church or decorate your own.

Secure with an elastic band – don't seal.



Church Family News

We are sad to record the death of **Yvonne Hall**, one of our older members who had been living at Turfcote for some time. We remember her as a faithful attender at morning worship and the hostess of one of our housegroups for several years and we extend our sympathy to her family locally and in Scotland.

Abigail Bower has announced her engagement to **Lewis Williams** – best wishes to them both.

Belated congratulations to **Geoff & Eileen Coward** who celebrated their silver wedding on September 7.

Heather Skilling would like to say a big thank you to all the members of the fellowship who were so kind to her when she was ill during the last two months. She has been overwhelmed by your love, cards, good wishes, care, concern, gift and telephone calls. The Kay Street family is amazing!
THANKS! Heather

David Pilling is looking for new **stewards** to come forward and contact him. They can telephone 01706 227526 or e-mail him. We have lost several stewards over the last few months and need at least four replacements. So if you can provide a welcoming smile and handshake as a regular member of the rota do get in touch.

Family and Children's Worker – Advert Update!

As you know, we are looking to recruit a new Family & Children's Worker, and the process to find that person is underway!

The position is being advertised through Global Connections Christian Vocations (on their website and Facebook page), as well as in Premier Christianity and Premier Youthwork Magazines (and again, on the Premier website).

Please pray for the whole recruitment process and all those involved. We, as a church, want this ministry to continue to thrive, and we pray that God would raise the right person up to take on this hugely important role.



Sunday Worship in October

- Oct 2 AM. All Age Service – Harvest Coordinator Di Isherwood
 PM. Communion and Prayer led by David Griffith
- Oct 9 AM. Preacher Rev M Hirst Coordinator Allyson Jump
Betrayed and rejected John 13:18-38
 PM. DVD led by Geoff Skilling
- Oct 16 AM. Preacher Mr T Elkington Coordinator Rev M Hirst
 Communion *Comfort for a troubled heart John.14:1-14*
 PM. Preacher Mrs D Isherwood
- Oct 23 AM. Preacher Rev M Hirst Coordinator David Isherwood
The secret of the vine John 15:1-11
 PM. Café Church led by Rev M Hirst
- Oct 30 AM. Preacher Mr J Barrie Coordinator Ian Pickup
The cost of friendship John 15:12-27
 PM. Café Extra led by Janet Barrie

Diary for October



- Sat Oct 1 Prayer Meeting Astoria Café 8 am.
- Sat Oct 1 Torch Fellowship 2 pm.
- Sun Oct 9 Visit to Holme Manor
- Sat Oct 15 Toddlers Conference
- Sat Oct 15 Prayer room open
- Mon Oct 17 Church Members' meeting
- Sat Oct 22 Antioch – Fair Trade for Christmas (see page ?)
- Mon Oct 24 Church Prayer meeting 7.45 pm.
- Sat Oct 29 **Monthly Walk – Singing, Ringing Tree & Townley** approx 5½miles
- Sun Oct 30 Visit to Cherry Tree Lodge
- Sun Oct 30 /Mon Oct 31 Lite Nite at Woodlea (see page 3)
- Mon Oct 31 Tear Fund Prayer & Support at Holcombe Brook

LOOKing Back (x 2)

to the newsletter of September 1991

The church was preparing for a mission next year led by a team from Saltmine and there was a call to the church to start praying NOW.

The team of 4 pianists led by Wilson Bury had decided on the purchase of a new piano and this had been installed and was being used.

There was to be a Walk of Christian Witness on Sept 14 from Marl Pitts to Whitaker Park- register and assemble 10.30 am at Marl Pitts then Address and prayers, and the march to set off at 11.30.

The summer outreach for 5's to 13's 'Hand Set' was held Tues Aug 20 to Fri Aug 23. An average of 87 children came each day with many coming every day. Grateful thanks went to all who helped in any way. 'Mostly we would thank God for being so close to us over the 4 days, and to those who prayed. Please pray that the children will continue to want to know more and come to know Jesus as their Friend and Saviour'.

And to the newsletter of October 1991

'The Pit Stop' took place the week after the 'Hand Set' and was aimed at young people with the hall decorated as a garage. A team of Capernwray students led by Edgar from Costa Rica helped. The refreshments included unusually named icecreams like 'Mechanics Mess'. Clear presentations of the gospel by the team will, we hope, bear fruit in the future.

Plans for 'Christmas Unwrapped' were going ahead; 'Shoppers' was 2 years old; Joe Pilkington and Pauline Stephenson agreed to organize the visits to the homes for the elderly for the time being and another visit to 'Waves' at Blackburn was to be made on Oct 26.

Rotas for October

STEWARDS *Porch* *Upstairs left* *Upstairs right*

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| Oct 2 | Amy Lord Peter Leonard | Alan Morton | Joan Crook |
| Oct 9 | R J & Carol Hargreaves | Stuart Brown | Mike Wells |
| Oct 16 | Alpha Group | | |
| Oct 23 | Paul & Anne Webb-Sear | June Worsley | Tom Pickup |
| Oct 30 | Bill & Ruth Boaden | Suzanne Craven | Jilly Horton |

N.B. David Pilling 'on call' to cover if needed

COFFEE

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| Oct 2 | Celia Wearing, Pat & Robin Coulston |
| Oct 9 | Jilly Horton, Fred & Sheila Wild |
| Oct 16 | Caroline Woodcock, Anne Fielder, Suzanne Craven |
| Oct 23 | Gill Wills, Pauline Stephenson, June Worsley |
| Oct 30 | Michelle Wogden, Jenny Brunskill, Stuart Brown |

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| Oct 2 | All Age Service | |
| Oct 9 | Carol Hargreaves, Gwen Haworth | Gwen Haworth |
| Oct 16 | George Kirk, Ruth Boaden | David Isherwood |
| Oct 23 | Jennifer Wilding, Sarah Argile | Gwen Haworth |
| Oct 30 | Rosie Palmer, Helen Thornton | Andrew Holland |

FLOWERS

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| Oct 2 | Vacant |
| Oct 9 | Joyce Mulvee |
| Oct 16 | Christine Coates |
| Oct 23 | Vacant |
| Oct 30 | Vacant |

COMMUNION

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| Sept 4 PM | Geoff & Eileen Coward |
| Sept 18 AM | Margaret Morton and Pauline Stephenson |