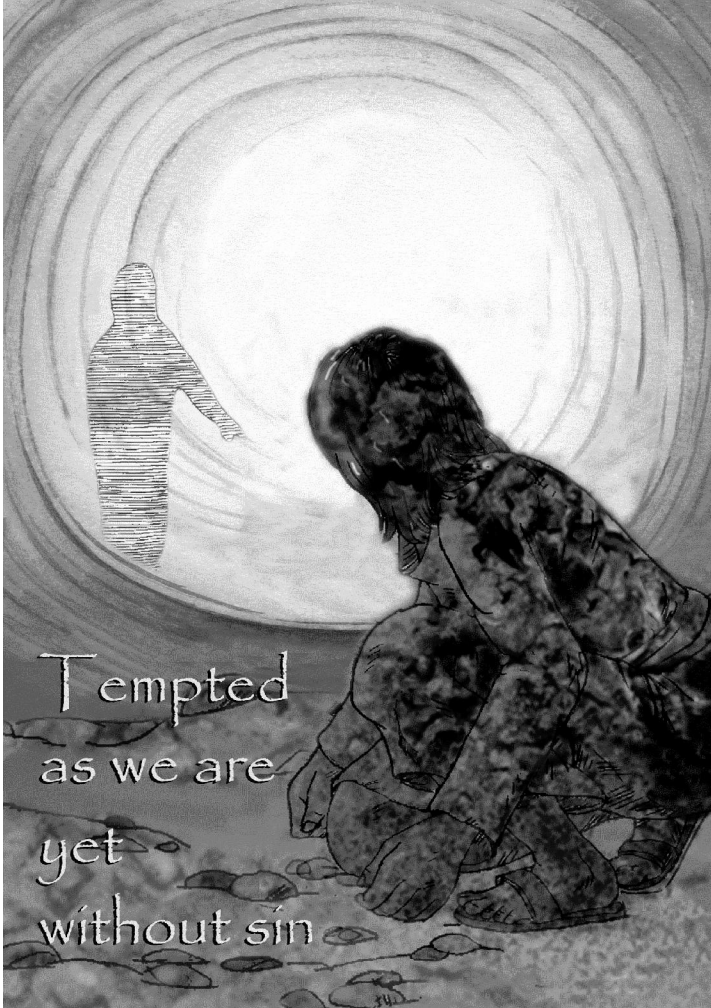


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Tempted
as we are
yet
without sin

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13th February

Dear Friends...

‘All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man or woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work’ (2 Timothy 3 vv 16 & 17)

2011 witnesses the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible which although not the first translation of the Bible into English, which is widely accredited to John Wycliffe in 1382, did represent the first concerted effort on the part of Church and State to place the Bible in the hands of the masses in a translation that was both accessible, scholarly and had universal acceptance. In itself the King James Bible became the first translation to gain the broad support of the English People following the turbulent period which witnessed the Reformation in Europe and the establishment of the Church of England.

Four Hundred Years later and mindful of the opportunity this anniversary offers, as already highlighted by the Queen in her Christmas Day Message, the Churches in the United Kingdom have launched a joint programme called ‘BibleFresh’. Essentially BibleFresh is a movement of churches, agencies, organisations, colleges and festivals who have a vision to reignite and re-enthuse the church in its passion for the Bible. The aim of the BibleFresh initiative is to encourage a greater confidence and passion for Scripture across the Church. In addition it is hoped nationally the Churches might once more bring the Bible to life for the wider population. Churches and Christians are therefore being asked in this special year to engage in:

1. Reading the Bible Together
2. Training the whole Church to understand and apply the Bible

3. Raising Money for a translation of the Bible for the people of Burkino Faso
4. Helping People to experience the Bible in New and effective ways

If you want to find out more about BibleFresh and have access to a computer you can log on to their website (www.biblefresh.com). In Bristol a regional event is taking place in Bristol Cathedral and on College Green on the 22nd May and I encourage you to place this date in your diaries. More details will follow in the coming weeks and months. At Hanham in February and as part of our Church Development Plan a Monthly Bible Study Group is being commenced. This will run in conjunction with the established Lent and Advent Study Group. **On Tuesday Evening Feb 8th at 7.30pm in the Church Sanctuary please join me as we look at history of the Bible, how it came together and how we might read and understand it.** You should also be aware that there is an opportunity from March 24th through until April 21st on Thursdays between 12 noon and 1.00pm to attend Unity Oldland Methodist Church where Canon John Rogan will be leading a series of five sessions on 'The Making of the King James Bible'.

In order as a Church we might read the Bible together I am proposing that commencing Sunday February 13th we all participate in the 'BibleFresh Essential 100 Bible Passages Reading Challenge' sponsored by the Bible Society, Scripture Union and Wycliffe Bible Translators. This means over 100 days concluding on May 25th we all read daily a passage from the Bible which when taken with the other 99 will help those who participate get a good feel for the whole of the Bible. I will make available a reading plan which will be distributed on 13th February. There is also an accompanying book (**The E100 Guide**) which claims to be ideal both for beginners in Bible reading and for the more experienced. It provides a comprehensive overview of the Bible including notes on the 100 chosen readings and hopes to help people discover the 'big picture' of the Bible and its relevance to daily life. A copy of the book can be purchased from Christian bookshops and Scripture Union online or by telephone on 01908 856006 price £6.99 or you can add your name to the list in the

vestry by Sunday February 6th and I will be able to obtain the books at a discounted price of £5.00.

So let's get reading the Bible together. As someone has said the Bible is in danger of being not just among the most purchased and owned book in the United Kingdom but also the least read. And yet it is, in the words of the Methodist Church, a collection of books, gradually compiled, in which it is recorded how God has acted among and spoken to and through his people. The writers expressed themselves according to their own language, culture and point in history and in their different ways were all bearing witness to their faith in God. The Bible is the record of God's self-revelation, supremely in Jesus Christ, and is a means through which He still reveals Himself by the Holy Spirit today. I look forward to taking up this challenge with you. Together let us be enriched in reading the Bible and the truth about God, life and our purpose in being of which its 'God breathed' pages speak,

Peace and Blessing

Andrew

Rev Andrew Prout

An invitation from Hanham Ladies Bright Hour

Hanham Ladies Bright Hour meets at Hanham Methodist Church on Mondays at 2.30 pm. We welcome new members so, after lunch and a rest, why not come and join us for just one hour of fellowship followed by tea and biscuits. Transport home is no problem as the KCT bus already picks up some of our existing members at around 3.30 pm.

You can be sure of a very warm welcome and a thought for the week ahead.

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe,
Get it done by half past two;
Stitch it up, and stitch it down,
And I will give you half a crown.



There is a story of a couple who, when on holiday took a pair of shoes to the local cobbler for repair. Returning home they realised that they had forgotten to collect them. Next year when they returned to the same destination, passing the cobbler's they thought that they would see if, by chance, he still had their shoes. The cobbler went to his shelves and returning to the couple said 'They will be ready by Thursday'.

It is not just the cobbler who never gets round to completing the task. I am writing this as New Year is about to dawn and some of us will be making resolutions. When I look back over the years of my retirement I reflect on the things I intended to do which I have never got round to. Indeed I can think of the many hours and sometimes whole days I have just frittered away.

St. Paul has something to say about using our time productively. In his letter to Titus he urges him to 'do good in every way' and he tells the Galatians that they shouldn't 'grow weary in doing right but while they have opportunity to do good' The Christian imperative is to be ever alert to the needs of others. I always regret delaying a visit to a dear uncle who was ill and died before I could make it to say farewell.

Urgency is a theme that runs through the New Testament. Mark's gospel contains the word 'immediately' 15 times. Reflect on Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids and the need to be ready when the Master calls. (Matt.25: 1-13)

TJL



On Friday 18th March at 6.30pm we are having Doug Horley...otherwise known as DUGGIE DUG DUG come to HMC to lead us in worship in his unique, inspiring way.

If you come to Messy Church worship you will know we frequently use his DVDs to lead the singing. The way

Duggie uses actions and hands is often signing for deaf people. So it a combination of energetic and fun worship made accessible to all the family. This event will be in the church hall and is primarily for families...but everyone is welcome to come and see and experience the love of God through this amazing ministry..we are charging £1 for every person to com...but donations of higher will be appreciated.

We would like assistance with putting on refreshments in the middle, front of house and stewarding so that people feel welcome...we also need three beds for the night before Duggie goes to Wales for the next event on the Saturday...any offers of help for this would be great...please speak to Gary asap.

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT STARTS AT 6.30PM
AND FINISHES ABOUT 8.15PM

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. ..

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

6th	10.45am	Mrs Julia Gilberson	
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
	6.00pm	Rev Paul Edwards	
13th	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	Parade
	6.00pm	Rev Peter Grimwood	
19th	10.45am	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi	
	6.00pm	Mrs Veronica Jackson	
26th	10.45am	Deacon Gary Hoare	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	

FEBRUARY DIARY

6th	4.00pm	:	Messy Church
10th	7.30pm	:	Finance Meeting
12th	10.00am	:	Prayer Meeting
12th	10.00am	:	Messy Church Team Meeting
13th	10.45am	:	Parade Service (Guides – Thinking Day) Launch of BibleFresh Essential 100 Challenge
15th	7.30pm	:	Church Council
18th – 20th		:	Weston Weekend
26th	10.00am	:	Prayer Meeting

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meets on the evening of February 15th at 7.30pm. I would be grateful if any committee reports or items for the agenda were given or notified to me (preferably by E-Mail if able) by Sunday February 6th in order that an agenda and documents can be prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting. With thanks. **Rev Andrew Prout**

Mission committee invite you to a "Pancake Evening" on Shrove Tuesday 8th March from 7pm. Come & enjoy pancake fun cost £2 per head to include 2 pancakes and a drink. (small charge for extra pancakes) Names to Pam B or Janet.

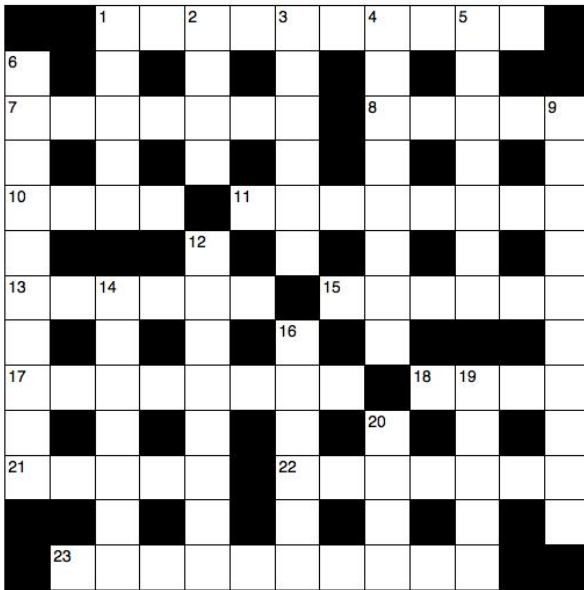
Shawl Ministry

Shawl Ministry has now been operating for over 3 years, we meet in the Foyer of the church on the last Thursday of the month from 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come, you don't have to be able to knit or crochet, we can teach you!! We have some very experienced knitters working alongside the beginners, sharing their expertise in a very caring way so that no one is afraid to ask for help.

Why do we meet? The idea comes from America but we have adapted it to meet our needs. We start with a "Thought" and short prayer and manage to indulge in tea/coffee and biscuits somewhere in the middle, everything is very relaxed. Our aim is to provide knitted & crocheted articles where there is a need. Over the years new born babies of members or friends have been given a blanket or shawl, older members & friends who are ill have received comfort blankets. We also knit scarves & hats for the "Christmas" Shoe boxes, woolly hats for Fishermen and Seamen, baby clothes for Premature babies and gowns for babies born asleep. As a result of this many individuals and local hospitals (& those not so local like St. Thomas' in London) have benefited from our work. For us it has meant a relaxing afternoon spent in the company of friends.

We also have "Outworkers" who knit at home for a variety of reasons and then send in their work, you might like to join this group. Please feel free to join us or ask Sylvia if you would like more information.

Pam Blackmore



Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
 15 Breakwater (6)
 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
 18 More usually now called Pentecost, – Sunday (4)
 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he

- walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)

- 12 'The Lord... has given the – of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my – ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of – will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

The Hanham History group was formed in 1987, in response to an exhibition about life and work in the Kingswood district from the turn of the century to World War II. When the exhibition was displayed at Hanham Library, that part of it which was called “When Hanham Was Still a Village”, struck a chord with many established residents. The Kingswood History Project, the exhibition organisers, and the Library, decided to advertise a meeting for anyone who wished to contribute their memories of the time to come along and share them with others.

From this initiative, there was a feeling that there were more people with more stories to tell, and so a regular series of meetings was held, from which the History Group was born.

Over the years we have produced a number of publications, all available for public viewing in the library. We are currently scanning all our pictures onto computer. Can you help us identifying the date of the picture below? Perhaps you recognise yourself or know someone in it!

If you have any old pictures that you think we might be interested in please contact us at HanhhamHistory@Gmail.com



Many thanks
Roy Crew
for Hanham Local History
Society



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Many of our members and the parents of Boys’ Brigade have joined the scheme so the Church and BB are able to benefit from this scheme with additional income – and it doesn’t cost a penny.

If you do not participate in the scheme but are a tax payer, please consider joining. It’s very simple. You will need to make a Gift Aid Declaration. We will ask you to complete a simple form – one form can cover every gift made to us for whatever period you choose, and can even cover gifts you have already made and/or gifts you may make in the future.

Gift Aid in 2011

The proportion of tax that we can collect in this tax year ending 5th April 2011 will be lower than last year in line with the reduction in the Income Tax rates. The basic rates have reduced from 22% to 20% and our claim for the gross equivalent will reduce in a similar proportion from 28% to 25%, both approximately. This rate change is likely to reduce our income by £800.

I appreciate that we are living in times of particular caution as, for most of us, inflation rises above our rates of income to require us to be careful. I am, however, appealing to everybody to review their givings to ensure the security, success and proper upkeep of our Church in Hanham.

Please address any queries or concerns to me, our Treasurer or the Minister.

Martin Sagar

Gift Aid Secretary

A website is offering a new insight into the story behind the new Methodist hymn collection, Singing the Faith.

Visitors to www.singingthefaitth.org.uk can read about the journey from the initial proposal for a new collection through to the work now being done to launch the Singing the Faith collection in June 2011. They can take a peek inside the collection at the full list of hymns and songs, check out the online users' guide and read John Wesley's rules for singing.

Anyone can also now take advantage of the pre-publication discounts on Singing the Faith. These include a saving of £5.00 on the full music edition, £2.50 on the words edition and £5.00 on the electronic words edition. Discounts are available when ordering direct from Methodist Publishing (tel:).

People can also pre-order the free Singing the Faith sampler from Methodist Publishing, which will be published in January 2011.

31ST BROWNIES

Before Christmas the leadership team of the Wednesday Brownies decided that the time had come to finish. Between the five of them, Jackie, Hannah & Kerrie Norman, Sue Rapsey and Mary Golding, they have given nearly 100 years service to the Brownie Pack. I am sure that you would wish to thank them for all the work that they have done.

I had thought that the only option was to close the pack, however, two volunteers came forward. Jane Brown is an experienced Brownie Leader and Angeline Gilardoni may be known to some of you as a teacher from Hanham Abbots Junior School. So in January the pack re-started, now meeting on a Thursday night.

If you know of any girls aged 7 to 10 who would like to be a Brownie please contact Jane on 07980 654473.

Caroline Warrey

CAN YOU HELP / IS GOD CALLING YOU?
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY & VACANCIES IN OUR
CHURCH LIFE

A reminder following recent appeals that we currently are looking for volunteers to assist in the following work within the life of the Church.

3 x Church Stewards (From May 2011)
Events Co-ordinating Committee Chairperson & Secretary
Leader for F-Club

Please give undertaking these responsibilities your prayerful consideration. Even if you are not able to put yourself forward please pray that other people will offer to fill these roles and offices. If you do feel you can assist please speak to me, Gary or one of the Church Stewards and we can provide you with further information.

Rev. Andrew Prout

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

A Service of Thanksgiving for the work of Methodist International House, a home for overseas students in Bristol which was opened in 1956 and closed on 30th September 2010 will be held at Victoria Methodist Church at 10.30am on Saturday 13th February 2011. The Service will be led by the last chaplain of MIH, the Revd Yemi Jaiyesimi and you are warmly invited. There will be opportunities for some former residents and some of those connected with MIH to share experiences and reflect on what MIH meant to them. A display will be arranged in the narthex of the Church. Whether you can attend the service on the 13th or not please send testimonies to the work of MIH and recollections of life there to James Gibbs at 8 Victoria Square, Bristol, BS8 4ET, or jamesgibbs@btinternet.com. These will be used in the display.

We particularly hold Don and Dorothy Blackmore in our thoughts and prayers at this time mindful of their and their family's long association with and service to this project. **Rev Andrew Prout**

Leslie Stobel became a Christian in 1979 and modelled her faith in such a way that it influenced his atheist husband Lee to begin his own search for God. In her book "The Case for Christ" he tells of his two years of intensive research and study that finally led him to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. With a Law degree from Yale University and an award winning career in journalism at the Chicago Tribune, Lee had the ability to answer many tough questions raised by so many unbelievers and critics.

The change in his life also influenced their five year old daughter Alison, who said, "Mummy, I want God to do for me what He has done for daddy." Leslie's faith had indeed created a ripple effect that had changed the whole family.

This pattern of modelling or imitating is what St Paul described in the first chapter of his first letter to the Thessalonians. His example, along with that of Silas and Timothy, motivated the believers in Thessalonica to imitate them (the word Follow carries that idea). Then, as these new believers in Thessalonica suffered for Christ with patience and endurance, they in turn became models to believers in Macedonia and Achaia, inspiring them to new levels of devotion and service.

Our example can be our most persuasive influence for Christ and His kingdom. Do others imitate us because we model Him?

Roy Skinner

*Only one life, so live it well, and keep your candle trimmed and bright;
Eternity, not time, will tell the radius of that candle's light.*

The gift of the morning,
The peace of the evening,
The strength of the mountains,
The calm of the dales,
The wind from the ocean,
The tang of the salt breezes,
The tide of ever flowing,
The sight of the white sails.

The thrill of exploring,
New things to discover,
New people, new places,
Where ever we roam.
The joy of returning,
One bright star to lead us,
The shelter and comfort,
The blessing of home.

Iris Hesselden

NEWLYWEDS KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER THAN OLDER COUPLES

How well do you know your partner? It seems that the shorter time you have been married, the better you know their likes and dislikes. In a recent study, psychologists found that couples who have been together for an average of 40 years knew less about each other's likes and dislikes than those who have been together for only a year or two.

They believe that this is because at the start of a relationship, people pay more attention to each other. Years on, they take their partner for granted, and 'stop looking' at their partner in any detail. It was also found that couples who shared the same tastes made the best guesses about each other, regardless of age.

Take this quiz, to see how well you know some things about your spouse:

What is their current favourite music?

What is their current favourite TV programme or film?

Name three kinds of food that they best like.

What is your spouse's current favourite garment?

What colour would they most like in the bedroom? In the living room?

Where would they most like to holiday this coming year?

What sort of furniture do they like? Dark? Light? Modern? Traditional?

If your spouse could do anything for a day, what would that be?

If your spouse is frightened of one thing, what is it?

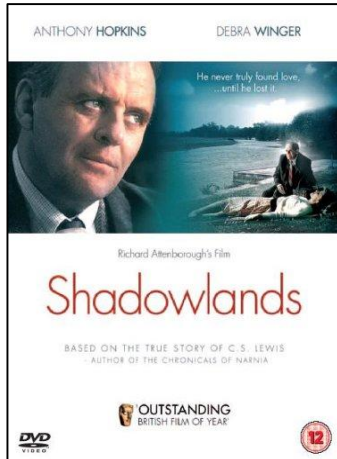
What would be your spouse's 'dream' for the future?

Potters Wood Methodist Church

is hosting a Lent Course for 2011

Not a Tame Lion

– based on the writings of CS Lewis
(with film extracts included in the sessions)



**Every Wednesday 12noon until 2pm
between March 9th and April 20th**

Soup Lunch included (small donation welcome)

If you would like to see the films in their entirety
before the Lent Course begins,
they will be shown as follows:

**6.30pm (starting promptly) on Saturdays
12th, 19th and 26th February at Potters Wood**
– bring your own drinks and popcorn!

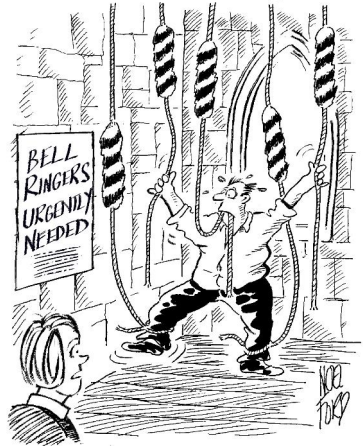
Come and join us – all welcome!

Contact Rev Den Harding on 0117 961 5592 for more details

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"Ready when you are, George..."

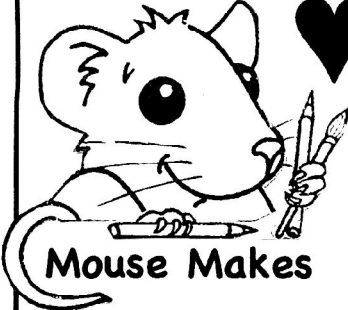
INTERMEDIATE



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

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WHAT IS LOVE?
 Cross out every **second** letter and
 find the bible verse:
 OHNMETJSOAHYF,
 CAHQAXPZTDEKR
 WFBOHUKRL,
 VAECRLSWE
 CTMER
 NQ

**HOW DOES GOD SHOW
 HE LOVES US?**
 Look at this page in the mirror
 "God showed his love for us by
 sending his only son into
 the world, so that we
 might have life
 through him"
 I John 1
 4:9

"The **steadfast** love
 of the Lord **never**
 ceases, his mercies
never come to an
 end, they are new
 every morning"
 Lamentations
 3:22-23

GOD'S LOVE
 Change each letter
 to the letter before it in
 the alphabet:
 "Hpe mpwfe uif xpsmfe tp nvdj
 uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu
 fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz
 opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjgf"
 kpio 3:16

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?
 Cross out all the **xxx** to find out.
 "Oxgxixvextxhxaxnxksxtxox
 xxhxexLxoxrxdx,fxoxrxhxexi
 sxgxoxoxdx,xhxixsxsxtxexa
 dfxaxxsxtxlxoxvhexen
 dxuxrxexsxxfxoxrx
 exvxexrx."
 pxxaxlxm
 136:1

For centuries, the only way of making a copy of the Bible was to do it by hand. Men and women copied Scripture one verse at a time. It was backbreaking work sitting on a stool hunched over a tiny desk day after day, but also a labour of love. It could take up to five years to produce a single Bible, and if a mistake was made then the whole page would have to be recopied.



Then in the fifteenth century the printing press arrived and what took years could be achieved in a fraction of the time.

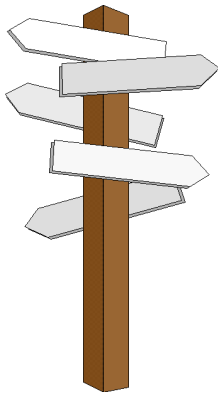
But now across the world people are rediscovering the power and impact of the handwritten word.

The physical act of writing gives the person time and space to think about the words that they are committing to paper and to reflect on what place the Scriptures have in their lives. It is a way of making God's word speak afresh to that person.

In one handwritten Bible project in Portugal the main organiser, Alfredo, decided that he ought to do some of the writing himself. Worn out by all the activity, he sat at the table and picked up the pen. He read the words which he was supposed to copy out – “Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest” – and burst into tears. Alfredo looked up at the woman supervising the writing and she simply said, “It's OK, it happens all the time.”

The 2010 Methodist Conference resolved to create its own handwritten Bible in time for next year's Conference, with as many Methodists as possible contributing verses. Individual books and chapters will be allocated to districts and circuits, with the transcription taking place between January and May 2011.

For more information and some practical suggestions go to the Bible Society in Northern Ireland's website: www.bsni.co.uk/



The Christmas Celebrations, which for some started when the shops started to promote the theme in September to others whose Christmas was delayed because of the snow or the closure of airports, maybe 2011 hasn't begun according to plan or what was anticipated.

To Mary told by the Angel Gabriel she would have a child and His name would be called Jesus didn't anticipate having to trudge in winter from Nazareth to Bethlehem (some 80 miles) only to find little welcome. The problems didn't get better as they then had to flee into Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod.

Yet this is the wonderful moment when God came into the world, Immanuel, 'God with us '.

At present with the indications as told by the politicians of a difficult year, increased taxation and all the rest the year ahead might not seem too bright yet compared with many conflicts or natural disasters across the world the words of a very old hymn come to mind

'Count your blessings, count them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done'

At least one good start as many celebrated the retaining of the 'ashes' and the successful conclusion of the cricket in Australia.

During the cold and snowy weather some wonderfully beautiful pictures have been taken of the countryside and of bird and wildlife so if we can look out on a wonderful world and many kind and loving people and give thanks to God then the year could be better and not so bad for all of us.

ACW

ACROSS: 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15, Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23, Prophetess.

DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9, Tridentine. 12, Kingship. 14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.

OF THE BIBLE

Come, divine Interpreter,
Bring us eyes thy book to read,
Ears the mystic words to hear,
Words which did from thee proceed,
Words that endless bliss impart,
Kept in an obedient heart.

All who read, or hear, are blessed,
If thy plain commands we do;
Of thy kingdom here possessed,
Thee we shall in glory view-
When thou com'st on earth to abide,
Reign triumphant at thy side.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Door & Books - December

	6th	13th	20th	27th
am	M Golding M Stone	P Webber J Tippett	M Frost W Frost	P Blackmore J Green
pm	M Morgan J Morgan	M Golding C Haycock	A Wheeler H Wheeler	H Landown T Lansdown

Flowers - January

6th	113th	20th	27th
Church			
Phyl Bond	Joan Brabon-Hibbs	Joyce Godwin	Barbara Lewis
War Memorial			
Pat Webber	John Brown	Carol Haycock	Barbara Lewis

Do what we can to help...

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After awhile, they rose to leave and told her; "We'll do what we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you," she said. "But, really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the sink in the kitchen...."

God's army

Dewey was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the minister was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands. Suddenly he grabbed Dewey by the hand and pulled him aside. The minister said sternly "Dewey, you need to join the Army of the Lord!"

Dewey replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." The minister retorted: "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" Dewey replied in a whisper: "Well, I'm in the secret service."

Weekly Activities

*You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.
If you would like an introduction to any of the groups/activities please
contact the Minister, Deacon or a Church Steward.
Details of further events inside.*

Sunday

- 10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Crèche
4.00pm Messy Church (Last Sunday of each month)
6.00pm Evening Worship

Monday

- 10.00am - 3.00pm Friendly Table
2.30pm Bright Hour
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers. Table Tennis

Tuesday

- 7.30pm Girl's Night In (First of the month - ask about venue)

Wednesday

- 1.30pm Mums & Toddlers
Evening Rainbows
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate Weeks)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Thursday

- 2:15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)
Evening Boys' Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors) & Brownies

Friday

- 7.30pm 'F' Club & 'F' Club Extra (twice a month)
Y's Men (3rd Friday of month)
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

Saturday

- 10.00am Prayer Meeting (2nd & 4th Saturday of month)
10.00am Coffee Morning