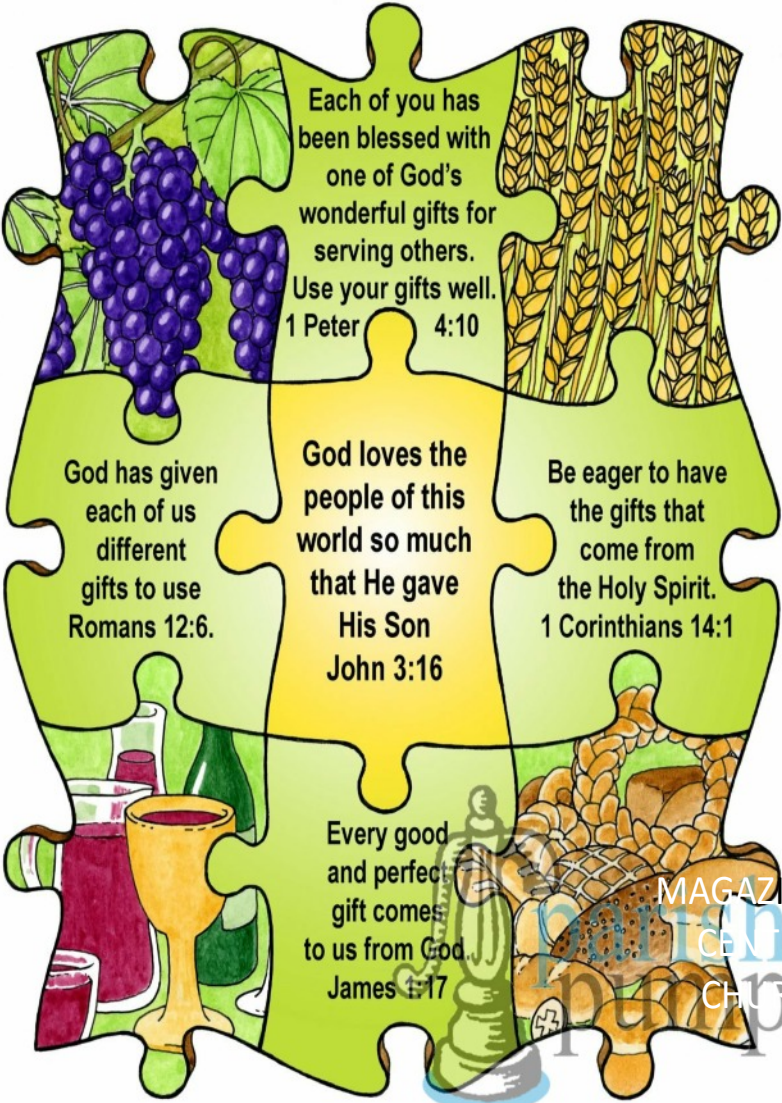


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Each of you has been blessed with one of God's wonderful gifts for serving others. Use your gifts well.
1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of us different gifts to use
Romans 12:6.

God loves the people of this world so much that He gave His Son
John 3:16

Be eager to have the gifts that come from the Holy Spirit.
1 Corinthians 14:1

Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.
James 1:17

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THE MINISTER

Happy New Year!

You may be surprised at such a greeting and perhaps think that the author of such a greeting has “lost the plot” or has forgotten the date for which this text has been developed. It is, however, simply explained by the fact that as a Methodist Minister I recognise that September marks the beginnings of the Church Year, a time when Methodist Ministers begin new appointments, or finally “sit down”, which means “retire” in common usage: although I would argue that no one in ministry ever retires! The phrase “Sit down” refers to the fact that the Methodist Minister is no longer available to be moved around the country, stationed is the proper word, at the behest of the Methodist Conference. For the Methodist Church September marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical new year. I suspect that different Christian denominations all have their ecclesiastical years too.

But September also marks a new year for Central in that officially, from September 1st the United Reformed Church becomes responsible for supplying a Minister to look after Central, since the Central Constitution requires a normal pattern of alternating ministry between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. At the time of writing, discussions are underway to identify such a minister and to discuss with them how the ministry at Central will be organised. Both Peter Williamson and I are happy to continue in our current roles for the time being although I am sure readers will understand that we need to know what sort of role we can play in supporting a new minister and we will be working with the Leadership Team to seek an acceptable solution.

Of course, a new year, is also a time for resolutions. What will yours be? Typically resolutions are focussed on ourselves, in the sense that we will, according to a recent survey, resolve to lose weight, take more exercise, give up smoking.

I wonder how relevant these are to our situation as a church. After all, we are in a time of uncertainty, and the way ahead does not seem clear! What we need to work on, through prayer and reflection, is a vision for what we seek to be as a church. There will, I am sure, be disagreements as to our future direction. Let me call such disagreements, "Friction". For, my training as a physicist reminds me that nothing works without a little bit of friction. I would invite you to consider the motor vehicle whose tyres have no friction on the road surface. You will easily recognise that such a vehicle will make no forward progress without friction.

Our challenge, or perhaps in the context of New Year resolutions, our resolution is to work with the friction that different ideas and views will generate so that we can move forward as a church. Above all we need to seek God's direction through prayer, and to listen carefully and constructively to each other and to what God is saying to us. For it is in this that we will truly move forward into the future which God has for us all.

Jerry



CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

A warm 'Welcome Back' will be led by Sheila, Linda and Barbara on 16th and our 'Action for Children' Launch will be held on 7th October. This is our chosen Charity for 2019/20.

We extend a very warm welcome to anybody who would like to join us on a Monday afternoon at 2.30pm for fellowship with time for a chat over a cup of tea and biscuits.

During our summer break we held two 'Tea parties' with proceeds of £322.00 being raised for our Charities

Barbara Lawton

A REFLECTION

Welcome back after our Summer break. I hope you have all enjoyed your time of rest and refreshment.

Thank you to everyone who has been enquiring after my feet following my Reflections in the July/August Magazine!

I have to confess that the idea for this month came to me while watching one of the Pointless programmes on television. I think many of you watch this tea-time Quiz Show. For one of the rounds recently, the four pairs had to think of words ending in EAM. I thought of one, and so did one of the teams. The word was 'sunbeam'.

Me, being me, I thought of the hymn that we used to sing in Sunday School -- Jesus wants me for a sunbeam. Do you remember it? This is how it goes:-

"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam to shine for Him each day.
In every way try to please Him at home, at school, at play
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam.
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, I'll be a sunbeam for Him".

At the time of writing, we have had a lovely summer, with only a few damp days. And it has been lovely to see the sun shining through our windows, or to feel the sunshine on our skin. The sunshine makes us all feel better, doesn't it? Dreary days make us feel dreary so often.

So, are we like little sunbeams? Do we shine for Jesus wherever we are? Sometimes we do, but quite often we are a bit dull and a bit cloudy, and sometimes we are like little rain drops!!!

But, Jesus wants us to be sunbeams. He has given us so much for which we should be thankful -- health, strength, friends and families. Even if our health is not good, we have people who care for us. We live in a beautiful part of the world. We can look out of our windows and many of us can see flowers and trees. We can also hear the birds singing.

During this month we shall be celebrating Harvest. We shall be thanking God for His gifts of food -- fruit and vegetables. All these gifts should make us feel happy.

A face which is dull and cloudy, or which looks like rain is not a face which draws us to that person. But a smiley face makes us smile too as we approach that person.

Jesus wants us to be sunbeams, and to shine for Him each day. And we like people who are like a sunbeam. A person who is a sunbeam can cheer up those who are going through a bad time.

So, let us try to remember the chorus of that old Sunday School hymn and remember that Jesus wants us for a sunbeam, and make the promise -- "I'll be a sunbeam for Him".

Keep smiling.

Margaret Newman.



BARNABAS CHARITY...working for persecuted Christians.

Christians in parts of Laos suffer severe persecution which often affects their ability to support themselves economically. Barnabas funds training and other projects to help believers become self-sufficient.

Noy who is 18 is from a very poor and persecuted area. With a grant from Barnabas she started her first mini-business and now buys meat which she cooks every day by the roadside to sell. The income helps fund her studies in a local vocational school, because her desire is to learn a skill that she can use to get a better job, and thus support her mother and herself.

Praise God for Noy's selfless determination and her love for the Lord.

Please pray for her and the Christians of Laos.

MML

DON'T LOSE WHAT YOU LOVE.

an Environmental Event organised by the Circuit Missions Committee to be held at Central Church, on Saturday 5th October, starting at 1.30pm

Please bring with you gifts for local Food Banks and Factory Row*** and as we gather we will start with us all building a display of gifts around a Wheatsheaf Loaf baked by members from Palace Avenue - a cup of tea will be served on arrival. There will be various stalls and displays including Traidcraft, Friends of the Earth, Tor 2, Suttons Seeds, Bees and notice boards for us to write up ideas and queries.

The title of the event comes from the Climate Coalition whose symbol is a green heart; we hope to include an opportunity for some of us to make Green Hearts - or at least obtain the materials to make one later.

The main part of the afternoon will start around 2.00pm with a short Act of Worship followed by an illustrated talk by:
David Curry, Exeter Diocese Environmental Officer
entitled: Caring for God's Acre

We hope to follow this with a time of Questions and Answers - an opportunity for us all to share our own ideas, queries and problems.

A buffet tea will be served before the event closes around 4.00pm

*** gifts for Factory Row particularly requested are "instant meals" in tins or packets that the residents can easily prepare for themselves - eg soups, stews, curries, pasta, instant mashed potato, boil in the bag rice, noodles etc plus tinned desserts, custard, rice puddings etc

A lot of thought, prayer and hard work by many Methodists from around the Circuit has gone into this event on this very important subject - please support us if at all possible!

Helen I. Barrett

BUSY BEES

As usual, we have been making and selling cards during the summer months and Celia has also made some soft toys. Some of the proceeds will be given to Central's funds shortly.

Our other recent project has been making blankets for the homeless at 'Factory Row'. Several blankets have been taken there already and they were all gratefully received. Recently Barbara G kindly donated two crocheted blankets which were enlarged by Margaret P and have also been taken to 'Factory Row'.

Sometime in September we hope to display two completed blankets. Barbara L knitted all the squares for one of them and the other is made of squares knitted by Lesley. Linda, Barbara G, Yvonne, Sally, Enia and Kathy (Barbara L's daughter).

Now the autumn/winter is approaching, maybe more knitters might be inspired to make some squares. The pattern is:

Using double knitting wool and 4mm needles (old size 8): cast on 33 stitches and knit 56 plain/garter stitch rows. Please leave about 12" of wool for sewing up.

Each individual square will be much appreciated. Thanks to our existing knitters. Please keep knitting!

Linda



METHODIST CHURCH WORLD MISSIONS

Thank you to the faithful few who hold World Mission collecting boxes. The total raised for 2018/19 was £193.25. This is a small increase on last year. New donors would be appreciated.

Linda

FINANCE REPORT FROM TREASURER STEVE NORMAN

I am writing to give you an up to date report on the state of our finances for the first 7 months of this year, January through July 2019, and also our income and expenditure for the month July 2019. Firstly, my thanks as usual to Paul Sherriff for keeping the finance accounts so well.

Given annual costs of around £120,000 we should be making £10,000 of income per month (around £2,300 per week) just to break even. Ideally, we should be earning in excess of £15,000 per month in order to re-build our reserves to pay for things like leaks in the (17) flat roofs and to undertake other internal modernisations.

In fact July's offerings were £3,298 or £825 per week which includes envelopes, standing orders and loose offerings. So, you can see just how reliant we are on other forms of income, including room hire, catering, donations and Christmas Fayres to keep the Church going.

In terms of year to date, January through July 2019, our profit and loss statement is showing a loss of £5,735 against a planned loss of £11,290. However, this planned loss assumed that we had received a Gift Aid payment of £9,000 which has not yet come in yet. If it had, we would be making a small profit of around £3,300!

Our change to a United Reform Church this year will also potentially help to reduce costs of ministry. If we were to have a part time URC minister and also continue to rely on local and supernumerary ministers to support both our ongoing pastoral and preaching requirements then this will undoubtedly prolong the life of the Church.

In summary, if we can avoid any other major expenditures this year and we all pull together to increase our offerings and donations and support other income related activities then there is a chance we can make a smaller than planned loss.....we may even break-even, which would be a minor miracle compared with the nearly £30,000 loss we made last year!

God moves in mysterious ways..... Financial felicitations to you all.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

THANKS.

- Sheila and David thank all those who attended Denise's Service of Thanksgiving, for the many cards with kind words one word that kept cropping up "What an inspiration she was" She was a marvellous daughter and nothing will ever replace her. Thank you for the generous donations received which will go to the Royal Marsden and Rowcroft Hospice, which was Denise last wish. The service from Julian and Jerry taken in such a sympathetic manner and the music from Clive and the choir all went to make a significant occasion. Thanks to Tessa and her team for the splendid catering and Marion for the lovely flowers. We thank you all for your support at this difficult time for us.
- Michael Mann would like to thank all those who have been praying for Mary and consoling me when she passed away on 3rd August. She was a very hard worker for the Bude Circuit and they will miss her. Again I thank all those who keep Beaulah in their prayers and support me as she gradually declines in Mount Tryon.
- Barbara Gissinger says "thank you so much for all the many cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and prayers from my friends at Central. Your kindness and concern has been quite overwhelming, but encouraging during my recent surgery and recovery. The procedure was quite different, and more painful than last year, but your loving care and support has been a great help in getting me through the difficult times. Thank you. I'm getting better slowly, and hope to be back playing an active life at Central again, in the near future.
- Cynthia and family would like to thank all their friends who attended Dorothy's funeral. Also, our grateful thanks for all the cards and phone calls sent which were so much appreciated. We are so blessed to have such caring friends in our church.

- Yvonne and family are so grateful for the many tokens of love and support shown to them at the time of Bill’s death and funeral; with special thanks to Margaret Newman – a tower of strength.
- From Helen Gale who says “a very big THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me for the Rowcroft Sleep Walk 2019. I raised a total of £341 and the grand total currently stands at over £100,000.”



SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019
(HC) = Sacrament of Holy Communion

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING.6.30
1st	10.30	Revd Jerry Cook Church Anniversary Baptism	Revd Peter Williamson Church Anniversary Reception of New Member
8th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Peter Williamson (HC)	Revd Valerie Price
15 th	10.30	Revd Adrian Phippen	Adam Hills
22nd	10.30	Margaret Newman Harvest Festival All Age Worship	Revd Peter Williamson Harvest Festival
29th	10.30	Revd Graham Shaw	Revd Doug Rix (HC)

SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL
Sun	1st		CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	2nd	6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	3rd	9.30	Midweek Prayers
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		6.00	Leadership Meeting
Wed	4 th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	5th	9.30	Central Tots
		7.00	Rise & Shine Meeting
Fri	6th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	7 th		PLYMOUTH & EXETER METHODIST DISTRICT SYNOD
Sun	8th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	9th	6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	10th	9.30	Midweek Service
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	11th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	12th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	13th	10.00	Coffee & fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	15th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	16 th	2.30	Central Fellowship - Welcome
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	17th	9.30	Midweek Prayers
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees

Wed	18th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	19th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	20th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	22nd		HARVEST FESTIVAL
			SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	23rd	2.30	Central Fellowship
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	24th	9.30	Midweek Communion
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	25th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	26th	9.30	Central Tots
		7.30	Moors Housegroup
Fri	27th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	28 th	4.00	HARVEST BARN DANCE & SUPPER
Sun	29th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	30th	2.30	Central Fellowship
		6.30	Flexercise Fun



WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30am
1 st	Cynthia Arscott & Barbara Gissing	Paul Sherriff
8 th	Paul & Christine Sherriff	Philip Kay
15 th	Barbara Lawton & Su Garrod	Philip Kay
22 nd	Gerald & Joy Morris	Barbara Lawton
29th	Monica Lansley & Philip Kay	Sue Coatham

THE LEPROSY MISSION
"Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed"

You may remember that, earlier this year, we sent £718.68 to the 'Heal Nepal' Appeal. This was matched by the Government's UK Aid scheme and became £1437.36.

A recent letter from Trevor Grant, Regional Manager for The Leprosy Mission says:

"To all at Torquay Central Church

Your incredible gifts to heal Nepal will bring Christ's love and healing to people with leprosy. Teams of outreach workers will be trained to go into remote communities to find and cure people with leprosy. We pray people will be reached before they develop life-long disabilities. Thanks to your kindness, they will be given a place to heal at Anandaban Hospital. Together we pray that 'Heal Nepal' will bring an end to leprosy in Nepal. Thank you so much for your kindness and compassion. Yours in Christ.

Trevor Grant."

The total raised nationally was £4,154,781 (this includes the matched funding from the UK Government).

Linda

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CLIVE BROOKS. 1930 - 2019

Clive was born in Chesterfield, son of a local preacher. He has always been a devout Methodist but didn't follow his father.

He attended a council run school but was an excellent learner who loved mathematics. He went on to attend Cambridge University. He achieved an HND and an Inter BSc in engineering. He was a highly intelligent man and was greatly respected during his working life.

He worked his way up in various jobs to eventually becoming an Engineering Director for the Mirror Group under Robert Maxwell. He was the only director who was allowed to call Maxwell 'Bob'!! Following the death of Maxwell he retired.

His jobs took him far and wide but the most exciting was going to Russia with Maxwell. During that visit he went to the Kremlin and met with President Gorbachev. He never was a man to boast of his achievements but he achieved so much during his life, including designing the small sleeves that After Eight mints come in!

He always helped as many people as possible and whichever church he attended always benefited greatly from his help and time.

He was always an active choir member in each church and contributed greatly with a great talent and voice.

He was a Freemason for most of his life and again was very committed to that. He worked very hard and was recognised for all his dedication.

He never got over the passing of his beloved wife Elaine in 2011 but with our help did not give up until very poor health finally beat him.

He is now at peace in the afterlife and has been reunited with Elaine.

He will be greatly missed.

DENISE LAWRENCE. 1957 - 2019.

This is an extract from the eulogy which Denise herself wrote.

I have been asked to say what is important to me;

“My Faith has always been important to me, from my baptism as the Babe at the Nativity, as my Father constantly reminds me! I have connected with a Church where ever I have been,

My Church life started at Dorset Gardens in Brighton, then in Sussex where I joined the Guildry. We moved to Torquay in 1968 and went to Union Street Methodist, then on to Central Church.

I went to Cheltenham Teachers Training College and got involved with debates there. Moved to Swindon where I went to different Churches finding my way worshipping in other faiths. I moved back to Devon in 2007 and joined Exminster Methodists where I have been very happy. I started to train for my Local Preacher, but the Lord had other ideas.

You must have Friends in life, everywhere I have been Friends are there. I have spent most of my time working in the N.H.S. [teaching didn't work out] I started out as Health Care Manager in Swindon G.P practise, then I became a medical photographer at Swindon and then had my own department as medical photographer at Eastbourne in Sussex. Post Grad Administrator back in Swindon. G.P. Manager at Swindon and Gloucester. Returning to Devon working at R.D.E. as Service Manager involving many departments, ending up in the Cancer department. [That was ironic]

My Mum was a very special Lady and I loved her dearly. Please look after her.

Denise.

DOROTHY BARNETT. 1946 2019

Dot was born on 10th May 1946, on the same day as the singer Donovan and the actress Maureen Lipman. She was the only child of Kath and Cyril Quick and lived all her life in Torquay. Dot attended Babacombe Primary school and then went on to Torquay Girls' Grammar School.

Dot worked at Renwic, Wilton & Dobson and then on to SWEB, for many years, where she met Dave. She finished up working at Exeter where she travelled with her good friend Doreen every day.

She had a lot of periods of ill health and big operations, one of which was in Manchester where Dorothy and her family were so kind to her. Typically, Dot took all of these issues in her stride – she was never one to make a fuss.

Dot shared many happy years with Dave, enjoying lovely holidays and lots of bowling tours where Dot of course helped with the teas! She also shared happy times with Joy and her family.

Dot came back to Church with Cynthia a few years ago and soon found herself (guess what) helping with the teas and also ferrying people home. She loved people and was always interested in what they were doing and what they had been up to. She had a great sense of humour and was always ready with a humorous quip.

Cynthia and Dot shared many days out (involving buses and trains) and several lovely holidays together during the past few years. There were always plenty of laughs, adventures, occasional mishaps and humorous stories to tell afterwards!

We will all miss her greatly and are grateful that we had her in our lives. Dot was kind, fun, generous and much loved. She made a difference to people's lives and will certainly never be forgotten.

Cynthia Arscott

BILL THORNE - 1931 – 2019.

Bill was born on Christmas Eve 1931 in the village of Coombe-in-Teign-head, but he spent a lot of time with family in Stoke-in-Teign-Head, going to school locally in the War years.

He started his Apprenticeship in Bulpins Garage in Newton Abbot when he was 15 years old. It was there he developed a wide knowledge of cars, and maintained an interest in cars of all types.

He had to put his Apprenticeship on hold, in order to do his National Service, which he did in Morton-in-the-Marsh, before returning to Bulpins.

Bill's next employment was at Centrax, also in Newton Abbot, where for 15 years, he served as a machine tool fitter. It was there that he met Yvonne. Unfortunately he was made redundant just a few years after their marriage, but Bill was offered a position with the Royal Ordnance Factory near Bridgewater, working with explosives. However, after 3 years of only coming home at weekends Bill began work with South West Water, which included manning Old Mill Reservoir near Dartmouth, before joining the staff at Venford Reservoir.

On his retirement Bill started driving a van delivering cakes from Newton Abbot to the South Hams, and also drove a mini-bus for Upton Vale Baptist Women's League.

Bill was an Anglican, but when he married Yvonne he joined her at Upton Vale. Then about 25 years ago, Bill and Yvonne came to Central, attending Church Services and becoming regular members of the Guild.

Bill was always cheerful, and you would often hear him whistling. Even, not long before he died he had cheery quips with the nurses.

Bill endeared himself to us all at Central, and we miss him very much. We give Yvonne our sincere sympathy, and pray God's blessing on her as she comes to terms with her loss.

MN.

VENI VIDI VICI (He came, He saw, He conquered)

He CAME from the Glory, the Holy One
Down Heaven's stairway to a bed of straw,
From the realms of splendour and blazing light
He left riches behind and for us became poor.

He SAW His creation now spoilt and marred,
But it was for this reason He came to earth,
His great love for the world had caused Him to act
That man now lost be redeemed through new birth.

He CONQUERED and ruined the Devil's plan
By an awesome battle He knew He would win,
Through His death on the cross – and a mighty shout!
With His blood now covering all of man's sin.

By Megan Carter



MEDICAL TERMS FOR NON-MEDICAL PEOPLE

Artery: the study of paintings
Bacteria: the back door to cafeteria
Caesarean section: a neighbourhood in Rome
Catscan: searching for kitty
Cauterize: made eye contact with her
Coma: a punctuation mark
Enema: not a friend
Fester: quicker than someone else
Labour Pain: getting hurt at work
Nitrates: cheaper than day rates
Outpatient: a person who has fainted
Post-operative: a letter carrier
Recovery room: place to do upholstery

REBUILDING YOUR LIFE WHEN DISASTER HITS

Circumstances can change in the blink of an eye. What was so certain can be swept away and our world can be suddenly uprooted.

This is Yaema's* survival story. Yaema lost almost everything when floods hit Sierra Leone's capital in 2017. Her husband, swept away. Their home, ruined. Her business, destroyed. Only her children remained safe. 'I could not salvage anything', she shares.

Before the disaster, Yaema was a business owner. Her children went to school, and she was able to provide for them. In her own words, 'We were a happy family'.

Overnight everything changed. When the floods hit, the family sought refuge at a church – a Tearfund local partner – where they received food, water and toiletries. 'We survived on what the church gave us', Yaema says.

Rebuilding

At Tearfund we are passionate about working with people to secure their own future. Our local partners supported Yaema in the interim, but it was important to help her with the tools she needed to rebuild her life. To help Yaema in the long term, our local partner gave her a cash grant. With the money she has rented a house and opened a small shop, which she plans to grow. What's important to Yaema is that she is able to provide for her family again.

Trust in God

Yaema is certain it was God that helped turn her life around. 'God saw my tears and he helped me out. I give him glory and praise because he did it for me and my family'.

Our God isn't distant. He cares and provides for us. Yaema concludes, 'Now I know there is a God who we can trust that will never fail me. When we lost everything I thought it was over for me and my family, but God came in time and lifted us up.'

Patricia Conteh

West Africa Team

PRAYER POINTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Prayer Item #1**

Monsoon rains have caused severe floods and landslides in Nepal, Bangladesh and north-eastern India, leaving millions of people at risk. Pray for people affected and for Tearfund's partners as they support those in need. Pray for God's protection over the Rohingya refugees living in temporary shelters as more heavy rain is predicted.

- **Prayer Item #2**

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ebola has spread to Goma, a major city of 2 million people close to the Rwandan border. Please pray for an end to the spread of this virus. Pray also for peace in the eastern part of the country, where violence has been on the rise.



HARVEST FIELD.

All around, confusion,
All around, helplessness,
People lost in the bad news of every day.
Longing for purpose,
Searching for security and significance
Here in the white field of our generation.

The harvest is still great,
The workers are still few,
But the Lord of the harvest
Is the same
Yesterday, today and forever,
And this is his field.
He planted, he will give growth
If we will be his workforce
And go out into the field – where he already is –
To gather the harvest
Of his kingdom compassion. Lord of the harvest,
In your grace, we pray, Send us.

By Daphne Kitching

THE GARDENER'S HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.
*All things spray and swattable, disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.*

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.
All things spray and swattable...etc..

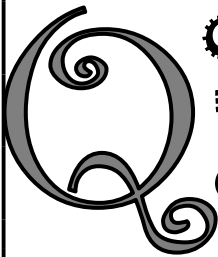
The fungus on the goosegogs, the Club root in the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.
All things spray and swattable...etc...

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.
All things spray and swattable...etc...

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.
All things spray and swattable...etc...

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be their thumbs.
All things spray and swattable...etc...

But still we gardeners labour, midst veg'tables and flowers
And pray what hits our neighbour's, will somehow by pass ours.



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PICTURE

QUIZ NUMBER 79

GEORGE

June 2019 'People called George'

I am so sorry that the answers to this quiz have been a long time coming, but with no magazine in August, me being unavailable and my computer dying in July, it has been impossible to keep the system going!

However, I think things are back to normal now, though I'm still struggling with this new software, so I will try to give you the results of the quiz 80.

There were only 4 correct entries from the 10 returned to me, and the winner was Di Clark, a faithful supporter right from the beginning. Well done Di!

SO - here are the answers.....

1. George MICHAEL
2. George BUSH
3. George CLOONEY
4. George BEST
5. George HARRISON
6. BOY George
7. LORD George BYRON
8. George BERNARD SHAW
9. George FREDERICK HANDEL
10. KING GEORGE V
11. GEORGIE PORGIE
12. George CUSTER
13. SAINT George
14. George BANKS
15. GeorgeINA KIRRIN
16. George FORMBY
17. George BIZET
18. George GERSHWIN
19. George WASHINGTON
20. PRINCE George
21. George ORWELL
22. George OSBORNE
23. George ELLIOT
24. George REEVES
25. George R.R.MARTIN.

The next quiz will be available on September 1st, so PLEASE remember to get one and one for your friends!!!

