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Heath New Hope New Providence



Jesus wants to
be my friend
forever.

*Catching Fish
Luke 5:1-11*

"With God, all
things are possible."
Matthew 19:26

July 2019

Our vision is to know, love, live and
share Jesus, for a better world.

Letter from the New Manse

Dear Friends,

Recently I caught the end of a TV programme about customs and border control at an international airport and was reminded of a story in the Muslim Sufi tradition.

There was a man who lived in a walled city on the border of a neighbouring country. Early each morning the man would leave the city by its north gate, where there was a border checkpoint. Every day he was searched, and his donkey was searched, and nothing was ever found. Every evening he would re-enter the city at the south gate, where he would be searched again and be found to be carrying nothing with him. As the years passed the customs officials could see that he was becoming very rich. They were convinced that he was smuggling something, but they couldn't discover what it was, and couldn't work out how he did it. It was a mystery.

When I first heard the story I began to think of what the contraband might be, and how he avoided being caught. I thought of drugs, diamonds and gold, and how they might be concealed. I wondered if he'd swallowed them or hidden them in his shoes.

After one of the customs officials retired he went to the man and asked him to tell him, in absolute confidence, what he had been smuggling. The man swore him to secrecy and then revealed his secret... it was, of course, donkeys!

The mullahs tell this story to teach people that great truths are often right under our noses, but we often miss them because we think in sophisticated and complicated ways.

Letter from the New Manse

This can happen as we read our Bibles, especially if we go in for intensive study. I wouldn't want to suggest that we shouldn't read carefully and consult study notes and commentaries; indeed, I would want to encourage it. However, we must look for the obvious message as well as possible hidden ones. Sometimes we make it far too complicated and miss the point.

The same thing can happen as we "do theology" or think about God. It's important that we do try to think about the nature of God and develop our understanding of his purposes, but we must be aware of the danger of getting so tangled up in explanations and theories that we fail to see the simple truth.

When I listened to the mullah's story I missed the donkey. Perhaps you did too. But let's not miss the simple truth about God. And what would that be? – That he loves us more than we deserve and more than we can imagine, and that he revealed his love to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Of course, there's much more to know about God, but God's love is the central message of the Bible and the heart of our faith. It's a simple truth that can shape, transform, strengthen, comfort and encourage us. Whether you study the Bible in depth, read it at a more superficial level, or rarely open it, I pray that you will know the simple truth that God loves you deeply.

God bless,
Heather

Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

July

- 7 Rev John Jenkinson – Followed by Summer Lunch
- 14 Rev Daphne Hull
- 21 Rev Heather Pollard – Communion
- 28 Mr. Martin Pollard – Fair Trade Stall

Activities in July

Tuesday 16 July - 10.30am - Community Coffee
Morning

Wednesday 31 July - 7.00pm - Elder's Meeting at Heath

Weekly Events

Regular Activities at Heath

Monday

- 9.15am Toddlers (during term time)
- 2.00pm Sing for Fun – Singing Group
- 5.30pm Beaver Scouts 6–8yrs
- 6.30pm Club Scouts 8–10yrs

Tuesday

- 10.30am Community Coffee Club
(3rd Tuesday in month)

Thursday

- 7.30pm Thursday Club- Social Group (2nd Thursday
in month Sept - June)

Friday

- 7.30pm Scouts 10-14yrs
- 7.30pm Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs

Hello Folks,

How are you doing?

I recently had an eye check and needed a new prescription.

The NHS recommend that most people should get their eyes tested every 2 years.

If you're eligible for a free NHS sight or eye test, the NHS pays for it and you won't be charged.

See [Am I entitled to a free NHS eye test?](#) for more information.

Your ophthalmic practitioner or optometrist may recommend you have an NHS sight test more often than every 2 years if you:

- are a child wearing glasses
- have [diabetes](#)
- are aged 40 or over and have a family history of [glaucoma](#)
- are aged 70 or over

Did you know that the College of Optometrists state Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) – affects more than 600,000 people in the UK? However, most people with AMD can see well enough to get around.

The macula is an area at the back of your eye that is responsible for your central vision, most of your colour vision and making out fine detail. When the macula is damaged, it becomes harder to recognise faces, or to read or watch television. However, the edge of your vision (peripheral vision) is not normally affected.

There are two stages in AMD:

Early AMD

Early AMD is always dry AMD. This is when yellow deposits, known as drusen, build up behind the macula. Most people with early AMD have near normal vision. There is no treatment for early AMD. It is important to note that many people with early AMD do not progress to late AMD and will not develop sight loss.

Late AMD

Late AMD can be 'wet' or 'dry'. Around 10-15% of people with early AMD will develop wet AMD. This develops when abnormal blood vessels grow under the macula and leak blood or fluid, which leads to scarring and rapid loss of central vision. Wet AMD can develop very suddenly but it can now be treated if caught quickly. Fast referral to a hospital specialist is essential.

Late dry AMD is called geographic atrophy and is quite rare.

Who is affected by AMD?

The older we are the greater our risk of developing AMD. Around one in every 200 people has AMD at 60. However, by the age of 90 it affects one person in five. We are all living longer so the number of people affected is increasing. You are more at risk of developing AMD if you have a family history of the condition or already have it in one eye.

What are the symptoms of AMD?

Here are some of the symptoms of AMD:

- Straight lines may appear distorted or bent.
- Spots or smudges may appear in your vision.
- Bright light may be more uncomfortable.
- Eyes having difficulty adapting when moving between light and dark rooms.
- Colours look faded.

- Objects may appear to change shape and size or even move, and words may disappear when you are reading.

Check your vision

Regularly check your vision in each eye separately. You can do this by looking with each eye separately at the straight lines on a door frame or Venetian blind. You can also use the Amsler chart to check your vision on the page below:

- Wear the glasses you normally wear for reading, if any.
- Hold the chart about 30cm (12 inches) in front of your face.
- Cover each eye in turn. With the other eye look at the black dot in the middle of the chart:
 - Are all the lines straight?
 - Do you see any distortion or any broken or wavy lines?
 - Do you see any missing patches?

If you notice the lines are distorted or there are missing patches, you should see your optometrist straight away.

How can I stop AMD developing?

Here are the things you can do to reduce your risk of developing AMD:

- Quit smoking. Smokers are four times more likely to develop AMD than non-smokers. Smoking causes AMD to progress faster and makes treatment less effective.
- Maintain a healthy weight and normal blood pressure.
- Take regular exercise and eat a healthy diet with plenty of leafy, green vegetables.

How do you treat AMD?

Wet AMD can be treated if caught early. Treatment involves injecting drugs into the corner of your eye (with anaesthetic first), to shrink and stop the growth of the abnormal blood vessels. Some people do not respond to the injections and may be offered a form of laser treatment instead.

Article taken from the College of Optometrists
<https://lookafteryoureyes.org/eye-conditions/age-related-macular-degeneration-amd/>

NHS A-Z website

Tuesday 11th September 2007 “Two nutrients found in green vegetables and eggs have been found to protect against developing age related macular degeneration (ARMD)” Reuters news agency reported.

The NHS says that further studies need to be done, however, “Regardless of whether or not your diet can effect your risk of developing ARMD, eating a healthy balanced diet which includes plenty of fruit and vegetables, has many benefits and is recommended.”

NB: Get an urgent opticians appointment if:

- your vision gets suddenly worse
- you have a dark "curtain" or shadow moving across your vision
- your eye is red and painful

These aren't symptoms of AMD but can be signs of other eye problems that need to be treated immediately.

Go to A&E or call 111 straight away if you can't get an urgent appointment.

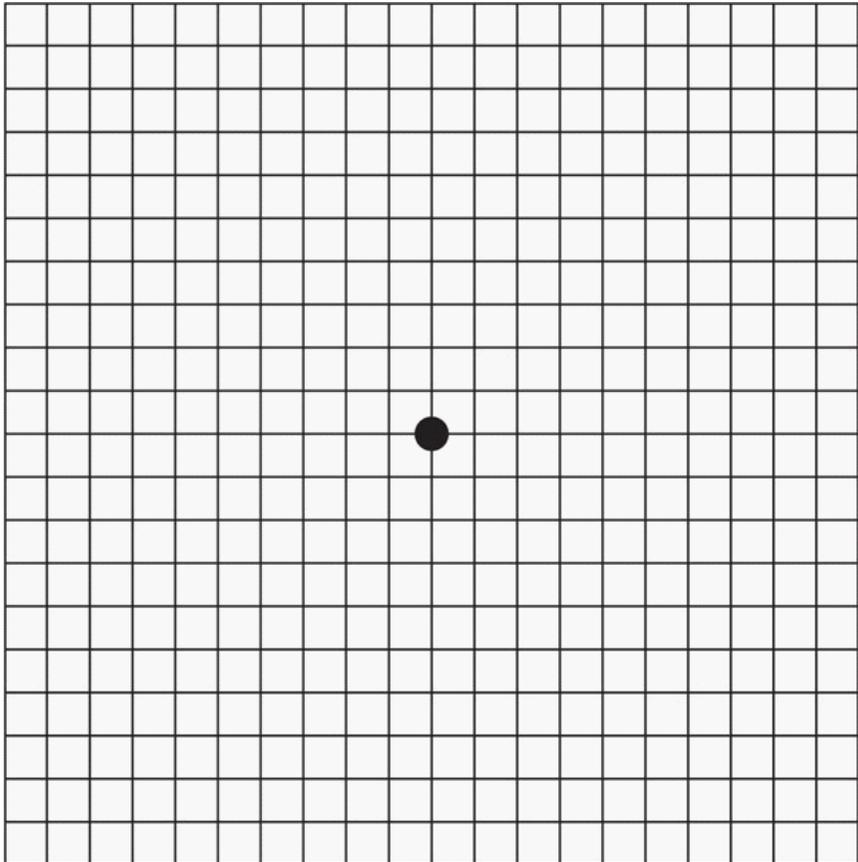
HEATH

I pray for our physical and spiritual vision. The Lord is concerned for these and there are many scriptures about them eg: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Vision>.

And finally for now: 3 John 1:2 “So dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well”.

With many blessings and please don't hesitate to call me: 07803295002. Please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Dawn Weald, Parish Nurse, Heath Church.



Pulpit Supply

July 2019

July. 7th Mrs. Juliet Foster
July. 14th Rev Heather Pollard
July. 21st Mr. David Truswell
July. 28th Mrs. Kathleen Melling

Friendship Hour at 2.15pm

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays most months to enjoy each others company, have a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits and meet new friends. The meeting on July 10th will be 'Percy Shaw Cats Eyes' with Chris Helm
The meeting on July 24th will be 'In House'

Ladies Excercise Class: Wednesdays at 7.30pm
Boys' Brigade: Mondays from 6.30pm

On Saturday July 13th it will be the Fun Day 12 - 4 pm in West View Park. Please come along and support this event.

The writer’s good lady is now the proud possessor of an up-market dual fuel cooking Range. For Jane, the previous oven had been repaired three times, so its gone for re-cycling. The new cooker is a re-use item, posh for second hand, but it is dual fuel, gas hob, electric oven. Mr M Gove says they should be all electric since gas is bad. If we were all electric, then, we would be using more gas since 45% of our electricity is generated in gas fired power stations with a further 25% generated in nuclear power stations, and 7% generated at Drax Power Station by burning about 12,000,000 tonnes of American wood chips a year, shipped across the Atlantic and then taken from Liverpool Docks to Drax through the Calder Valley in 2,200 tonne train loads. Life gets more and more complex.

Who do we believe? How many new power stations to charge up 20,000,000 electric cars (UK only) and where does all the cobalt for their batteries, world wide, come from? There isn’t enough in the world.

As for the “B” word the writer has vowed not to mention. A similar analysis can be under- taken with items ranging through life insurance, oranges, scientists, fruit pickers, etc. If we sit down and have a long think about these things and others it becomes clear as to which spoutings from self-publicists are pure retoric spin and which bear a modicum of truth.

On a slightly different tack, the writers grand daughter was telling him about kids vaping at school. Vaping is being pushed at kids as a healthy alternative to smoking. What rubbish, its just to get them hooked for later life and the share holders. Hold your horses for cannabis vaping!

What a task it is to do the right thing. If you can.

The information came from New Scientist and Google. The opinions in this article are not endorsed by the United Reformed Church.

Mike Riley

NEW PROVIDENCE

Pulpit Supply

JULY

7th....Mr. Ken Lees-Wolfenden (Communion)

14th....Mrs. Juliet Foster

21st....Mr. Andrew Mitchell (Parade)

28th... Rev Heather Pollard

New Providence

Diary

JULY

Tuesday's – 5.00pm Garden Gang

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence

Friday's – 6.45pm Boy's Brigade / Girl's Association at the Carlton Centre

Monday 22nd - 7.30pm – New Provi Circle

St. James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain and the namesake of the Camino de Santiago. But why is he so important?

Let's go back to basics – a patron saint is considered to be a defender of a specific group of people or of a nation. There's a patron saint for virtually every cause, profession or special interest. Whether it's St Francis of Assisi being the patron saint of animals or St. Anthony being the patron saint of lost items.

Patron saints are not just specific to Roman Catholicism but are also particular to Eastern Orthodoxy, Anglicanism and some branches of Islam. St James the Greater is the patron saint of pilgrims and Spain.

St James the Greater was one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, and actually thought to be the cousin of Jesus himself, by the sister of the Virgin Mary, and the brother of St Jude Thaddeus. He worked as a fisherman with his brother John, his father Zebedee and his partner Simon. John and James were followers of John the Baptist and later, Jesus.

James, along with his brother John, left his life as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be a "fisher of men". He followed Jesus as one of his disciples until Jesus was crucified by the Romans.

Following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, he made a pilgrimage to the Iberian Peninsula to spread the word of Jesus and when he returned to Judea, he was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in the year 44AD. This is detailed in the Bible in Acts 12 of the New Testament. "King Herod extended his hands to harm certain ones from the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 Seeing

that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to arrest Peter also.” (Act 12 Modern English Version).

The remains, or relics, of St James the Greater were then transported by his followers to the Iberian Peninsula (today’s Galicia in Spain) and are said to be buried in Santiago de Compostela, which is why St James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain.

According to legend, his body, along with his followers, sailed to the Iberian Peninsula on a rudderless ship with no sail. Landing on the northwest coast of the peninsula they proceeded up the River Ulla to land at Iria Flavia, (modern-day Padron). The Celtic Queen Lupia ruled these lands, and when asked by James’ followers if they could bury his body she refused and sent troops after them. While chasing the followers of James with his body across a bridge it collapsed, killing her troops. Queen Lupia then converted to Christianity and provided an ox and cart for the followers of James to transport the body. Unsure of where they should bury the sacred remains, his followers prayed on this and decided to let the ox continue until it choose a place to rest. After pausing at a stream the ox finally came to rest under an oak tree at the top of a hill and it’s here that the Cathedral of Santiago stands today.

The Legend of Saint James the Greater

St James, or according to the Spanish form of his name, St Iago, is also the great military patron of Spain. His mission to defend the Christian Church against invaders was however reserved until after his death. During the celebrated battle of Clavijo, he suddenly appeared on a milk-white charger, waving aloft a white standard, and leading the Christians to

victory. This manifestation was in response to the soldiers' invocation of his name, "Sant Iago!" as the battle-cry of that day. Hence, the name of the ancient city (Santiago) which where the cathedral was founded in his honour.

The Death of the Saint

There are two categories of saints – martyrs and confessors. A Christian martyr is regarded as one who is put to death for his Christian faith or convictions. Confessors are people who died natural deaths. St James the Greater died in AD 44 when he was beheaded by Herod, making him a martyr. St James is also widely recognised as the first apostle to be martyred.

Why is he the Patron Saint of Pilgrims and Spain

St James the Greater is universally regarded as the patron of pilgrims because after establishing the Christian religion in the Iberian Peninsula, modern Galicia, he returned to Judaea on a pilgrimage and was beheaded. The scallop shell is the recognized symbol of all pilgrims on the Camino, as it's found on the shores of Galicia. When returning to their own countries, pilgrims displayed the scallop shell in their hats to show that they had carried out their pious intentions.

St James became the patron saint of Spain as this is where his remains are believed to be buried. St James is also believed to have helped the Christians defeat the Moors in Spain – yet another reason he's their patron saint.

Ezra the lawyer

Back in the Old Testament times, the kingdoms were quite small.
So obviously populations were not that numerous at all
Troops did not occupy land, but to exile took them away.
The dimmest ones were almost slaves and the brainiest could get pay.
When Emperor Arterxes of Persia ruled in Middle East,
There was a young man names Ezra, descended from Aaron, high
priest.

A clever man was Ezra, he was also a priest as well,
With great knowledge of Moses' law, as all those who knew him would
tell.

Because Ezra had God's blessing, the Emperor gave what he had
asked,

And thinking that by so doing, he too in God's favour basked!
In the seventh year of his reign, Ezra left for Jerusalem
With Levites, priests and musicians, plus some workers to go with
them.

Off to restore Jerusalem! Ezra felt he could almost dance!
He was taking all he needed and the king providing finance!
Jews across the Persian Empire were told, "It is time to come back"
And promised, if they did so, then nothing would they lack.
Then Ezra discovered some things which made him starting tearing his
hair,

Some Jews had wed foreign women, it really filled him with despair.
Since by law this was forbidden, the knowledge of it did some lack.
So they all had divorces and the women were promptly sent back!
For Ezra, this made opportunity, their laws to the people to teach,
So he built a wooden pulpit on which he could stand and then preach.
He started reading Moses' law, which was written on a large scroll,
And kept on reading for seven days, which it took to unroll.

People were so enthralled by this that they sat in the pouring rain.
It changed some lives for ever more. They would never break the law
again!

CARL'S GARDEN

Carl was a quiet man. He didn't talk much. He would always greet you with a big smile and a firm handshake.

Even after living in our neighbourhood for over 50 years, no one could really say they knew him very well.

Before his retirement, he took the bus to work each morning. The lone sight of him walking down the street often worried us. He had a slight limp from a bullet wound received in WWII.

Watching him, we worried that although he had survived WWII, he may not make it through our changing uptown neighbourhood with its ever-increasing random violence, gangs, and drug activity.

When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the minister's residence, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just signed up.

He was well into his 87th year when the very thing we had always feared finally happened.

He was just finishing his watering for the day when three gang members approached him. Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, "Would you like a drink from the hose?"

The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said, "Yeah, sure," with a malevolent little smile.

As Carl offered the hose to him, the other two grabbed Carl's arm, throwing him down. As the hose snaked crazily over the ground, dousing everything in its way, Carl's assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and then fled.

Carl tried to get himself up, but he had been thrown down on his bad leg. He lay there trying to gather himself as the

minister came running to help him.

Although the minister had witnessed the attack from his window, he couldn't get there fast enough to stop it. "Carl, are you okay? Are you hurt?" the minister kept asking as he helped Carl to his feet.

Carl just passed a hand over his brow and sighed, shaking his head.

"Just some punk kids. I hope they'll wise-up someday." His wet clothes clung to his slight frame as he bent to pick up the hose. He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water.

Confused and a little concerned, the minister asked, "Carl, what are you doing?"

"I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately," came the calm reply.

Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place.

A few weeks later the three returned. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose. This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched the hose from his hand and drenched him head to foot in the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, throwing catcalls and curses, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done.

Carl just watched them. Then he turned toward the warmth giving sun, picked up his hose, and went on with his watering.

The summer was quickly fading into fall. Carl was doing some tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach

of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into some evergreen branches.

As he struggled to regain his footing, he turned to see the tall leader of his summer tormentors reaching down for him. He braced himself for the expected attack.

"Don't worry old man, I'm not gonna hurt you this time." The young man spoke softly, still offering the tattooed and scarred hand to Carl. As he helped Carl get up, the man pulled a crumpled bag from his pocket and handed it to Carl. "What's this?" Carl asked.

"It's your stuff," the man explained. "It's your stuff back. Even the money in your wallet." "I don't understand," Carl said. "Why would you help me now?"

The man shifted his feet, seeming embarrassed and ill at ease. "I learned something from you," he said. "I ran with that gang and hurt people like you. We picked you because you were old and we knew we could do it. But every time we came and did something to you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You kept showing love against our hate." He stopped for a moment.

"I couldn't sleep after we stole your stuff, so here it is back." He paused for another awkward moment, not knowing what more there was to say. "That bag's my way of saying thanks for straightening me out, I guess." And with that, he walked off down the street.

Carl looked down at the sack in his hands and gingerly opened it. He took out his retirement watch and put it back on his wrist. Opening his wallet, he checked for his wedding photo. He gazed for a moment at the young bride who still smiled back at him from all those years ago.

He died one cold day after Christmas that winter. Many people attended his funeral in spite of the weather.

In particular the minister noticed a tall young man who he didn't know sitting quietly in a distant corner of the church. The minister spoke of Carl's garden as a lesson in life. In a voice made thick with unshed tears, he said, "Do your best and make your garden as beautiful as you can. We will never forget Carl and his garden."

The following spring another flyer went up. It read:

"Person needed to care for Carl's garden."

The flyer went unnoticed by the busy parishioners until one day when a knock was heard at the minister's office door. Opening the door, the minister saw a pair of scarred and tattooed hands holding the flyer. "I believe this is my job, if you'll have me," the young man said.

The minister recognized him as the same young man who had returned the stolen watch and wallet to Carl. He knew that Carl's kindness had turned this man's life around.

As the minister handed him the keys to the garden shed, he said, "Yes, go take care of Carl's garden and honour him."

The man went to work and, over the next several years, he tended the flowers and vegetables just as Carl had done.

In that time, he went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community. But he never forgot his promise to Carl's memory and kept the garden as beautiful as he thought Carl would have kept it.

One day he approached the new minister and told him that he couldn't care for the garden any longer. He explained with a shy and happy smile, "My wife's just had a baby boy last night, and she's bringing him home on Saturday."

"Well, congratulations!" said the minister, as he was handed the garden shed keys. "That's wonderful! What's the baby 'name?" "Carl," he replied.
That's the whole gospel message simply stated.
Author unknown.

PUT "ICE" IN YOUR CELL PHONE

A paramedic in Cambridge in England suggests potential life-saving tip!

Bob Brotchie is a clinical team leader for the East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust. He said he got tired of trying to figure out who to contact when dealing with shocked or injured patients who can't give the information themselves.

The campaign encourages people to put an entry in their cell phones and other portable address devices under the name of "ICE" (In Case of Emergency). Emergency personnel can quickly check the cell phone for the "ICE" entry and reach whoever's name and contact information is there. It also gives the cell phone owner the opportunity to choose who will be contacted during an emergency - when that person may not want Mom, Dad, or some other same-named relative to be called.

The announcement of the campaign, was made by Brotchie, a British war hero named Simon Weston, and the Vodafone Life Saver Awards. Vodafone is a cell provider in the UK and says, "its research has shown that more than 75 percent of the people it surveyed don't carry any information about who they would want contacted on their behalf in case of an emergency."

Good Measure, Pressed Down, Shaken and Running Over!

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to eke out a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to be a man you can be proud of."

And that he did. In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said what goes around comes around. Jesus said it another way:

NIV: Luke 6:38 --- "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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A husband and wife were driving down a country lane on their way to visit some friends. They came to a muddy patch in the road and the car became bogged. After a few minutes of trying to get the car out by themselves, they saw a young farmer coming down the lane, driving some oxen before him. He stopped when he saw the couple in trouble and offered to pull the car out of the mud for £50. The husband accepted and minutes later the car was free.

The farmer turned to the husband and said, "You know, you're the tenth car I've helped out of the mud today."

The husband looks around at the fields incredulously and asks the farmer, "When do you have time to plough your land? At night?"

"No," the young farmer replied seriously, "Night is when I put water in the hole."

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It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

“OLDTIMERS”

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things.

They decide to go to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.

His wife asks, "Where are you going?"

"To the kitchen," he replies.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. You'd better write it down, because you know you'll forget it."

He says, "I can remember that! You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, so you'd better write it down!" she retorts.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Leave me alone! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream -- I got it, for goodness sake!" Then he grumbles into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and says... "Where's my toast?"

NORMA'S WORD SEARCH

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Summer Holidays	Walks	Cruising	Haymaking
Seaside	Sunshine	Surfing	Friends
Beaches	Showers	Pebbles	Fun
Warm weather	Flying	Crabs	Sunglasses
Picnics	Mountains	Shells	Cream
Gala	Rockpool	Sun	

Now find the hidden message?

Crossword Clues

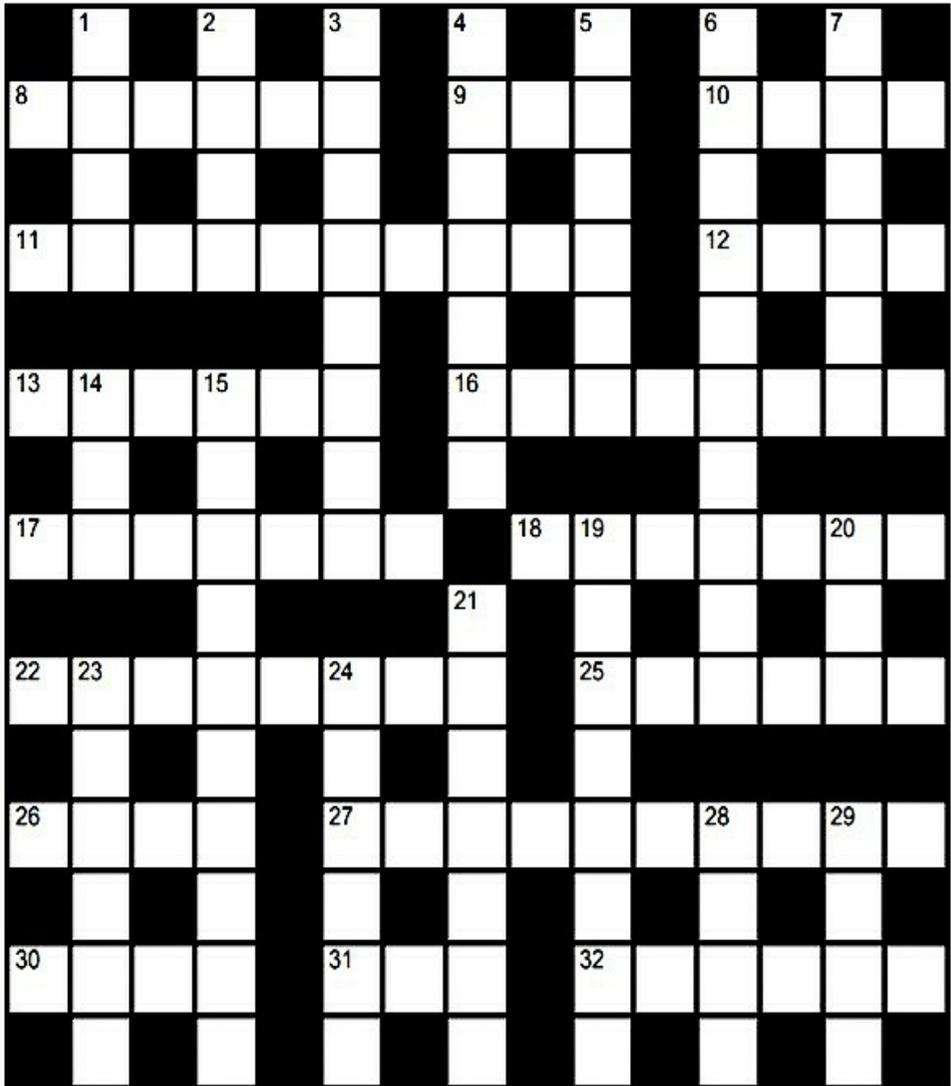
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- 8 Religious service (6)
- 9 Vessel (3)
- 10 Drive forcibly (4)
- 11 Christ does this for us (10)
- 12 Bethesda was the name of this (4)
- 13 Servant of a prophet (6)
- 16 One who leaves the straight and narrow path (8)
- 17 Check the money (7)
- 18 Fragrant offering; make angry (7)
- 22 Come out from among them (8)
- 25 Works with clay (6)
- 26 Main part of text (4)
- 27 Chucked it too far (10)
- 30 Treachery sealed with this (4)
- 31 Simon washed his (3)
- 32 Migratory grasshopper (6)

Down

- 1 Standard for the tribe of Judah (4)
- 2 Brother of James; Hardy book (4)
- 3 Choice by vote (8)
- 4 Evening glow (7)
- 5 All sing the tune (6)
- 6 To reduce deficiency (10)
- 7 Take no notice of (6)
- 14 Look at (3)
- 15 Alternative Revelation (10)
- 19 Son of Jacob (8)
- 20 The blind will (3)
- 21 Regrets; Serpent (anag) (7)
- 23 Angels by another name (6)
- 24 Decorates (6)
- 28 Say it and you will be in danger of the council (4)
- 29 Cleanse (4)

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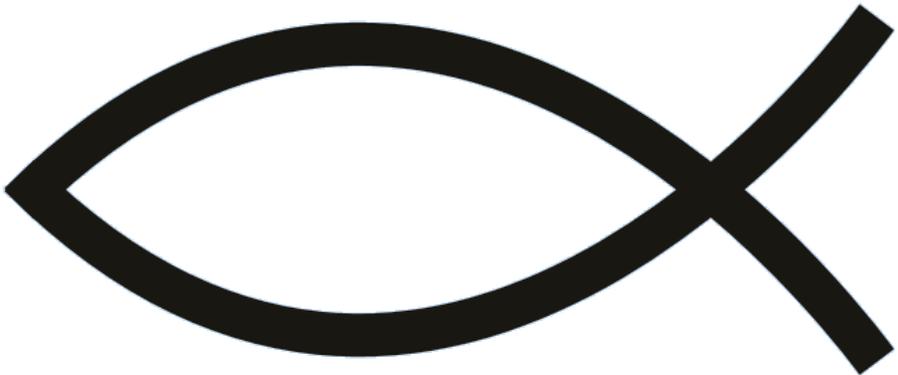
THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
<u>July</u>			
Wed 10 th	2.15pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Tue. 16 th	10.30am	Heath	Community coffee morning
Mon 22 nd	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
Wed 24 th	2.15pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Wed 31 st	7.30pm	Heath	Elders Meeting



PREACHER PLAN

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

July. 7th Rev John Jenkinson
July. 14th Rev Daphne Hull
July. 21st Rev Heather Pollard
July. 28th Mr. Martin Pollard

NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

July . 7th Mrs. Juliet Foster
July. 14th Rev Heather Pollard
July. 21st Mr. David Truswell
July. 28th Mrs. Kathleen Melling

NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

July. 7th Mr. Ken Lees-Wolfenden
July. 14th Mrs. Juliet Foster
July. 21st Mr. Andrew Mitchell
July. 28th Rev Heather Pollard



Answers

Crossword

Across: 8 Ritual, 9 Urn, 10 Urge, 11 Intercedes, 12 Pool, 13 Gehazi, 16 Wanderer, 17 Recount, 18 Incense, 22 Separate, 25 Potter, 26 Body, 27 Overthrown, 30 Kiss, 31 Net, 32 Locust.

Down: 1 Lion, 2 Jude, 3 Election, 4 Sundown, 5 Unison, 6 Supplement, 7 Ignore, 14 Eye, 15 Apocalypse, 19 Naphtali, 20 See, 21 Repents, 23 Elohim, 24 Adorns, 28 Raca, 29 Wash.

Norma's Wordsearch

Hidden message for July:-

ENJOY YOUR BREAKS, REFRESH YOUR MINDS, BE
READY FOR WORK AGAIN



"Forgive us our debts as we forgive those who call to harass us about our debts....."



"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

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August Deadline



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