



# Kay Street News

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## A Hymn for Pentecost

*Spirit divine, inspire our prayers,  
And make our hearts your home;  
descend with all  
    your gracious powers –  
O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Come as the light – reveal our need,  
our hidden failings show,  
and lead us in those paths of life  
in which the righteous go.*

*Come as the fire,  
    and cleanse our hearts  
with purifying flame;  
let our whole life an offering be  
to our Redeemer's name.*



*Come as the dove,  
    and spread your wings,  
the wings of peaceful love,  
and let your church on earth become  
blessed as the church above*

*Come as the wind,  
    with rushing sound  
and pentecostal grace,  
that all mankind with joy may see  
the glory of your face.*

A Reed (1787-1862) CCL2790

## KSBC – The Family of God

All of us are or have been part of a family and, for many, family plays a major part in their lives. Some belong to large families extending vertically over generations and horizontally to siblings, cousins, etc., whilst others have only small families (Heather's nearest blood relative is a 95 year old second cousin who lives in Surrey and my extended family is relatively small, even if I include the erstwhile cousins!) Some families get together and do things together frequently, whilst others, for whatever reason, have little contact, sometimes simply through geographical location.

The Bible describes Christians as the, 'Family of God'. John 1:12 says, *"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They were reborn ..... [with] ..... a birth that comes from God"* (NLT). Since we are the children of God, we are all brother and sister to one another and as such we share the responsibilities and privileges that being part of a family brings. True, brothers and sisters sometimes squabble and fall out, but as I remember Jean Prior once saying, "That's family!" and it doesn't stop them being family. Neither should it stop them caring for one another, from being loyal to one another and from enjoying each other's company. It is often those with small human families that value the friendship and companionship of being a member of God's family should and does bring.

As a local church, the Pastoral Team tries to give opportunities for us to get to know each other better; to build friendships. For example, Sandwich Sundays (the next one is on May 7<sup>th</sup>) when we just meet as family to have lunch together (although it's bring your own sarnis!) after the morning service. We have

a family day out to Towneley Park on May 20<sup>th</sup> – a time to relax, have fun and enjoy being with other members of our family.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> we have a 'Get Together with ....' when again we can relax over food and learn a little more about one particular member of our family (name to be announced later!). End of advertisements!

Obviously, as the family of God we do much more – I have just highlighted one aspect – but we also worship together, pray together, invite others to events so that they can learn about God's family and how to join it and much more.

Having God as our Father, Jesus as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our indweller means that we are part of the family of God and that is the most fantastic privilege there is – to be called children of God.

*"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"* 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

Geoff. Skilling  
on behalf of Matt and the deacons.

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## **Kay Street Day Out** **Towneley Park, Burnley**

We will meet at 11:30am by the pond and have a picnic lunch.

After lunch there is an option to

have a guided tour of the hall, at a cost of £6 per person.

Please see Geoff. Skilling or Jo Emberton for tickets. Lifts can be arranged.



## The road to Ulanbatar

continued from last month

George told us last month about two of the three elements he wanted to use in his future career, he continues –

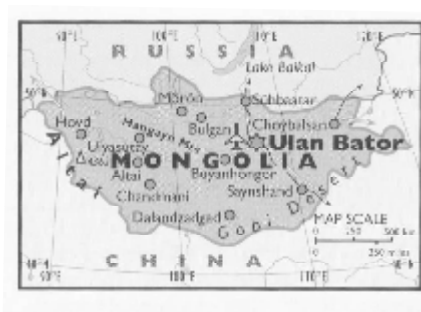


Finally I knew that even if I wasn't using my chemistry nor working with international students I'd certainly wish to be surrounded by fellow lovers of Jesus.

Bringing these 3 themes of my life at university together I was amazed to hear of Mongolia International University (MIU) where Christian faculty/mission workers with a heart for reaching this country (where as recently as 1989 there were an estimated 4 Christians!) taught their subjects and gave their lives to the students/nation that they might come to see Christ.

And having since been accepted to lecture in Chemistry there from August for a year and having skyped the faculty, what a delight to have heard of so many students' lives transformed by faith. Really this seemed like a huge answer to prayer for me and an open door as it combined all that I wanted to give my life to in following Christ. And to them at MIU , a masters degree is highly desirable over there and it seems a huge blessing to them too. Their only current chemistry lecturer is an old Korean missionary who recently turned 70. Apparently it was remarkable timing for both of us.

George Platt



## Spanish Bibles for Cuba

*Ted and Kathleen Wright were church members here before moving to Carmarthen and now live in Leigh-on-Sea. They have friends who visit churches in South Wales on behalf of Open Doors and have told Ted about some remarkable answers to prayer which Ted shared with John & Jean Prior and they have passed on to us.*

Evangelical Christians in Cuba are a persecuted people. They generally live in areas where there is little infrastructure. Bibles are not printed in Cuba and beyond what they could afford as they live on \$15 a month. Our friends who speak on behalf of Open Doors in Wales, felt led to go and encourage the pastors and congregations as they did four years ago. They booked 2 premier class seats with Thomas Cook. They decided to take 30 Reina Valera versions of the Spanish Bible. The price on the Internet is £17.99.

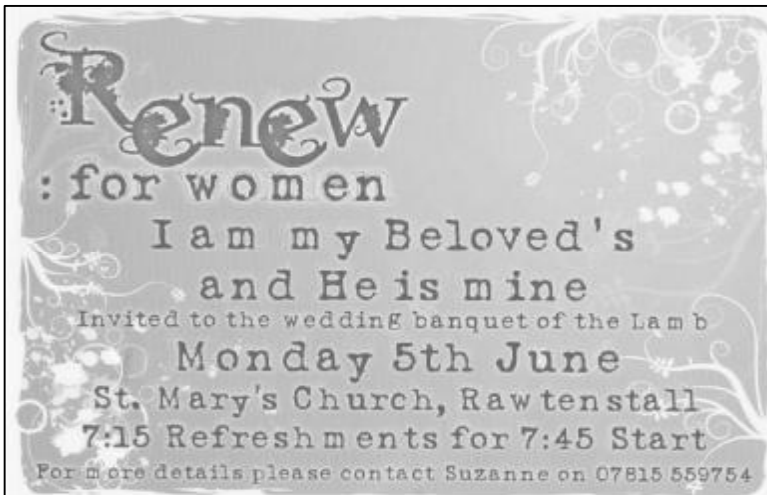
They were staying at their son's in London and decided to go to Brixton one day. As they were walking along they came across a small man who handed them each a tract. As they walked away they looked at the tracts and were surprised to find they were in Spanish. They immediately went back to the man and found he didn't speak English. When they said 'Reina Vallera' he understood and took them to the corner of the road and pointed to the shops in the railway arches. They went down to them and found the centre shop had a sign over it saying 'Beautiful Books'.

They went in and the shop assistant said she had one copy of 'Reina Vallera' at £17.99. They said they wanted to buy 30. She phoned the supplier and said 'is £2.99 alright?' They said 'We'll take them', and then she said 'They have another 12 but they are £3.99 each' to which they replied 'we want them as well and now we will have to get them to Carmarthen'. The lady knew nothing about the small man with the tracts and when they left the shop he wasn't there.

They now had a problem. There being 42 Bibles they realized they needed another couple to go with them. God answered their prayer soon after when they were having a meal with 3 other couples and one lady asked 'When are you going on one of your trips because we would like to come with you'. Our friend replied 'In three weeks, but if God wants you to come you will have to be able to book two seats on our flight in premier class'. There were just two seats left so God answered their prayer. They wrapped the Bibles in Christmas paper and packed them in their luggage.

Four years ago the Bibles they took to Cuba had been confiscated. Their cases had been last off the carousel and had had a white cross on them. This time their cases were a long time coming when suddenly they noticed they were standing on the ground by the next carousel without any white crosses. They picked them up and left the airport and were able to visit many pastors and congregations encouraging them with the Bibles.

*So Ted asks "Who was the small man with the Spanish tracts?"*





## Prayer Points for May

### **The General Election**

**Please pray for:**

- A fair, respectful and honest campaign
- That any who would use the election to promote division, distrust or falsehood will be thwarted
- People to vote, and to vote after due consideration
- Christians to vote in accordance with Godly principles
- Protection from cynicism and hopelessness
- Protection from the idols of false utopias
- Policies which protect the poor, vulnerable and frightened
- Policies which promote fairness and peace
- Christian candidates to speak and act with integrity and honesty
- The protection of the faith and witness of Christians involved as their words and actions are scrutinised

### **Our Nation**

**Please pray:**

- For our nation to turn (back?) to God
- That we will be faithful in praying for those in authority
- That we will recognise God's sovereignty
- That we will recognise that the real battle is not with what is seen but with what is unseen
- That we will not succumb to worry, fear or defeat
- That our hope will remain with the Lord.

### **Staff**

- **Please pray** for Matt and Ali.
- Give thanks for their work for the church
- Pray for the protection of their faith and their relationship with God and each other
- Pray for wisdom as decisions are taken about the family and children's worker



- Pray for the correct response to the approaches about a second pastor.
- Pray for wisdom and unity amongst the diaconate as they seek to discern God's will for the church.

## **Conflict**

**Pray for those caught up in conflicts in the world: Syria, South Sudan, Yemen...**

- Pray for a peaceful and fair resolution
- Pray for the faith and witness of Christians in these areas to be protected
- Give thanks for those coming to Christ in these areas, pray that their faith may be genuine, protected and sustained.
- Pray for those seeking to bring humanitarian and medical assistance in God's name
- Pray for peace and safety for those seeking refuge.
- Pray for world leaders as they respond to the refugee situation.

## **Lent project**

Lent is over, but **please continue to pray:**

- For the cake project in Thailand, working with vulnerable women and giving them a source of income
- Pray for contacts to be made with the women who are ready to benefit from this
- Pray that they may be able to establish a secure lifestyle
- Pray that they may hear and respond to the offer of Jesus' love for them
- Pray for those who are victims of power-based violence throughout the world, whether gender, age-related or intimate partner violence.
- Pray for those seeking to work with them in Jesus' name
- Pray for wisdom in the development of ministries and resources which are sensitive and effective
- Pray for those seeking to escape violent situations.

## Swimming for the Roof!

I completed my 200 lengths at Daisyfield, Blackburn in 2 hours, 35 minutes, 17 seconds, so I was well within the three-hour time slot. For the final hour I was swimming on my own which was quite lonely. Unfortunately, because the pool only had a skeleton staff and the receptionist was counting my laps, the pool entrance was locked and those who came to support me at the end couldn't get in.

As far as sponsorship was concerned I have to admit that I was a little disappointed that the amount of money coming in seemed to be lower than usual, and because I needed to spread it three ways (45% for Marie Curie, the Swimathon charity, 45% for the project in Spain and 10% for the local Braille charity) I had been hoping for at least as much as in previous years. Then the day before the Swimathon I got a letter from a couple I have never met. Inside was a cheque for £500, of which £450 was to go to the Spanish project and £50 to BrailleIT!

Now my target for Marie Curie has been exceeded, I've raised over £100 for BrailleIT, and sent a bank transfer of £791 to Joseba and Joanna Attard in Spain. This is how Joseba replied:

*'Thank you SO much! Where did it all come from?*

*'It was a wonderful timely gift. Joanna told me she had been praying specifically for some provision, and then I told her about your transfer. Things are going well. The pressure is on to get the roof underway and a project for its renovation submitted to the town hall. I'm waiting for architects to get back to me with quotes.*

*'I've got to dash out now as I have to go and shear some sheep this afternoon.'*

Money is still trickling in which is encouraging. I'd like to thank everyone at Kay Street who supported me



Jean Goodenough

# Job Opportunity with BMS World Mission

## **Early years and primary school teachers: we need you!**

BMS World Mission families in Afghanistan and northern Uganda need teachers to come and educate their young children. Can you help?

**They feel called to use their skills and experience to serve God in overseas mission. They also feel called to give the children God has blessed them with, a good education. The problem: there are no schools to send their children to where they live. So, what do they do?**

This is the dilemma some of our wonderful families living and serving in northern Uganda and rural Afghanistan are facing. If you are an early years or primary school teacher, or if you know someone who is, you could help us.

### **Who we need ?**

We are looking for early years and primary school teachers who can commit to serve with us for at least one year. You'll be a flexible, experienced practitioner who is excited by the opportunity of starting a small cluster group for young ex-pat children. You'll be teaching up to ten children of a range of ages, in either Uganda or Afghanistan, and will have the opportunity to stimulate their learning abilities.

This is not an ordinary classroom job – but it's a very exciting chance to help young children learn and develop. You'll help them with their reading and writing, and their maths. And you'll equip them to develop their knowledge and curiosity, too.

They are absolutely amazing kids who we are sure will be a pleasure to teach (most of the time)!

On top of that, you'll be helping mission workers like **Joe and Lois** keep doing their work.

By teaching the children of our mission workers, and of other ex-pat workers in these countries, you'll be playing a vital part in the work of BMS in Afghanistan or Uganda. You'll be enabling our workers to stay and serve with all the gifts God has given them.

**In Uganda:** you'll be helping to stop gender based violence in schools. You'll be playing your part in equipping farmers in the post-conflict north of the country to grow fruitful harvests for their struggling families. You'll be providing people with job opportunities and clean toilets. And you'll be helping children with disabilities learn to communicate with their loved ones.

Could you help our Uganda team by coming and teaching their children?

Could you commit at least one year to serving with us in the beautiful country of Afghanistan?

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us as a teacher in Afghanistan or Uganda, please do get in touch with us! You can drop us an email at [opportunities@bmsworldmission.org](mailto:opportunities@bmsworldmission.org) or give us a ring on 01235 517651.

Let's pray about this





## Church Family News

**Announcement & Invitation** Our daughter **Catherine Hargreaves** is marrying **Adrian Phillips** at Kay Street Baptist Church on Saturday 6th May 2017 at 12 noon. Please share our joy and join us at this happy event and stay for coffee and cake afterwards.

**Carol and Richard John**

**Debbie & Phil Seddon** have a second grandson **Joshua James** born to **Emma & Tom Fraser**, a brother for **Alfie**.

**Julia & Mike Wells** also have a new grandson, **James Stanley**, born to **Catherine & Douglas Cridland**, a brother for **Edith**.

Congratulations and best wishes to both families.

### Lent Project

The final amount given for the **BMS Dignity** initiative which includes the cake shop and school in Thailand, was £1706. The amount given at Bob White's funeral for CAP was £1827.



**"Friendship First"** Do you have Muslim friends, neighbours, work colleagues? Do you wonder how to share your faith with them? Are you fearful of saying the wrong thing? "Friendship First" is a 6 session course designed to help ordinary Christians discuss good news with ordinary Muslims. More details from Geoff Coward or Malcolm Cowen.

## Sunday Worship in May



**May 7 AM** All Age Worship led by All Age team  
Coordinator George Kirk Communion  
**PM** Prayer and communion led

by Allyson Jump

**May 14 AM** Preacher Rev M Hirst Coordinator David Griffith  
*John 18:1-27 'Trial and Trust'*

**4 PM East Lancs Gathering**

**May 21 AM** Preacher Rev J Prior Coordinator Allyson Jump  
*John 18:28-19:16 'Character Test'*

**PM** Preacher Rev M Hirst

**May 28 AM** Preacher Mr D Isherwood Coordinator Rev M Hirst  
*John 19:17-42 'Obedient to Death'*

**PM** Café Church led by David Griffith

## Diary for May



Thurs May 4 Back Hall in use for Local Elections

Thurs May 4 Prayer Course 7.30pm.

This is a re-run for those who missed the course last year - see Matt

Sat May 6 Asda Prayer Breakfast 8 am.

Sat May 6 Torch Fellowship 2 pm.

Sat May 6 Wedding – see Church Family News

Sun May 7 Sandwich Sunday

Mon May 8 Deacons' Meeting

Sun May 14 Visit to Holme Manor

Mon May 15 Church Members' Meeting

Sat May 20 Prayer Morning 9 am.

Sat May 20 **Church Day Out** see page 4

Mon May 22 Church Prayer Meeting

Sat May 27 Striders' Monthly Walk

Sun May 28 Visit to Cherry Tree Lodge

"Teaching English as a foreign language", if anyone wants to know more, Fran White has offered to explain and share her experience of doing this course. Please see Di

## LOOKing Back

to the issue of May 1992

Andrew Whitley was to take over from Bill Poucher as editor of Kay Street News. Bill had spent 33 years in what he himself had described as 'a labour of love'.

A number of the fellowship met at Haslingden High School for a game of football. 'A team of Kay Street veterans had accepted a challenge from the young people on a cold and windy Saturday afternoon and a number of supporters spurned the alternative attractions of Turf Moor, Ewood Park and even Gigg Lane. In an extremely sporting game, both sides gave their all and it was unfortunate that either side had to lose. The veterans played 'up hill' and against the wind in the first half and were satisfied to be only one goal down at half-time. However a penalty half-way through the second half led to a second goal for the young people and 2-0 was the final score.

Special mention should be made of Paul Webb-Sear who refereed the match decisively, Bob White for a sterling performance in goal and John Prior who showed tremendous defensive skills.

Amazingly, all the players were able to attend church the next morning when the 'Man of the Match' award was presented to a limping George Boyer who had left the field with an injury but returned bravely to continue with a bandaged thigh!

The event had been a good means of the generations getting to know each other. A return match was looked forward to.'

The annual Church Members' meeting had seen Ian Pickup, Stuart Falconer and Geoff Skilling re-elected to the diaconate.

## Rotas for May

<b><u>STEWARDS</u></b>	<i>* David Pilling</i>		
	<b><i>Porch</i></b>	<b><i>Upstairs left</i></b>	<b><i>Upstairs right</i></b>
May 7	Anne & Paul Webb-Sear	Thelma Hitch	David Pilling
May 14	Carol & RJ Hargreaves	Margaret Robinson	Tom Pickup
May 21	Pat & Robin Coulston	Pauline Stephenson	Jilly Horton
May 28	Suzanne Craven Amy Lord	June Worsley	Stuart Brown

<b><u>COFFEE</u></b>	<i>Sandy Rushton*</i>
May 7	Roz Coleman, Julia Wells, Jim Barrie
May 14	Gill Wills, June Worsley, Stuart Brown
May 21	Jilly Horton, Fred & Sheila Wild
May 28	Anne Fielder, Pauline Stephenson, Peter Leonard

<b><u>CRECHE</u></b>	<i>Gwen Haworth*</i>	<b><i>Creche Builders</i></b>
May 7	All age service no creche	
May 14	Ruth Boaden, Sarah	Gwen Haworth
May 21	Gwen Haworth, Helen Thornton	David Isherwood
May 28	Carol Hargreaves, Jennifer Wilding	Andrew Holland

<b><u>FLOWERS</u></b>	<i>Carol Hargreaves*</i>	<b><u>COMMUNION</u></b> <i>Kath Williams*</i>
May 7	Wedding	AM Please see Kath
May 14	Lynn Lund	PM May 7 Thelma Hitch & Lil Travis
May 21	Jennie Brunskill	
May 28	Paul Webb-Sear	

*\*coordinators*

Please note that items for the June Newsletter should reach the editor, [joyce.barnes563@btinternet.com](mailto:joyce.barnes563@btinternet.com) by May 18 for publication on May 28.