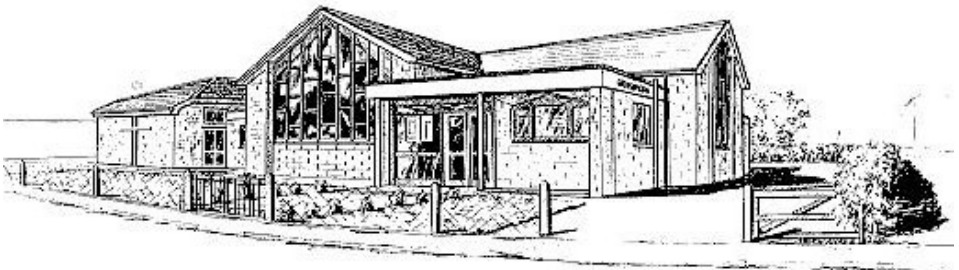


# QNL

**Queensway Chapel News Letter**

**JUNE 2010**



**Queensway Chapel, Pembroke Road,  
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(Junction of Pembroke Road with Queensway)**

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Deadline for July's QNL is 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

## **To Earn a Living**

So much building work going on at present in Melksham brought this item to mind. A group of builders at work were asked this question:- "What are you doing?" One responded "I'm making a wall; anyone can see that!!" The second said, "I'm making so much an hour; what's that to you!?" And the third replied, "I'm creating a section of a church building that will stand one day for the glory of God." Just a job!

Part of an endeavour for good-- something lasting.

Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings  
and clowns who caper in sawdust rings,  
and ordinary folk like you and me  
are builders of eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools  
An hour glass and a book of rules.  
And each must build as time is flown  
a stumbling block or a building stone

Submitted by Nora Phillips

## **Brookside**

Led by Queensway Chapel, this month's service is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00am.

The service will last no longer than 30 minutes and will include popular hymns, Bible readings, a short address, and depending on time other contributions.

This month Mary Barrett will be organising the service. We would love you to come along and support us by supplementing the hymn-singing and to be there for the Brookside residents.

## Songs of Praise

We meet on Thursday afternoons, from 2:30-3:30pm, so that we may worship God together by singing favourite hymns, and by sharing Bible readings, poems, articles, prayer and even jokes.

Afterwards, a 'cuppa' is available for all who wish to stay on for fellowship and a chat. Forthcoming speakers: -

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Dave Parr
10 <sup>th</sup> June	John Lefroy
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Nora Phillips
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Carol Mitchell
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Stuart Arnold.

## Remembering Pentecost 2000

Does anyone remember *Pentecost 2000* when the Family of Churches organised a special weekend of community events and evangelistic services on the field next to St. Barnabas', Beanacre? Has anyone still got the tee shirt? Well, in order to mark the 10th anniversary of *Pentecost 2000*, St. Barnabas' is organising a special edition of Barnabas Praise called *Remembering Pentecost 2000*. This will take place at 6:00pm on Sunday 6th June. The speaker will be Tim Ayres. I expect some of you will remember that Tim spoke at the Sunday morning service in 2000.

On 6th June, at Queensway Chapel we will be Breaking Bread at our morning service and **not** holding an evening service so that all who wish to attend *Remembering Pentecost 2000* may be free to do so.

Please make a note of these details in your diaries: *Remembering Pentecost 2000*, Sunday 6th June, 6:00pm at St. Barnabas, Beanacre. No evening service at Queensway Chapel.

Robin Henderson.

# **Church of God of Prophecy**

**Saturday 5th June 2010, 1:00pm**

## **Community Event at Rachel Fowler Centre**

Pastor Sebert Thomas and the Church of God of Prophecy, Melksham, have extended an invitation to all to attend a 'community event' that they are holding on Saturday 5th June when Dr. Lloyd Grant will be speaking at the Rachel Fowler Centre on the subject of Prostrate Cancers and Ovarian Cancers. The meeting will start at 1:00pm. Dr Thomas will be willing to answer questions relating to the subject matter.

## **Civic Service, 13th June 2010.**

This year's Civic service will be held at St. Michaels' at 2:30pm on Sunday 13th June and will be followed by refreshments at the Assembly Hall. As in previous years the service and refreshments will be organised by the Melksham Family of Churches and this year it is the turn of St. Michael's and Melksham United Church to work together on this with the Town Council.

For the last couple of years the Civic Service has been well attended, not only by members of the Melksham Churches but also by the wider community. In addition to the mayor, town councillors, county councillors, businesses, and public services, many of Melksham's voluntary organisations and clubs will also be present. Therefore, this occasion provides an excellent opportunity to show our support for and to pray for those who serve the community in a variety of capacities. I encourage you to attend this year, if possible.

Robin Henderson.

## **Ladies Breakfast**

There will be another ladies' breakfast on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45 am. The speaker will be Sharon Firth from the Good News Church – it will be good to have someone from Melksham sharing with us. As usual it will be a time of good food and fellowship. Please do come and bring a friend. You can sign up on the list at the back of the chapel.

Please note that there is a conference for women coming up in Bath sponsored by Premier Christian Radio. This looks as if it will be a great day out see below.

## **Woman to Woman South West Conference Bath 2010**

### **Cleansing Fire!**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9am to 5pm**

**At**

**The Forum**

**Tickets are £7.50 per person in advance, £10 on the door**

For more details visit [www.premier.org.uk/southwestconference](http://www.premier.org.uk/southwestconference)  
Or see Sue Williams – 01225 708984

Both Submitted by Susan Williams

## **Flatpack Parents**

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting Room Queensway Hall	4:30pm-6pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Prayer Room in Chapel	4:30pm-6pm

## **Praise & Prayer for Healing**

Our monthly meeting for Praise and Prayer for Healing usually takes place on either the first or second Friday in the month. On these occasions we are joined by members from other congregations because it is important that the Christians in Melksham (regardless of denomination) cooperate and work together in unity rather than attempting to work in isolation or even in competition.

Our next monthly meeting for Praise & Prayer for Healing is as follows...

Friday 11th June 2010

This will be in Queensway Chapel at 7:30pm. The front doors will be open. We will be praying for Healing ministries in Melksham (HOTSOM, HOPE Counseling, and the proposed Melksham Christian Healing Centre) and for those present who need healing.

June 27th will be the first anniversary of HOTSOM! Therefore on Friday 2nd July we will be Celebrating this milestone at the monthly Healing Prayer meeting. I encourage everyone who did the training and everyone else interested in HOTSOM to make a note of this date in your diary so that you are able to attend this special thanksgiving celebration.

Submitted by Robin Henderson.

## **Lost Property**

Is something missing from your wardrobe?

Items of clothing in lost property.

For details please see Nora.

Submitted by Nora Phillips

## **Melksham Carnival Procession** **Saturday 17th July 2010.**

The Melksham Family of Churches will be including a March for Jesus as part of the *Melksham Carnival Procession* on Saturday 17th July. Members from all the Melksham Churches are encouraged to take part and wear colourful clothes, carry a banner/flag/placard or play a musical instrument. As well as singing a small selection of joyful songs we will be praying for the town.

The carnival procession will start at 6:00pm from the Avon Riverside car park. Please be there no later than 5:30pm. I'm told that this year the route will be slightly shorter as the procession will end at the car park in King Street (by the old Royal British Legion building) rather than going all the way back to the Avon. Those who are unable to walk the whole distance are welcome to join in part way round or to start at the beginning and drop out when they've had enough!

We will still go ahead even if it is raining! If it does rain, please bring a large colourful umbrella.

The MFoC's involvement last year was a great success. I hope you will be able to join in this year as we once again seek to lift up the Lord's name.

Robin Henderson

### **“Quote-Unquote”**

“If we spoke less of God's love and more about his holiness, more about his judgement, we should say much more when we did speak of his love.”

P. T. Forsyth (1848-1921), *Cruciality of the Cross*, London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1910, pp 5-6 & 73.

Submitted by Robin Henderson

## Melksham Food Bank

Good news! As the result of the food-raising initiatives held by Curves in Melksham and in Trowbridge just before Easter, the Food Bank's shelves are full once more. This is most timely as just before Easter the cupboard was bare! So, "thank you" to all of the Curves' clients who have supported the Food Bank and also to our regular supporters at Queensway Chapel and the other Melksham Churches who support us week-in week-out. Also," thank you" to the team of volunteers who make all this happen. You know who you are – well done!

In the first 4 months of this year we have released 35 family boxes and 58 single boxes to agencies. This averages out at 9 family boxes and 15 single boxes per month and is a slight reduction from the 2009 average of 10 family and 19 single boxes per month.

The Food Bank's financial year starts at the beginning of April each year and ends at the end of the following March. A balance sheet for 2009-10 is provided below.

	£	£
Balance brought forward		1,002.61
Donations	828.04	
Expenses -	1,152.27	
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Excess of expenditure over income		324.23
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Balance carried forward		735.01

Nearly all the expenses arise when there isn't enough on the shelves to make up a food box as someone then goes out and buys the missing item(s).

Robin Henderson.

## Understanding The Times We Live In

We have just lived through an amazing few weeks. We have seen an Icelandic volcano grounding our air space, disrupting people's plans as well as many businesses, and this will continue for some time due to the unpredictable nature of volcanic eruptions. A huge meteor plunged to the ground in Wisconsin in April. An oil rig exploded and sank in the Mexican Gulf leading to 5 million of barrels of oil a day being dispersed over a huge area of sea and coming ashore along the southern USA coastline. There has been the Greek financial crisis, with as I write Spain and Portugal being on shaky ground also. We are clearly living through a time of shaking of the heavens and the earth. Where ever you look there are signs of this shaking. As the prophet Haggai said (2:6-7) *"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty."* But there is hope in our Lord - *"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"*. (Isaiah 40:31)

We have also had a General Election with a reasonable turnout as people were concerned about where our nation was going. The potential outcome was a hung parliament, but careful negotiation has subsequently led to a Conservative-Lib-Dem coalition. One has to be impressed by the co-operation that there has been in bringing this together and we have to pray that God will allow it to be used to bring about the changes that we need in the nation, especially in reducing the nation's debt.

Our prayer should be for God to exercise mercy in judgement and that our nation will respond positively, turning to the Lord, admitting that we have departed from the truth and asking him to heal our land, because it is important to pray for our nation, we have felt it right to have a regular prayer meeting, open to all the towns churches, on a Monday night to pray for about an hour, meeting at 8pm. If anyone is interested, please speak to me or Sue.

Martin Brown

## **Pastor's Letter**

Despite all attempts to silence the church in Eritrea, the Gospel continues to spread through the faithful witness of God's people. Below is a translation of a letter from an Eritrean pastor written to his wife from prison.

*My Dearest Wife,*

*God, by His holy will, has prolonged my prison sentence. I very much long for the day when I will be reunited with you, our children and God's people in the church.*

*When they first brought me here, I thought the devil had prevailed over the church and over me. But it did not take one day for the Lord to show me that He is in control of all things - even here in prison. The moment I entered my cell, one of the prisoners called me, saying, "Pastor, come over here. Everyone in this cell is 'unsaved'. You are very much needed here." So, on the same day I was put in prison, I carried on my ministry.*

*My most respected wife, I love you more than I can say. Please help the children understand that I am here as a prisoner of Christ for the greater cause of the gospel.*

From a pastor in bonds

Submitted by Carol Mitchell

## **Ken and Helen Pavey**

Ken & Helen have moved. their new address is  
50 Sandridge Road  
Melksham, SN12 7BH  
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## June Preaching Series.

In June we will be starting a new six week series of sermons in our Sunday morning services. The series is called 'Encounters With God' and will run from 6th June until 11th July. The encounters which we will be looking at include those of Joshua, Gideon, Solomon, Elijah Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Robin Henderson

### I Am a 'Kept' Woman

You see, there were a few times when I thought I would lose my mind,  
But GOD **kept** me sane. (Isa. 26:3)

There were times when I thought I could go on no longer,  
But the LORD **kept** me moving. (Gen 28:15)

At times, I've wanted to lash out at those whom I felt had done me wrong,  
But the LORD **kept** my mouth shut. (Psa. 13)

Sometimes, I think the money just isn't enough,  
But GOD has helped me to **keep** the lights on, the water on, the car paid,  
the house paid, etc..., (Matt. 6:25 -34)

When I thought I would fall, HE **kept** me up.  
When I thought I was weak, HE **kept** me strong!  
(I Peter 5:7, Matt. 11:28-30)

I could go on and on and on, but I'm sure you hear me!  
I'm blessed to be '**kept**.'  
I'm **Kept** by the Love and Grace of God!

Submitted by Lorraine Dopson

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