

My Story—My Bible

I spent six weeks in hospital with a perforated bowel and nearly died. During that time I came across Psalm 33. It sustained me and kept me going. 'The first verse is about singing joyfully to the LORD. I like singing – I sing in church – and I've had a lot of singing in my life. That made me feel that things were going to be OK and if not, that didn't really matter because we're going to heaven.

'It goes on to say that "the word of the LORD is right and true". When I thought, "I've only just survived this, it's going to take quite a while to get better and I don't really know what's going on," I needed to hear that God is faithful and that "the earth is full of his unfailing love".

'The other verses I found very helpful were from verse 6 onwards about God's interactions with the earth and about how he "gathers the waters of the sea into jars". That made me feel he's in charge of creation and of us, of our future and our present. "He spoke, and it came to be" – that's wonderful.

'I'm not one of these people who believe God will make

everything fantastic and wonderful but I believe that he's with you in the problems. I think that's something you learn as you get older. "We wait in hope for the LORD" – that helped me keep going through the weeks and months of recovery.

'I never really liked the Psalms, perhaps because I don't like poetry very much. But as we get older we change; we appreciate different things, and I am now appreciating the psalms a lot more.

'I have to be very careful and it does restrict my life. I do find it difficult to remember, but my husband nags me. I did end up in hospital again but that psalm was there as my touchstone.

'Life isn't perfect, but it doesn't matter because I know that God is with me and that's the important thing.'



Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey

Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday February 27th 2022



Led by Jack & Jill Walker

'All Age Service' today with Communion

'Faithful Friends'

Mark 2 v 1-13

with a 'Pastabake Lunch' today!

What's on this week:-

Monday 10.30am Ladies Bible Study
2pm Churches Together Committee
Also Monday **Local Brownie** Group meet in Hall.

Wednesday 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service with David Roche All Hallows
Sunday March 6th No 4 in Mark
'Ministry goes viral' Jack Walker

Future Dates to note:

Monday March 7th

Leadership Meeting.

Sunday March 13th No 5 in Mark
'Who needs a Doctor and who needs a Sabbath?'

Wednesday March 16th

Churches Together Lent series.

'Scripture and Art' Jack Walker. 7.30pm

Saturday March 19th

'Church Work Day'

Sign up for voluntary work parties.
See notice on board

Sunday March 20th No 6 in Mark

'What got Jesus angry?'

Monday March 21st note date change!

Church Members Meeting 8pm.

Sunday March 27th. 'All Age Service' with Communion. [Mothering Sunday]
No 7 in St Mark

'Sowing, reaping, keeping'

Andover Foodband

*Frying pans — [in good condition]
Deodorant. Multi purpose cleaner.
Small detergent tablets.
Tinned fish. Pot Noodles.*

Quote from AW Tozer

'To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident.
He travels an appointed way.
The path he treads was chosen for him when as yet he was not, when as yet he had existence only in the mind of God, Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evils only because we cannot read the secret script of God's hidden providence and so cannot discover the ends at which He aims'
Ephesians 1v 4.

Prayer support for the church family

Grateful thanks for the prayer and love extended to Gordon and Jean, Jean suffered a fairly major stroke and is currently in Winchester Hospital. She is doing well considering the trauma, with speech improving daily and daily visits now allowed. Please continue, as we know you will, to pray for healing and for any adjustments which may be necessary

Sue Vears begins high dose chemo and is naturally concerned as to how that will affect her. Again, continue to pray earnestly into that situation.

Continue to uphold Carol as she learns to live with a void in her life after losing Alun.

Rita continues to improve. Give thanks for that and for continued blessings on them.



We have just sent £2,350 to the Funzi & Bodo Trust. It is our latest donation from sales of the Real Advent Calendar.

Ashley Peatfield, from the Funzi & Bodo Trust said, "I cannot thank you enough for the change you've made to the lives of sick, poor and vulnerable children and their families through your support for the Real Advent Calendar.



We are currently facing challenges caused by drought and rocketing food prices and will soon start feeding 800 children at risk of hunger and malnutrition twice a week at the two schools we built. Having your support means so much and we'll continue to run our clinics and birthing rooms."

A by-product of you buying the Real Easter Egg! Not only do you tell the real story of Easter— you help support projects like these!

Remember Sunday March 13th is deadline day!

Stories of Easter Songs/Hymns

The Story Behind The Old Rugged Cross
As a Methodist evangelist, George Bennard wrote the first verse of "[The Old Rugged Cross](#)" in Albion, Michigan, in the fall of 1912 as a response to ridicule that he had received at a revival meeting. Bennard travelled with Ed E. Mieras from Chicago to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin where they held evangelistic meetings at the Friends Church from December 29, 1912, to January 12, 1913. During the meetings Rev. George Bennard finished "The Old Rugged Cross" and on the last night of the meetings, Bennard and Mieras performed it as a duet before a full house with Pearl Torstensen Berg, organist for the meeting, as accompanist. The hymn uses a sentimental popular song form with a verse/chorus pattern in 6,8 time and it speaks of the writer's adoration of Christ and His sacrifice at Calvary. Bennard retired to Reed City, Michigan, and the town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. A memorial has also been created in Youngstown at Lake Park Cemetery. A plaque commemorating the first performance of the song stands in front of the Friend's Church in Sturgeon Bay, "The Old Rugged Cross" has been a country gospel favourite ever since it became the title song of Ernest Tubb's 1952 gospel album; it has been performed by some of the twentieth century's most important recording artists.