

### My Bible-My Story

'The passage that means the most to me is Isaiah 41.10 which says, "Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand."

'I can remember when this became a thing for me. Many years ago, I went through a separation and a divorce. There were a number of scriptures that I went to again and again and this was one of them. It helped me to believe that there was hope in sight and that God was with me through my circumstances.

'I wasn't feeling particularly strong, but this showed me what God would do for me. I could see that God would be strong. It really helped me, because it wasn't about how I was feeling.

'Though I attempt to walk in faith, I need an extra dose of assurance to be courageous in the day-to-day things that require courage. When you know that God is with you, you know that you can be courageous. That's been true for me.



'That scripture gave me the courage to live as a single woman. I'm not fractured. Being in a relationship is a great thing. But, I don't feel that I have bits missing. I feel that I am whole, because of God's promise. It feels good, because God is with me. I have been able to live my life in fullness. I always go back to this verse. It gives me confidence and courage.'

### ANDOVER FOODBANK

**Items needed this week:**

**Tinned meat. Tea. Long life milk.**

**Long life fruit juice. Tinned fruit.**

**Non food items:**

**Frying pans. Toothbrushes.**

**Washing Up Liquid. Deodorant.**

Place your contribution in the plastic box marked for the purpose and the goods will be taken to A.F.B.

# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday October 16th 2022



***Morning worship led by Robert Savoii***

# ***WELCOME!***

***Please do stay for a coffee and chat  
after the service.***

**Student Minister:** Robert Savoii

**Secretary:** June McCaughren

**Treasurer:** Laura Ivey

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

## What's on this week:-

**Sunday 23rd Speaker: Robert**  
**Sunday 30th Speaker: Bob Smith**  
**(Basingstoke)**

**Have you heard of**  
**BMS World Mission's 24:7 Partners?**  
**We think they're great — and we were**  
**wondering whether you might like to**  
**be one!**

The city we live in, Iquitos, in Peru is known as the 'capital of the Peruvian Amazon'. It's entirely inaccessible by road — you can only get here by air or by river. Being so far away from our family in the UK can be difficult sometimes. But knowing there are dedicated BMS supporters in the UK who are praying and giving regularly to make our work possible is such a comfort. And you can be part of that by becoming a 24:7 Partner and giving to BMS every month. Even if you can only give £3 a month, it makes such a difference. Not just to us, knowing we have you supporting us from afar, but also for BMS as a whole as they make plans for the future. You can choose to support our work, BMS in general or as many of our other mission colleagues as you'd like. You'll also receive *Engage*, the BMS magazine, three times a year, and regular prayer letters from whichever mission worker you choose to support. And you'll have the knowledge that you're a crucial part of mission in action across the world!

Every blessing,  
*Dave and Michele Mahon*  
*BMS World Mission workers in Peru*

## Is it too early to mention Christmas?

**NO SUPERMARKETS ARE STOCK-  
ING ANY OF THE **REAL MEANING OF**  
**CHRISTMAS** ADVENT CALENDARS  
OR ITS ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS.**

So the only way to obtain any of these great ways of giving a gift of Advent Calendars containing the Christmas story to (incidentally, the ONLY one to do so!) your family, is to buy them direct from the **Meaningful Chocolate Company**. They have already run out of one or two lines, so have a look at their products by searching the net.



They cost £4.50 with all details of how to purchase them explained. Or might someone just take on the job of ordering collectively for the whole Church??

**When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

### **Matthew 16:13-16**

When Jesus asked his disciples the question ‘who do people say the Son of Man is?’ they had been following him for a long time. Jesus was discipling his followers towards a real understanding of who He is and He knew that would be a long process. Many of the people that we meet in our daily lives have no idea who Jesus is and will never find out unless we ‘disciple them towards faith’. Again, asking and answering questions is a key part of this process.

I still have some hair and, on a regular basis, it needs to be cut so I visit the barbers and have my hair cut by Jim. Over a few years I have been able to help Jim to have a very different view of Jesus than he had when we first met.

As a result of more conversations than I can remember Jim no longer thinks that all Christians are religious bigots or that the church is an institution that is disconnected from the ‘real world’. He has become increasingly interested in the difference that a personal faith makes in a life and may even be interested in attending a church if he thought that the people there would welcome him bearing in mind ‘his life’.

He has not yet ‘become a Christian’ but when I sit down to have my hair cut his first question is not ‘where are you going for your holiday this year?’ or ‘No work today?’ it is usually a question that continues from where we left off.

Sharing Jesus is an on going conversation. Who can you begin or continue a conversation with this week?

*Taken from Dennis Pethers ‘View from the rooftop’ and used in our News sheets in 2016, and felt worthwhile repeating!*

**If you are prompted to pray for folks in our fellowship but have no up to date information on their condition or progress, Vic Funnell may be able to help you, being responsible for the Prayer Chain.**