

...THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH

...warning signs!

Yesterday people were all talking about one thing – the colour of the sky! It was a very yellowy colour here but in other places it was more orange and almost red. We've now discovered that it was caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ophelia dragging in tropical air and dust from the Sahara Desert as well as debris from forest fires in Portugal and Spain also playing a part. In more than one place I saw it described as 'apocalyptic' and people speaking of the 'end of the world'. If that's what you thought – it was a false alarm!

Then later in the day I saw another orange light – this one was on my dashboard telling me that there was a problem with the pressure of one of the tyres. I had a quick look and everything looked OK so I carried on – only to discover this morning on closer inspection that one of the front tyres had a screw in it. A quick visit to the garage and all was fixed. Definitely not a false alarm!

All around us there are warning signs – and they are there for a reason. They are to warn us of danger, or possibly of something approaching. Jesus spoke about warning signs. His disciples asked him what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the age. You can read how Jesus answered in Matthew chapter 24, but the signs include famines, earthquakes, wars, the rise of false prophets and persecution of believers and more. We can be sure that there will be a day when Jesus will return – he spoke about it! But when will it be? The answer is that only God the Father knows – even Jesus doesn't know when it will be. We do know that it will be at an unexpected hour, like lightning, like a thief who comes in the night. Everyone will know about it.

When we see things like the sky changing colour and hear of the things noted above, it should not alarm us but it should turn our minds to the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory. Jesus said we should be ready and keep watch – are you ready for that event? Have you put yourself right with God and accepted forgiveness through Jesus? Don't leave it too late. If so, are you living a life where Jesus is set apart as Lord? Who knows – the sky may be like it was yesterday, but there is one thing for sure – it won't be a 'false alarm'!

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the word for today

'Be clean,
you who
bear the
vessels of
the LORD.'

Isaiah 52:11 NKJV

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keep your spiritual glasses clean...

One day a man was getting his windscreen washed at a petrol station. When the attendant finished, the man said, 'That's a terrible job. Re-do my windscreen - it's as dirty as when you started.' So, the attendant wiped it again. The man looked it over and in frustration said, 'That window hasn't changed a bit.' The man's wife was sitting next to him in the car fuming. She reached over, pulled off his glasses, wiped them, and gave them back to him. The attendant had been doing his job correctly. The man himself was the problem all along.

Spiritually speaking, the glasses you're looking through determine what you see, and how you see it. When you look through the lens of jealousy and envy, you become resentful of the blessings of others. When you look through the lens of judgementalism, you speak and act without mercy and grace. When you look through the lens of fear and unbelief, you limit God and forfeit what He can do for you. When you look through the lens of selfishness, you put yourself first and your loved ones suffer. When you look through the lens of negativity and cynicism, people begin to avoid you because you're not enjoyable to be around. 'Be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.'

Just as your glasses need to be wiped clean from the contamination around you, so do your heart and mind. How does this happen? Jesus said, 'Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you' (*John 15:3 KJV*). Through prayer and daily Bible reading, your perspective on life is kept right.



church offerings

SUNDAY	1st	OCTOBER.....	£329.14
SUNDAY	8th	OCTOBER.....	£226.85
SUNDAY	15th	OCTOBER.....	£220.30

In addition, the sum of £1035 is currently paid direct to the bank each month. If you would like to give in this way, please see Richard Weekley.

The Thank-Offering to date is **£1721.60**



missionary report

Kevin Deighton

*Missionary
Secretary*

Hello everyone! As we come to the end of another financial year for the fund and also because I haven't produced a report for several months, here is a run down of fairly recent donations.

August: £100 to Heartlink, £50 to By All Means Gospel Trust, September: £50 to World Vision (Kenya), £50 One Mission Society. Also in September we started our quarterly giving of £100 to Karen Baxter, mainly funded by the Wednesday Group. Then in October, following our Harvest Festival the previous month, we decided to send the monetary donations, a fantastic £426, to WaterAid.

I have also just sent a further Gift of £120 to World Vision to the Myanmar Refugee Crisis, which no doubt we have all been saddened to see on our TVs recently.

This month also sees the handing in of the WRUOM Missionary Boxes. I do have a list of ten owners, however I only usually receive half of that number in. I shall further report on the missionary box situation and the overall financial facts for the year in the next edition, stay tuned!

That's all, folks!



My Christmas Wish Toy Appeal

We are now in our fourth year of collecting donations of new (or good as new) toys throughout November and early December to be distributed freely to vulnerable families in need this Christmas. We will be seeking referrals from local organisations eg Schools, Women's Refuge, Churches and the Food Bank for people who qualify.

During this collection time, Simpson & Weekley Estate Agents in the High Street will be a Drop-Off point for donations. These will be collected on Friday 8th December by the Full Gospel Church who will have them available at a Coffee Morning at their premises on Saturday 9th December from 10am onwards. After this date any toys left will continue to be distributed through the Food Bank Service until they have all gone. If you would like to donate to this scheme, you are invited to bring any gifts to our Toy Service during the morning service of 19th November to be passed on to Mark. Or if you prefer, please feel free to drop any gifts in to Simpson and Weekley at your leisure.

This is a brilliant scheme initiated by our church, Simpson & Weekley, Full Gospel Church and East Northants Child Contact Services CIC (where I work). Lots of people usually get involved to make sure that local children wake up on Christmas morning with a lovely present to open, please help us to make this year the most successful yet! I know what a kind congregation you are and so I'm going to say a big thank you to you all in advance for making this happen.

Any questions, or if you would like to help on the day, giving the toys out at the Full Gospel Church, then please let me know.

Jeanette Maddams 07779939491



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weekday diary dates

WEDS	1st	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – The Manse
THURS	2nd	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Youth Club
FRI	3rd	6.00pm	Family Cinema Night
SAT	4th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	7th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	8th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	9th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Ruth Bond
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Youth Club
SAT	11th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
		10.00am	Circuit Meeting at the Mission Church
TUES	14th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	15th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	16th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Youth Club
SAT	18th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	21st	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.00pm	Officers & Trustees Meeting in the Vestry
WEDS	22nd	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	23rd	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – AGM & Quiz
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Youth Club
SAT	25th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
Christmas Lights Switch-on – Activities all day!			
TUES	28th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	29th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group – 7 Lodge Road
THURS	30th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
		7.30pm	Youth Club



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sundays at high street

SUNDAY **5th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson
(incl. Communion)
4.00pm **Service of Light**

SUNDAY **12th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson
4.00pm **2nd Sunday!**

SUNDAY **19th** 10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson
incl. Toy Service

SUNDAY **26th** 10.45am Rev. David Baker
6.00pm Service at Wymington
(Rev. Ian Fall)

a reminder...

Should you ever find it difficult to join us for any service you wish to attend please don't hesitate to speak to either the minister or a church leader about arranging a lift, we are always happy to sort something out - **don't miss out!**



two minutes silence

In the month, when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (*Matthew 5:44*). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (*John 15:13*). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about silence and stillness in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to reassess our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. He did this before choosing his disciples, after He heard of John's beheading, after feeding the 5000, after healing a leper, at the Transfiguration and to prepare for His death. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. So it should be for us.' *Richard Foster*.

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church services readers

Phil would like to involve people in the Bible Readings in church on a more regular basis than currently happens.

If you are willing to do this (you would have prior notice of the passage) then please tell Phil between now and the end of November and he will compile a new list – even if you've done readings previously! Thank you.



to make you smile!

My minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks, took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on the dryer: 'For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button.'



church birthdays

If you would like to be included please let Jeanette know and we'll endeavour to get a card to you on the Sunday nearest the date, it would be nice for us all to have the chance to wish one another all the best on our birthdays.

4th	- DICK WEEKLEY	17th	- KATH MOISEY
6th	- ELSIE KEECH	22nd	- EMBER SMITH
8th	- JOYCE MOISEY	23rd	- LIZZIE WEBB
17th	- LILY BLAKE	23rd	- EVA GIBBS
17th	- MIA GIBBS	24th	- CAROLINE FINDLAY-LINE



flowers this month

Thank you to the following who have kindly agreed to supply flowers for the church, and to Madge and Jill who continue to arrange the rota.

5th	- Madge Trusler <i>(for mum & dad)</i>
12th	- Vera Timpson & Kath Griffin <i>(for Betty Wilson)</i>
19th	- Jill Waller <i>(for dad)</i>
26th	- Vacant



dates for your diary - december 2017

SUNDAY 3rd	Denfield Park Primary School Choir taking part in the Morning Service (10.45am)
FRIDAY 8th	The Wes Annual Quiz Night (7.15pm for 7.30pm)
SUNDAY 10th	Christmas 2nd Sunday (4.00pm)
THURSDAY 14th	Denfield Park Primary School Christmas Celebration in Church
SUNDAY 17th	Children's Nativity Service (10.45am)
SUNDAY 17th	Lessons & Carols followed by Christmas Tea (4.00pm)
MONDAY 18th	Alfred Street Junior School Carol Service in Church
SUNDAY 24th	Morning Service (10.45am) & Christingle Service (4.00pm)
MONDAY 25th	Service with the Mission Church at High Street (10.30am)

Please keep the dates free and enjoy your Christmas with us!

inTouch articles

If you have anything you'd like to put in future editions of inTouch then please pass it to Phil or Colin.



puzzle page

This month we have an anagram puzzle. Simply work out who's name has been mixed up (there's a clue as to the field in which these people are famous). Hand your answers to the Minister by 25th November and you may win a small prize (you don't need to get them all – just do your best!).

1. EARTHY MASE (*Politics*)
2. FORRAD RHINOS (*Films*)
3. HAMBACK DIVED (*Sport*)
4. ENJOY WELSH (*Christianity*)
5. DAN SMOOTHIES (*Science*)
6. ROB UNIFACE (*TV*)
7. JANES LODE (*Music*)
8. CELLMATE TENET (*Politics*)
9. MACHINE LAICE (*Films*)
10. UNMARRY DAY (*Sport*)
11. HAIRBALL GYM (*Christianity*)
12. FABLED LONER (*Science*)
13. BUSHY CROFTER (*TV*)
14. OILY UNMEEK GI (*Music*)
15. OPEN BERET (*Politics*)
16. JEDI DUNCH (*Films*)
17. LISALI MENSWEAR (*Sport*)
18. WIFIE OR WALLCLIMBER (*Christianity*)
19. O SMILE CLOWN (*TV*)
20. AGED DRAWLER (*Music*)

Answers to last time (APOLOGIES FOR THE ERROR - all my fault, I hold my hands up - Colin!):

Antioch; Babel; Bethany; Capernaum; Damascus; Emmaus; Jericho; Jerusalem; Lebanon; Nazareth; Nineveh; Shechem; Tyre; Philippi; Ephesus

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