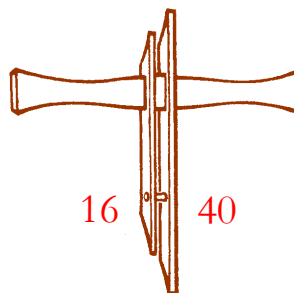


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BROADMEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



*Mr Thomas Ewins
preaching
from the prison,
1664*



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welcome!

If you are curious and have come to see us
If you are weary and have come to rest
If you are grateful and have come to share
If you are hurt and have come for solace
If you are listening and have come to pray
If you are seeking and have come for answers

welcome!

For your information

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 a.m. every Sunday; 6.30 p.m. **on the first Sunday of the month.** (Communion on the first Sunday evening and the third Sunday morning.)

CITY PRAYERS: Tuesdays at 1.10 p.m.; Communion: Thursdays at 1.10 p.m.

THE CHOIR will sing at the evening service on the first Sunday of the month and **choir practice** will be on the prior Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

Hannah Hart will be working from the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and some Wednesdays. **John Houseago** will work at the church on Friday mornings. You are always welcome to pop-in for a chat. Please phone first if you are making a special trip as ministry is not a predictable occupation.

PRAYER AT BROADMEAD

FEBRUARY

Week 1. We pray for the City Centre Chaplain as he faces the challenges of serving in the Broadmead area.

Week 2. We pray for our local hospitals, for the staff in all they undertake in caring for those who are sick and need their help.

Week 3. We pray for our Baptist College, for the staff and students, especially those just starting their ministry training.

Week 4. We pray for WEBA; for all who serve in the association office as they care for all the Churches in the area.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 2nd March, 2012

Time: 1.10 p.m.

Theme: 'Let Justice Prevail'

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Malaysia, and we invite Broadmead folk to join with others on this occasion. **EDWINA HAYDEN**

In the seventeenth century, two ministers of this church, Thomas Ewins and Thomas Hardcastle, were imprisoned repeatedly for offences against the religious laws of the times, which restricted dissenting meetings. They continued to preach: one from the window of his prison cell and the other by letters that were read out to the congregation each Sunday. Sometimes the 'meeting house at the lower end of Broadmead' was closed by order of the mayor and the worshippers were forced to gather in the woods and fields on the outskirts of Bristol.

NOTES from the MANSE

We are facing change – and I don't just mean the exciting possibilities that Hannah, newly ordained and inducted, brings to our church and community life. I am thinking of the changes that are affecting the whole of our Baptist denomination.

The Baptist Times has ceased publication, at least in a printed form. *The Baptist Times* has been my companion for most of my adult life. Oft times I have been rude about it, but in recent years it has been well edited, stimulating and informative. The front page of the last issue of 2011 featured our new mural. The coverage was extensive and nearly correct – which seems a fitting epitaph for the paper!

The ministers' pension scheme, like so many others, has been closed and replaced with a 'defined contribution' scheme. The new scheme provides ministers with a good, if less certain, level of pension. This is relevant to everyone in the church, because the cost of covering the deficit of the old scheme will be a significant financial drain on the churches of the Union for many years to come.

Finally, I need to mention changes in the Baptist Union. Let me quote from an article by Jonathon Edwards, General Secretary of the Baptist Union, "*At last month's Baptist Union Council the Treasurer summarized our present financial situation. In short, it is likely that by the end of the year there will be a deficit of about one million pounds. This sobering news concentrated the mind of Council and it was resolved to set up a Futures Group to reflect on the way forward, and to bring firm proposals to the Council meetings in 2012 so that we can move towards a balanced budget.*

Nobody would choose to be in this situation, but if you look at any organization or even at our own history, it is clear that such times are a normal part of the rhythm of life. Indeed such episodes can often offer a superb opportunity for reviewing and renewing the life of an organization ... "

Many people find change threatening, but it can also be exciting and liberating. Please pray that God will give us the courage to live faithfully in the future, trusting His purposes, and that we may find the vision to “review and renew” our life.

JOHN HOUSEAGO

Sermon Themes

5th February, 2012

11 a.m. Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39 – *Jesus at Prayer*

6.30 p.m. Communion Service

12th February, 2012

11 a.m. 2 Kings 5:1-14 & Mark 1:40-45 – *Jesus heals a Man with Leprosy*

19th February, 2012

11 a.m. 2 Kings 2:1-12 & Mark 9:2-9 – *Jesus Transfigured*

26th February, 2012

11 a.m. The Rev Hannah Hart, Associate Minister

4th March, 2012

11 a.m. Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 & Mark 8:31-38 – *Jesus Speaks of his Death*

6.30 p.m. Communion Service

fellowship matters

- We have to report with regret the death of our greatly respected member **Eric Turner** on 11th January. Our sympathy goes to Rosemary and all the family.
- It is a pleasure to note two new arrivals! A son, **Finn**, was born to **Rachel** and **Mike Jeffrey** on 11th January. We send our congratulations to the parents and also to grandparents **Sue** and **John Whale**. A son, **Robert Henry**, was born to **Helen** and **Dan Knight** on 13th January. Our congratulations go to the parents and also grandmother **Liz Goddard**.

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MY 90TH BIRTHDAY ON 18TH DECEMBER

I was overwhelmed by the kindness shown to me at morning service on 18th December. Thank you all for the flowers, cake, card and balloon (which lasted into the New Year before deflating!).

I have attended Broadmead for many years and don't know what I would do without the fellowship and friendship of both the Church and the Undercroft. Long may it continue.

Thank you again, **MEGAN BURGESS**

CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th February, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in the Hiley Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

In 2012, the bible studies will be based on the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. Each session will be offered twice, once on a Wednesday evening, when it will be part of a prayer meeting, and again on Thursday afternoon.

The dates for the year are:

28th & 29th March, 25th & 26th April, 30th & 31st May, 27th & 28th June, 25th & 26th July, 26th & 27th September, 31st October & 1st November, and finally, 28th & 29th November.

Just in case you have failed to see the posters scattered around the place, shameless self promotion on my part. I am Hannah Hart, the new associate minister here at Broadmead Baptist Church. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself properly and tell you a little bit about why I am here.

I am thirty-four years old and am originally from an inner city area of Nottingham. I am from a Christian family, but did not make a real commitment to God until I was twelve. I first felt God saying that he wanted me to be a minister when I was thirteen, but it took me seventeen years, one failed marriage, twelve jobs and a science degree before I started training for the ministry at Bristol Baptist College in 2008. During my entire time at College I knew that God had big plans for Bristol city centre and this was where I was being called. I did a placement in the church in my first year and became a regular attender a year ago. I became the associate minister on the first of November and was ordained and inducted to the role on the 14th January.

My role here is to help us as a church to engage more significantly with the city and those who use the building. I will be working mainly during the week and hopefully I should be a visible presence within the church. My deepest desire is to communicate the love of God to people. I believe that it is our role as a church to show God's care to the world in all our actions and relationships. So please if you see me around say 'Hi' and if there is anything I can help you with or anything for which you need prayer, please do not hesitate to ask.

TERRILL GROUP**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

From time immemorial the Terrill Group have held their A.G.M. on the first Monday in February where they receive annual reports and vote in the new Committee.

It is, however, no secret that these formalities take but a short time and the rest of their time together they engage in lighter activities.

Thus it is that when they meet on 6th February in addition to the business they will be having a 'fun' event of a semi-quiz nature.

Perhaps you would care to join us and sample the light and the serious sides of Terrill Group.

We meet in the Hiley Room at 7.30. Join us! **JOHN FRAMPTON**

BMS WORLD MISSION DAY OF PRAYER

Roger Hayden wrote in last July's *Record* of how a widespread prayer movement laid a foundation for the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society. Prayer is still essential for the work of the Society (now called BMS World Mission) and **BMS World Mission Day of Prayer will be held this year on 13th February.**

STAMPS AND MISSION

The 1928 Baptist Missionary Society accounts included, for the first time, money raised by the BMS Stamp Bureau. It amounted to £60. The Bureau now raises over £10,000 each year.

For some time this church has sent used stamps to the Bureau – and still the stamps keep coming! Many thanks to the church members who regularly supply them, and many thanks also to other friends who are faithful contributors.

When sufficient stamps have been accumulated they are packaged and personally delivered to BMS headquarters at Didcot, usually by a member of staff of the West of England Baptist Association.

The stamp box appearing on the Concourse each Sunday contains

leaflets which give helpful information – and also list other collectible items that can be sold by the Bureau to support the work of BMS World Mission. Maybe you have never given much thought to this project; if so now is a good time to think about joining the worthy company of stamp suppliers!

2011 CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The envelope collection realised **£250.00**. To this was added the sum of the last two Undercroft collecting box totals for 2011, making a final response of **£344.11**. Many thanks to all contributors.



Church Mouse Churnings

I keep hearing people say, “I’ve got too much to do.”

Michael Quoist, a writer and philosopher, wrote:

“We are doing only one tenth of what we can see what we should be doing.

We are doing one hundredth of what we could do if only ...

We are doing one thousandth of what we could do ...”

The difficulty most of us have is coming to terms with our limitations. So much to do, so little time and energy to do it.

Other people aren’t doing what we feel should be done, or are doing it differently and that leads to more anxiety and frustration.

It’s been a lesson just watching a foreman and his assistants ‘doing what must be done’ with the precision of a team working together. Lots of thinking time included!

It’s not really the amount we do, but the quality of what we do. The person who tries frantically to do more and more and makes other people do things his way is in danger of losing friends and family.

We have to accept with humility our own limitations and question above all our motives. **CHURCH MOUSE**

Copy for the next edition of *The Record* should reach me **BEFORE**
Sunday, 12th February. JACK APPLETON, *Editor*



THE LEPROSY MISSION

Sunday, 26th January, is **WORLD LEPROSY MISSION DAY 2012**. The Leprosy Mission works in a range of developing countries, helping to transform lives from despair to a living hope.

The disease is cured by multi-drug therapy, administered for up to one year. Patients still need to be carefully monitored as complications can arise. Through the generous giving from a number of people in Broadmead we have been able to send **£330** to support this work. Thank you to you all on behalf of Leprosy Mission. Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leprosy sufferer and he was healed. **EDWINA HAYDEN**

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

Due to the congestion of activities in February it has been decided to postpone the event until June, the month when the Queen was actually crowned. **SHIRLEY MOSS**

Answers to January's Bible Story Quiz

1. Ruth; 2. Naomi; 3. Mara; 4. "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."; 5. Gleaning; 6. Told his men to let me glean in the field with his girls; 7. Dressed in my best, and lay by his feet after the celebration harvest feast; 8. No, there was one other. Boaz went before the elders at the gate of the town, offered our nearer relative the chance which he refused, and claimed us and Naomi's husband's property; 9. Great grandmother; 10. Jesse.

Hymn Quiz: Not the First Lines

Hymn books have an index of First Lines, but can you identify these hymns from BAPTIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP from some of their other lines?

1. mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
2. the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
3. we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.
4. never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like thine.
5. where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
6. Blessings abound where Jesus reigns –
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
7. let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
8. the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
9. Lose you shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
10. I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

