

News from the Pews

Jesus in Psalm 2

You will know that, in an evening when I am preaching at Wray we will be journeying through some of the Messianic Psalms. As I say on the bulletin to accompany the series, I thought that there would be one definitive list, but there are many, and at one point, I had a list of 31 different Messianic Psalms. It is my intention to just to highlight twelve of them; therefore, there are a number that will have to be missed out.

One of them is Psalm 2, which is listed in the bulletin as “Christ is rejected as King by the nations.” In the heading, this Psalm appears anonymous, however, when you turn to Acts 4:25, you learn that the author is David. In this Psalm, we see:

The Apostates (v1-3)

How foolish the kings of the earth are, when David wrote this Psalm, he was thinking of the nations around about who were threatening him. On a wider note, the kings of the earth are trying to threaten the King of the universe; they declare, “Let us break their chains and throw off their fetters.” The fetters are the cords, which bound the ox to the plough, the word means something that is twisted or interlaced, as you would a strong rope. Therefore, in their unity against the Anointed One, they would be able to be free.

The Almighty (v4-6)

What was the reaction of the Anointed One? “The One enthroned in the heaven laughs,” the very thought that mere men could fight against God and win is really laughable. It paints the picture of God calmly sitting on His throne in heaven smiling at their attempts at overcoming His power. Even today, there are those who believe that God is not that powerful, and anyway, “Who does He think that He is?” We can read, especially in the books of Kings and Chronicles, where it would appear that Judah would be wiped out, until God steps in and sorts everything out.

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The Advice (10-12)

What are the nations to do? “Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.” That word “fear” doesn’t mean to be afraid, but with a deep reverence, knowing that He is the Holy One of God. Then “rejoice with trembling,” one commentator has, “Only with the proper fear, adoration, reverence and awe of the Most Holy God could there be genuine joy in the coming kingdom.”

The Psalmist continues in verse 12, “Kiss the Son.” Here the kings of the earth are given a clear choice, you can either love and respect the Lord’s Anointed One and experience His great blessing, or you can refuse and feel the wrath of God. After all, this is the One who was declared in verse 7 as, “my Son.” In the Middle East even today, to kiss someone, is to show a great deal of respect for someone who was of a superior rank, and you would know who that was. It was a way of paying homage to that person, and this is what is demanded here of the kings of the earth, pay homage to my Son.

For Jesus Christ as Messiah, we are called upon to honour Him as the King of kings and give Him the honour that is due to His name. May that be our experience.

Every blessing

Roy

Safari Supper

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fund Raiser for the Great North Run. We were blessed with a beautiful evening. Lots of people commented on the glorious views from both sides of Roeburndale (there were also lots of comments on the amount of puddings available too!!).

We collected £2800 on the night from your donations, so many, many thanks for giving so generously. This money will be shared between Diabetes UK, and North West Air Ambulance. Now we just have to complete the Run! Thank you to all our willing helpers for your hard work on the evening, and to friends and family who made puddings.

SportsReach Wray 2019



Earlier in the summer we held another soccer & netball school in partnership with SportsReach, our eighteenth at Wray. 37 children applied and joined us for football & netball in the 'Mission Possible' themed week.

Alongside coaching time and learning and developing skills, each day the children learnt about the Bible looking at how God made His Mission Possible ultimately leading to Jesus' coming. The Bible tells us that because of the sin in our lives we are separated from God. But because of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection, if we believe and seek forgiveness and invite Him into our lives as Lord and Saviour we are promised eternal life. In Matthew 19 v 26, one of the memory verses from the week, **But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

The weekend brought the usual world cup matches and competitions which the children had been preparing for during the week. We concluded the week with a special awards service at the Chapel. Thanks to the SportsReach team, all the coaches for giving up their time to come and coach the children and support from the school and village, it really is a team effort.

For more information about SportsReach and the work they do, please visit their website – www.sportsreach.org.uk



Letter from Australia

Hi everyone,

I've been in Australia for a month now and I'm having a good time so far. I'm living in North West Sydney, in an area called the Hills, about five minutes walk away from the main Hillsong campus, which is a blessing as some students live up to 40 minutes walk away! I live with 5 other girls, two from the US, two from Canada and Megan. I'm meeting lots of different people from all over the world, but we are all outnumbered by the Americans.



So far, the teaching has been really good and I am learning a lot. In our first semester all the first year students are studying Teamwork, Personal Evangelism, New Testament Introduction and Christian Doctrine. I have really enjoyed learning about team work and how a healthy church is created and maintained, and learning about the structure of Hillsong Church.

The stream I'm in is Pastoral Leadership and the area I'm specialising in is events. In this we study Discipleship and Church History as well as practical learning in our specialised area. Megan is in the vocals and worship leading stream, learning about vocal skills, focusing on how to make her voice the best it can be. In the second semester they will focus on how to lead in a worship setting.

Each student is allotted a place to serve midweek and at weekends at least one Sunday service: this can include anything from cleaning toilets to making coffee. I haven't been told where I will be serving but it will be sorted in the next week. Girls also serve on a Thursday at "Sisterhood" which is Hillsong's women's ministry, here I am serving on the car parking team – pretty self-explanatory!

Twice a week we also have chapels, which is a service especially for all the college students. These services have been the highlights of the week as they bring all the college together and there is a great passion for Jesus. The Sunday services are also great fun and I've really enjoyed the worship and the messages.

We both feel its a bit crazy that we actually get to be here and getting this opportunity to learn so much, so thanks to everyone who has been praying for us, we're grateful for that. I'm really excited to keep learning and seeing what God has got in store for us and all the other people here with us.

Lots of love **Imogen and Megan**

Special Events & Dates

Strawberry Fundraiser – Sat 7 Sept, 10-4.30, at 2 Roeburn Terrace in aid of work in Zimbabwe – see article overleaf.

Circuit Welcome Service – for Rev Derek Oldham at 4pm on Sunday 8 September at Garstang.

Circuit Meeting – Tue 17 September at Brookhouse.

Roeburndale Harvest Festival – Sun 15 September with Rev Andrew Champley. Mon 16 Sept service with Rev Paul Boulther followed by the sale of harvest gifts.

Wray Harvest Festival – 10.30 and 6.45 Sun 22 September – led by David Cornall and Frank Balassa respectively.

Wray Harvest Supper – 7pm Mon 23 September with a short word from Matthew Fawcett and sale of harvest gifts to follow.

Remembrance service – Sunday evening 11 Nov at the Parish Church

Fellowship Anniversary – 7.30pm Sat 16 Nov and Sun 18 Nov – arrangements still to be confirmed.

Regular Activities

- Sunday 10.30 **services** at both Wray and Roeburndale
 10.30 **Sunday school** – weekly at Wray
 6.30 **service** at Wray.
 8.00 **After Eight** young peoples' meeting at Wray, second Sunday of the month.
- Monday **Come for Coffee**, first Monday each month 10am – 12 noon in Wray schoolroom.
- Thursday 2.00pm **Ladies Fellowship** second Thurs of the month
 7.30pm **Prayer Meeting**.
- Fri/Sat 7.00-9.30pm **Drop-In**, monthly in Wray schoolroom. Age 9 upwards. Games, tuck shop, etc. Contact Luke Gorst. Next event – 7 Sept.
 7.30pm **Youth Fellowship**, monthly as announced. Year 9 upwards. Contact Richard & Hazel Preece.

Ladies Meetings

10 Oct Linda Bovenizer from
Crown Lane

14 Nov Marjorie Brown + Kendal
Christian Bookshop

12 Dec Rev Andrew Champley

All ladies are welcome to attend
these meetings.

Dorothy Huddleston

THE LUND

INSTEAD OF SAYING, LORD, I
DON'T KNOW HOW I AM
GOING TO DO THIS,"

SAY:

"LORD, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
HOW YOU DO THIS. "

13.9.2019

WITH OLIVER JACKSON

7.45PM

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS**

10.9.2019

**PRAYER EVENING
FOR THOSE AT LUND
7.30PM**

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU

11.9.2019

**PRAYER EVENING
FOR LUND SUPPORTERS
7.30PM**

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Suggested age 10/16+

Zimbabwe Ministry

General Situation

Recently the British press has started reporting on Zimbabwe in the daily newspapers. The country that was once the breadbasket of Africa is now one of the poorest in Africa. When Robert Mugabe resigned under pressure, people hoped for positive change and indeed there was some at local level. The rhetoric sounded good, but the economic situation remained dire. Zimbabwe's economy has always risen and fallen around agriculture and mining and as both these industries had been looted under the Mugabe regime the chances for economic recovery did not look good. There was an improvement in food availability initially, but then most was imported from S Africa and used up scarce foreign exchange. For some time, clients have only been able to withdraw \$50 in local currency from the bank. The currency has changed from Zim \$ to USD to Bond and is now RTGS. Recently we have heard there is a proposal to re-introduce the Zim dollar. Austerity measures were initiated and together with the introduction of the bond notes, inflation has taken off. Whatever people may have in the bank has now lost its value and we are back to a state worse than 2008: food prices have rocketed as they are attached to foreign currency, fuel is in short supply, electricity cuts can last days, and the water supply is erratic or absent.

The effects of this situation on family life

To compensate for this situation which has lasted in some form or other since 2008, many parents and young adults have left Zimbabwe, mostly to S Africa and Botswana, where they are mocked, abused and sometimes threatened. Their children are left with one parent or elderly relatives, grandparents, aunts, uncles and sometimes neighbours in the hope they will find a job and send money back for their children and the carer to live on. When money does not come these carers have the unenviable task of trying to feed other people's children as well as their own. This pressure may result in these children being abused, underfed or sent out to find something to eat. Or, if they are teenagers they may steal, get into alcohol, drugs and other crimes. Zimbabwe has a great number of street kids, school drop-outs and emotionally and mentally damaged children for which little is being done. We also have many children who have grown up in orphanages and/or foster care who at 18 are out on their own in the world in a country with 85% unemployment and show all the symptoms of emotional and mental stress and damage.

Attachment Disorder

Due to the breakdown of normal family life, and broken relationships and attachments, many of these children have developed anti-social behaviours

which are now recognised as symptoms of “Attachment Disorder”. Some really dedicated parents face the most difficult problems. In the UK nearly half the parents of fostered or adopted children meet tough challenges. In Zimbabwe, where there is little information and a tradition of corporal punishment many of these children go on to become bullies, unruly in school, thieves, drug and alcohol abusers or violent criminals. To prevent this information and education is sorely needed.

Personally, I care for other people’s children and have experienced dealing with the difficult behaviour that is commonly linked to “attachment disorder”. Initially I was struggling without any understanding of how to cope with it and now I still struggle but with a much greater understanding of how to deal with it so as to help the child to overcome it. A small group of people who have children with attachment disorder, or have been abandoned by a parent to the streets or are concerned for the welfare of children are now trying to do something to help the many others who are struggling to bring up children with the very difficult behaviour caused by insecure attachment.

What can we do?

The money from this year’s fund-raiser will try to address the issue from three angles. Firstly, educating young mums how to ensure their children make secure attachments and keep them. Secondly, educating carers looking after looked-after children, whether it is at home, in schools, in orphanages or on the street. Thirdly, using our Boys Brigade camp site to host activity camps for those affected by attachment disorder to help them understand it and how to create a positive future in spite of it. All will have a strong spiritual, emotional and mental emphasis. We will use people with experience to run these programmes and hopefully support the work of the group as they seek to train more trainers.

If you are interested to learn more about attachment disorder, or you are concerned about someone you know who has difficult behaviour or a troubled background, there are 3 cartoon style books that can be obtained from Timpson's shoe repair shop in Market Sq Lancaster. Sir John Timpson, who wrote the book, was a foster carer for 15 years before he and his wife learned about attachment. He says, “It made a massive difference”. The books are: “A Guide to Attachment” which should be read by everyone: “Looking after looked-after children” which is good for foster and adoptive carers/parents: “How to create a positive future”, for those with attachment issues.

The Strawberry Fundraiser for this work will be held on 7th September at 2 Roeburn Terrace, Roeburndale East Rd, Old Mill, Wray, from 10am to 4.30 pm. Entrance is by donation and includes refreshments. Soup and sandwiches will be

served from 12midday at extra cost. Sales of cakes, crumbles, savouries, jams and preserves, bric-a-brac and books. Come and enjoy with your friends down by the riverside and support this very important work of creating a positive future for children in need.

Janet Kenyon

The Bend in the Road

By Helen Steiner-Rice

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
and we view what we think is the end,
but God has a much wider vision
and He knows what it's only a bend.

The road will go on and get smoother
and, after we've stopped for a rest,
the path that lies hidden beyond us
is often the path that is best.

So, rest and relax and grow stronger,
let go and let God share your load
and have faith in a brighter tomorrow –
you've just come to a bend in the road.



Ordination

I had the opportunity to attend the ordination service for our probationer minister, Rev Emma Holroyd, at the Methodist Conference in Birmingham at the end of June. The great and good of Methodism were there to celebrate six the ordination of six ministers (there were other services that day across the city).

We sang great hymns, heard promises made, celebrate Communion and, in perhaps the most moving moment, almost shouted in response to the President of Conferences question that, "Yes, they are worthy" to become ministers.

The strongest memory for me was that the church was right in the middle of the city, next to the Bullring shopping centre. As we sat in the church there was a constant buzz of conversation, music from bars and restaurants, a Sudanese demonstration – competing for people's attention. And yet there we were, affirming the call of God on the lives of six people, to go out and serve him in this mixed up world. It was a moving occasion.

Peter Gorst

Wray Themed Preaching

Throughout 2019, preachers are being asked to follow a set of themes. Whilst some may feel led to other topics, it is expected that most will be happy to oblige. You may wish to read the passages before the service to get the most from these services:

The story of Joshua

8 September	You will not cross the Jordan alone	Joshua 3:1-17
15 September	What means these stones?	Joshua 4:1-24
29 September	Who are the people of God	Joshua 5:1-12
13 October	Who fought the battle of Jericho	Joshua 6
20 October	Who lost the battle of Ai?	Joshua 7
27 October	Renewing covenant obligations	Joshua 8:30-35
17 November	The Lord fights for His people	Joshua 10:1-14
24 November	The claiming of victory	Joshua 11:1-23

More Wray Rotas

Morning Coffee

Sept	1	Annie, Rachel, Steven
	8	Kath, Liz & Michael
	15	Laura, Chris, Seth
	22	Ruth & George
	29	Alan, Maurice, Thomas
Oct	6	Charlie, James, Will
	13	Joan & Andy
	20	Sarah & Peter
	27	Judith & Malcolm
Nov	3	Becky & Martin
	10	Laura, Andrew, Matt
	17	Ben, Luke, Will
	24	Rachel, Steven, Sam

Cleaning Fortnight

Sept	2	Joan W
	9	Dawn H
	16	
	23	Harvest
	30	Sarah G
Oct	7	
	14	Margaret W
	21	
	28	Liz P
Aug	4	
	11	Kath F
	18	
	25	Judith S

**Please bring milk, squash and biscuits.
Tea and coffee are provided.**

**Cleaning fortnights start on
Mondays thro' to Saturdays**

2019	Wray preachers	Wray welcome	Wray flowers	R'dale preachers	R'dale flowers/cleaning
Sep 1	JR Gorst Rev R Burley C	Sarah Luke	Rosie M	J Hutchinson	Margaret
8	A Eaton J Graham	Michael Steven	Anne P	JR Gorst	
15	Rev R Burley At Roeburndale	Seth No service	Liz P	Rev A Champley HF	Harvest
22	Harvest Festival	Dorothy Andrew	Harvest	At Wray	Hazel E
29	Rev R Burley C E Rendle	Kath Chris	Judith S	Rev K Borwick	
Oct 6	JW Gorst Rev T Widdess	Andy George L	Janet T	A Eaton	Barbara H
13	M Prendergast E Whitfield	Laura Margaret W	Joan W	LA	
20	M Smith LA YS	Thomas Sam	Mary W	J Bampton	Hazel P
27	S Wilson Rev R Burley C	Rachel Judith	Margaret W	Rev R Burley C	
Nov 3	B Carter T Fawcett	Sarah Lois	Diane A	Rev R Burley	Grace
10	M Longton Remembrance	Same No service	Annie D	Rev K Clapham	
17	Fellowship Anniversary	Luke Will P	Kath F	At Wray	Margaret
24	Rev R Burley C S Tyrer	Kath Malcolm	Sarah G	M Smith	

C - Communion

FS - Family Service

HF - Harvest Festival

LA - Local arrangement

YS - Youth Service