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## NEWS & VIEWS

# LENT 2010

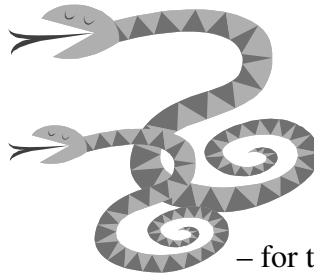
Hi everyone

Many of us are still recovering from snow and ice, but it is time to start thinking about our journey through Lent to Holy Week, to death and resurrection.

This year at Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme we shall be holding a joint Lent course entitled "We shall be changed". It is a Lent course firmly based in the Celtic tradition.

What is Celtic Christianity?

When the first missionaries they found a church already Christianity moulded by the life and by the beliefs of the ready lived here. It is a style of tune with an age focused on the mately shows man and nature snakes coiling round each other seen such a symbol in the past.



came to these shores, thriving – a brand of seasons, by the cycle of pagan people who al-Christianity much in environment, for it ultimate are entwined, like two – for those of you who have

It is also a belief system firmly based around the idea of transformation.

So, we shall alternate venues throughout Lent, leading up to our Maundy Thursday service – a service of "Light and Darkness" at Cheadle Hulme. The timetable is as follows, and I hope to see you there:

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**8.00 am** - Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**9.30 am** All-age Worship with Crèche available by request  
**10.30 am** Reflective Worship with Crèche available by request  
(Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in each month)

Session 1.	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30 @ Bramhall	Topic:	What is transformation?
Session 2,	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 7.30 @ Cheadle Hulme	Topic:	Issues of cleanliness
Session 3.	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 @ Bramhall	Topic:	Deserts waters
Session 4	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 @ Cheadle Hulme	Topic:	Being born again
Session 5	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 @ Bramhall	Topic:	Rending the veil

It may be that some would prefer a day time session – possibly on a Monday or Tuesday; if so please see your elder and we can see if we can arrange something.

Blessings

Alan

## MEETING POINT REPORT

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Aled Jones gave a very interesting talk, with slides, on the early life of David Lloyd George. Some of us were surprised to learn that he was born in Chorlton-on-Medlock and that he became a country solicitor in Portmadoc before entering politics as the Liberal MP for Caernarvon.



We all enjoyed Irene Scowcroft's humorous talk entitled 'The Lady Gardener'. She had a very varied career starting off as a secretary, then working for the fraud squad in the police and finally becoming a bank manager before following her true vocation as a gardener. She described herself as a cross between Alan Titchmarsh and Peter Kay.

One of the many tips she gave us was as follows: 'if it goes fast, leave it alone; if it goes slow kill it!'

She frequently broadcasts and answers gardening questions on [salfordonline.com](http://salfordonline.com)

Our next meeting is a talk by Kevin Ball on 'Life as an Airport Chaplain' at 7.30pm on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an open meeting so please bring along your friends and family.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> Norma Fox will organise a games evening featuring 'Pictionary'.

An extra date has been added to the programme. There will be a meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> when David Williams talks about ME.

Anne Denning

## HAPPY

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Parish Pump Web Site

**AT LAST....**

.....I have had my left knee replacement operation in January. I am making good progress (obviously not fast enough for an impatient person). I would like to thank you for all the visits, good wishes, cards and get well presents which I received from so many people of our church.

Thanks, it cheered me up so much.

Norma Fox

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

When you have read this you will have hopefully been part of our Fellowship lunch with David and Helen Roberts. It is certainly lovely to have food together and just stay and chat.



Have you got your tickets for Viva España? Our reputation seems to be growing and the tickets are going fast. No doubt we will dream up some unusual Spanish meal; we cannot cope with paella or tapas so who knows? (We will cater for special diets).

Spring is coming, time to clear your loft, garage, spare room, the Jumble sale is approaching. This event, although organized by the "Team", we always rely on the expert help of other members of the congregation. Please watch notice board for the list. Never helped before? Then get involved, we need ladies and gentlemen. Who knows, that designer gear that has shrunk on one person may fit you!!

Come and get first look. The Jumble sale is on Saturday 10 April from 10.00 until 12 noon and we will be sorting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00, the tables will be put up at 9.00am. Please bring any jumble to the Green room any time from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Calling all those who love flowers. We are having a Flower arranging competition to be judged and displayed as part of the Bramhall Festival weekend – 19 and 20 June. This event is being sponsored by Bramhall Flowers who have agreed to help in the buying of the flowers and will give a discount to the arrangers. The forms will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> April and there will be two classes, an Open class, and a Novice class. In the Open class you will be asked to arrange a display suitable for a church window sill and for the Novice class a small arrangement suitable for a centrepiece for a Wedding reception. We have secured the services of a NAFAS Cheshire Area judge to judge the competition which will be judged anonymously. So start planning now.

Bridge lovers everywhere. After our first Bridge Seminar in February, Kevin Comrie is returning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April to present a Seminar on "Planning the play in NT's"; watch out for the tickets, £6.00, the last Seminar was a sellout. Speak to Jean James.

There is always lots going on, the committee never rest. As always we send out the appeal for raffle prizes.

Jean James

**CHRISTIAN AID****THANK YOU**

By the time you read this I am hopeful that I will already be back worshipping

with you. Due to the quick attention and skill of the personnel at Stepping Hill and MRI hopefully they have minimised any future risk – although I have a strict routine to follow.

Many thanks to all those who by their cards, telephone calls and prayers have shown concern at my unexpected absence. These thoughts have been much appreciated.

Perhaps we should add a “health warning” to reading in church!

Maurice Jepson

PS. Maurice read the lesson on Sunday 17 January and in the afternoon was in Stepping Hill. Ed.

Jessie trained as a qualified nurse and then qualified as a midwife and subsequently joined the Princess Mary’s Royal Air force nursing service. She went out to serve at a hospital in Hong Kong and later in post war Germany. Somewhat later she found herself in Glasgow where she met a man from Manchester. This man, Harry Caldecott, became her bridegroom in 1951, and they lived in Disley and Poynton raising two children.

So, in 2010 Jessie Caldecott becomes 90 years old. We wish her a very happy birthday.

The happy baby news from 1920 was also celebrated in Clayton West, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire. Mr and Mrs Tyas lived there with two boys and a girl. In April 1920 they were expecting a new baby. As in Scotland the calendar for February had an extra day – but then things became dramatic for Mrs Tyas. Instead of waiting for April, the new arrival popped in the world at 9.00 am on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The new baby was called Bessie Tyas and later that

morning there was another surprise when Betty Tyas was born, as a twin for Bessie. Years later, Bessie married Mr Schofield – in the RAF, and Betty married into the Navy on the same day at a double wedding in the local Congregational Chapel.

## HAPPY NEWS FROM 1920

In the early months of 1920 there were families expecting new babies. I would like to focus on two such families.

The first family is that of Mr and Mrs Ross. They lived in the far North of Scotland, very close to the Glen Morangie Whisky Distillery at Tain. We can perhaps imagine scenes rather like those we saw in “Dr Finlay’s casebook.” As the month of February 1920 was ticked off on the calendar Mrs Ross came closer and closer to her expected time. The 28<sup>th</sup> February is often the end of the month, but in 1920 it was a leap Year. Yes, you’ve guessed it. Mrs Ross gave birth on 29<sup>th</sup> February. At 6.00 am Jessica Bella Ross was born. Since then Jessica, or “Jessie” as she came to be known, has had only 22 “real” birthdays!



Bessie has helped many times with the giant Denby Dale pie with lots of stories to tell of life in Yorkshire. She would have liked to become a nurse but she was thwarted in this ambition when she was “called up” to be a munitions worker at the David Brown factory in Huddersfield. There she operated a huge capstan lathe (no. 2147) for the duration of

## World War II.

For many years Bessie Schofield has lived in Bramhall to be near her daughter Alison. Her other daughter, Stella, lives in Spain. However, the whole family will be here for a special celebration in March. We wish Bessie a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

I thought it was a real coincidence that Jessie and Bessie (in order of appearance!) are with us in our church for their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Their places of birth were miles apart, but their times of birth just 21 hours apart..

May they both have joyful times in 2010 in Bramhall.

Happy birthdays from all at Bramhall United Reformed Church.

Howard Fox

## APPRECIATION

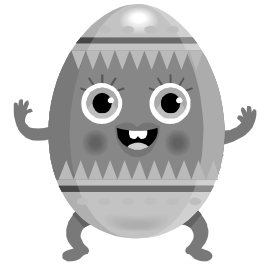
Myself, Abbi and Becky would like to thank everyone who gave us their condolences following my mother Jasmine's death recently. She reached the grand old age of 99 and a half. Those of you who remember her know what a feisty lady she was and her dry wit and humour were with her till the last time I visited her.

Vascular dementia is a cruel condition and she bore it with dignity and never once complained. We all miss her greatly. David Roberts kindly came and conducted a wonderfully memorable service for her.

Georgie Carleton

## EASTER WORKSHOP AND COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we'll be holding a Craft Workshop and Coffee Morning to create some decorations to be displayed in our church on Easter Sunday morning.



Bring the children and grandchildren down to help, whilst you have a cup of coffee/tea and a bun.

Graham Perkin

## ELDERS' AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

You are probably aware that each Elder is attached to a Pastoral Area within the Church and because of changes in the Eldership the areas have been re-allocated as follows:

Area 1 - Carole and Graham Perkin and Rhona Major

Area 2 - Sue Matthews and Stuart Young

Area 3 - Mary Moon and Walt Denning

Area 4 - Helen Beattie and Nick Jones

Area 5 - Jean James and Mike Taylor

We also have a team of Pastoral Visitors who have areas allocated to them - David Hazelby, Iain Gillespie, Val Ward, Christopher Whitehead, Maurice and Kath Jepson and Elizabeth McLaughlin. (Please let me know if this list is either wrong or incomplete).

In the next News & Views we will publish a list of you all in your areas, together with the Pastoral Team that apply to your area. The idea is that the Pastoral Teams keep in touch with the people in their area (this may only mean a quick telephone call,

seeing you in Church or a visit if you would like one). As a Church Family we should look after each other and be available if needed.

Linda Phillips

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## THE MILL

Volunteers urgently needed for all sessions – can you help?

Can you spare a few hours to help with essential outreach work at our Youth Centre (The Mill) in Bramhall village?

Help is needed for sessions:

After School – Mon to Fri 3.30 to 5.00pm  
 Wednesday night 7.30 to 9.30pm  
 Saturday night 7.00 to 9.00pm  
 Saturday morning 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Help at any of these sessions would be most welcome, just a few hours per month (on a rota).

If you can volunteer, or need to know more contact Jenny at The Mill (0161 440 8022) or Graham (0161 440 9588)



Graham Perkin

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## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGERIAL AUTHORITY

Is the conviction in my mind  
 That I can give instruction?  
 Will they take notice anyway  
 Or will it be disruption?

Informed discussion, friendly chat  
 Points set down on paper  
 The kindly route will gain respect  
 Not jump in as dictator.

What if a string of awkward questions  
 Counter brilliant presentation?  
 Even stubborn silence meets my plea  
 Then turns it to contention.

Issues need to be researched  
 Consequences carefully considering,  
 Compromise is always useful. But  
 Firmness! Absolute no dithering.

“I will be strong” I tell myself  
 “I’ll ooze with confidence,” you’ll see.  
 After all, I am grown up, I am in charge  
 And ....the twins are only three!

Howard Fox

(written for a poetry group, the theme was “I’m in charge”)

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## THOUGHTS OF SPRING

No matter how harsh the  
 winter  
 And deep the driven  
 snow,  
 No matter how vice like  
 its icy grip  
 It’s a comfort to all that  
 we know,  
 That when all the snow  
 has melted  
 And the birds once again  
 start to sing,  
 The green shoots of nature’s new cycle  
 Will herald the arrival of spring.



Colin Hammacott Parish Pump Web Site

## **RIDE OF THE KING**

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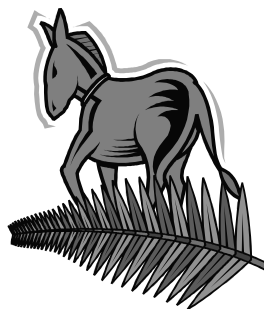
We waved palms  
And welcomed him.  
Even on a donkey  
Jesus had majesty.

All our hopes,  
The hopes of generations,  
All our longings,  
And our expectations –  
Our expectations –  
Poured upon him  
Through palms and praises.

Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna to the King  
Who wept,  
Knowing our weaknesses,  
Knowing our frailty and lack of faith,  
Knowing already our next cry,  
“Crucify.”

Father forgive us  
For our knowing and not knowing  
King Jesus.

by Daphne Kitching Parish Pump Web site



## **MOST USED HYMNS 2009 (AT BRAMHALL URC)**

The most used Hymns last year were:

1. Used seven times: **Christ be our light** by Bernadette Farrell
2. All used five times: Father I place into your hands, Living under the shadow of His wing, My Jesus, My Saviour, Praise Him on the trumpet.
3. All used four times: As we are gathered, Jesus is here, Be still for the presence of the Lord, Beauty for brokenness, I the lord of sea and sky (Here I am Lord), Light of the world (Here I am to worship), Make way, make way, for Christ the King, Will you come and follow me.



I'm afraid nobody guessed the correct answer!

**“Christ be our light”** was written by Bernadette Farrell, who was born in Yorkshire in 1957. Bernadette has been a leading composer of liturgical music since the 1970s and was a member of the well-known St Thomas More Group in London. She is associated with the renewal of Catholic worship in the UK and has composed hymns alone and with her husband Owen Alstott. Among her best-known compositions are "Christ, Be Our Light", "God, Beyond All Names" and "O God, You Search Me".

Graham Perkin

## **WOULD YOU LIKE A VISITOR?**

If you would like a visit, or know of any one who is unwell, please contact Elizabeth McLaughlin (tel. No: 01625 872487), or Carole Perkin (tel: 440 9588). Elizabeth and Carole are the co-ordinators of our Pastoral Care teams.

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