



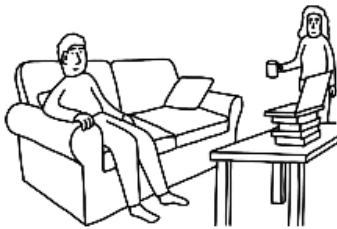
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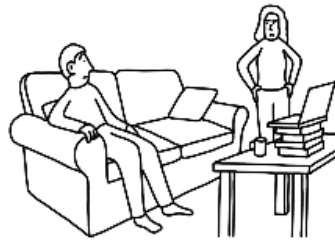
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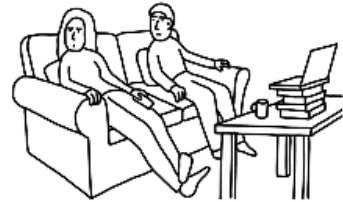
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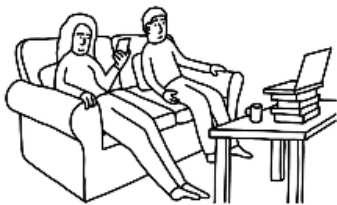
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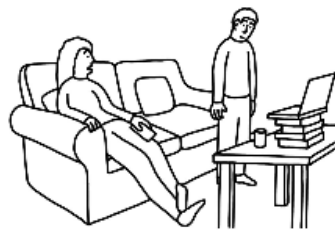
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From your Minister

We have had Father's Day recently - how was it for you? Did you remember your dad with fondness? I really hope so, although I realise that for some people this is not easy and the concept of 'fatherhood' as it applies to God is something they struggle with.

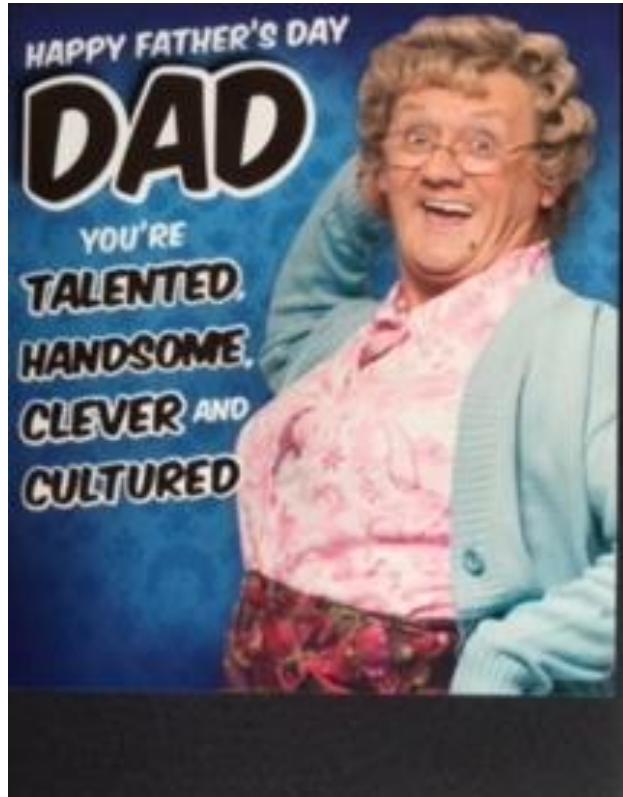
As a dad of five wonderful children 'Father's Day' is often a time for them to have a bit of fun at my expense, or at least remind me of some of my failings over the years, so I thought I would share with you a couple of the cards I received this year.



Here is the first one, and let me just say from the outset, I remember those days really well, especially during my years as a teacher. However what is missing in the picture is the children climbing all over me making it impossible for me to get the forty winks I desperately needed!

The other card needs a little explanation - I am only able to show you the front even though it is one of those where the statement is finished once you open up the card - maybe someone would like to suggest what they think the second half of it might say? ¹

¹ If you have any suggestions, send them in and I'll publish the best



I'll tell you what - let me give you a clue! This card came from one of my daughters and is particularly appropriate since she was well known for not doing very well at Home Economics (i.e. Cookery) when she was at school. However what she brought home for the family tea time was often only eaten by me, and as her dad I always managed to finish her offering, telling her how lovely it was and how well she had done!

I am so glad we have a Heavenly Father who never falls asleep when we need him.

'He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep...'
(Psalm 121:4)

Also our Heavenly Dad doesn't just pretend things are OK when clearly they are not, but rather comes alongside us, speaks deeply into our hearts and never gives up on us in the process of gracious transformation!

'...he who begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion...'
(Philippians 1:6)

Let me just finish off by wishing everyone peace, blessing and health as we ease our way out of lockdown.

Norman



We pray for our friends who are ill, housebound or bereaved and for those in residential care: Jean Burgess in *St Martins Care Home*, and Doll Edwards in *The Cedars*. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

We congratulate Emily Cunningham (Maureen Kelly's granddaughter) in the award of a first-class honours degree in English from the University of Kent at Canterbury.

Keith and Kathy McCullough on their 45th wedding anniversary.

We thank everyone concerned for the very gradual recovery of Trevor Metcalfe. He remains unwell but is due to undergo further tests which will hopefully enable more steady progress.

Snippets

Highlands Hobbies Cards

Ros Bryant and Margaret Wood hold a lovely selection of cards for all occasions. If you are finding it difficult to shop at this time, they will be happy to make a selection available to you

Ros Bryant 478631

Margaret Wood 557512

Christian Aid

Grateful thanks to all for your Christian Aid donations. The final amount from our church was £595 of which £377 was Gift Aided allowing Christian Aid to claim 25% tax refund. Well done to all at this difficult time, every penny is much needed and will be well spent.



From the Editor

Much of the news recently has concerned events that have followed from the death of George Floyd in the US city of Minneapolis. This has been a diversion, though a very unwelcome one, from news of the coronavirus pandemic.

Many of the issues are controversial and highly political, which is my way of saying that I intend to dodge around them; but the arguments have wandered into discussions about slavery and exploitation. I'd like to dwell a little on the subject. However let's first be clear on a couple of points:

- Slavery is wrong and in 2020 we should neither tolerate it, nor celebrate those responsible for it²
- We are not responsible for our ancestors' behaviour, but we need to recognise that they unjustly enriched the wealthy country we inherited from them³

² But see page 18

³ The same applies, of course, in the USA and several other European countries, but let's stay home for the moment

We may realise that slavery is not exclusively a matter of history. Try removing your shoes and checking where they were manufactured. Almost invariably the answer will be Bangladesh, Vietnam or elsewhere in the far east; places where we hear of children as young as 7 working 12-hour shifts in unsafe clothing and shoe factories. Can we be confident that our clothing and footwear did not come from such a place? And if so, what should we do about it?

The answer is seldom as simple as it would seem. Which I can illustrate with this story.



In 2015 Lesley and I visited Antsirabe, the third largest city on the island of Madagascar. Our home for 2 nights was the crumbling French-colonial *Hôtel des Thermes* which, despite its unenticing appearance, was the best hotel in the

city. As such it was attended day and night by dozens of rickshaws. These were mostly not cycle rickshaws. Rather they were pulled along by a barefoot man, typically small and wiry, who ran between two shafts. Locally they are called a *pousse-pousse*.

We decided to go out for a walk, as the city offered interesting shops and buildings including the country's largest cathedral. Passing through the scrum of rickshaws, we waved them away. Nevertheless, two rickshaws followed us like faithful hounds as we walked around the city, their eager captains offering transport back to the hotel whenever we wanted it.

I insisted to Lesley that I was not willing to be pulled around the

city by a small barefoot man not much more than half my weight. We argued this for a while. I like to think I was winning on points until she delivered a knockout blow. She pointed out that, whereas this was for me a matter of upholding my delicate western sensibilities, it was for the rickshaw driver a matter of putting some bread on his family's table.

So it was that we both rode back to the hotel, reluctantly, in colonial style. I can't say it was a comfortable experience, but on arrival at the hotel I paid each rickshawman ten thousand ariary, or about £2. For me a trifling amount, but a fare and hopefully a decent tip for each rickshawman.

So, back to the question: what to do about our footwear? If it's unfairly traded, then Christians should act. But what if the UK government decided that imports of shoes from the far east must cease? Surely that would place thousands of people in those countries in an even worse position than before. Things are never as simple as they seem.

As we emerge from coronavirus lockdown – hopefully soon – there is a whole raft of government decisions that will shape the future. If it's true that the UK has been unfairly enriched in the past, then UK Christians should support and sustain foreign aid in all its various forms and from all its various sources. If it's true that unfair trading with us keeps people in the third world in poverty, then UK Christians must (in the wake of leaving the EU) speak up for trade agreements that are fair to all parties. If we perceive inequality or injustice in our own society then as Christians we must oppose it.

Coronavirus has been a body blow to the whole of God's world. We restore and recover only by following the way God has shown. May He bless the endeavour of everyone who seeks that way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew', with a stylized, cursive script.

The Experience Project (EP)

You may have heard of this. It's a Social Justice and mission initiative based at the former Whittingham Avenue Methodist Church, giving practical and spiritual support to people in that area. This sentence doesn't begin to do justice to the scope of the project, so find out more about it (including how you can be more involved) at <https://www.southendandleigh.org/circuit-newsletter.html> or through the Highlands FaceBook page.

If you do not use these, but would still like to know more, mention it to me or Julie and we'll get you some printed information.

Puzzle of the Month⁴

I have given you a couple of difficult ones to do during lockdown. Now I feel should offer something that is not only easy but also attractive to the mathematicians out there.

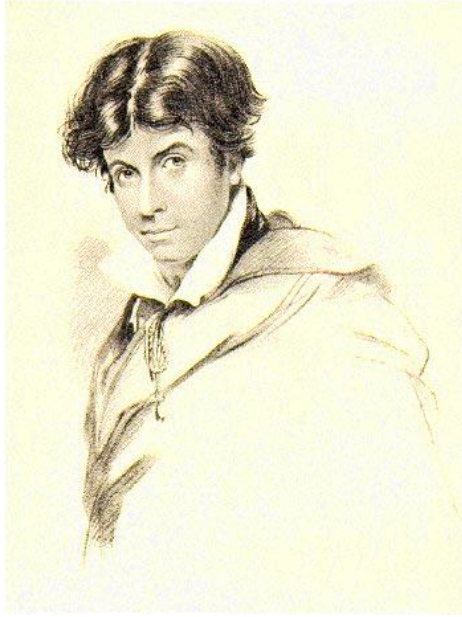
I notice that the Victorian longcase clock I recently acquired has no 'Westminster Chimes' sequence. It just marks the hours with a number of evenly spaced single chimes corresponding to the time, between 1 and 12.

It happens that at exactly 8 o'clock, the time taken for the clock to chime, from first to last, is 56 seconds. How long will it take to chime at midnight?

As a supplementary question – why is my clock often called a 'grandfather' clock?



⁴ Answer on p21



Poem for July

This month's selection is by Leigh Hunt (1784-1859) and is a favourite of Reg Farrance (Julie Peek's dad). Leigh Hunt was a critic, essayist and poet who was a close friend of both Keats and Shelley. His life included frequent insolvency and imprisonment for offending the Prince Regent in print. Lord Byron was one of his famous visitors. He attended the same school as your editor (no, we weren't contemporaries).

About Ben Adhem By James Leigh Hunt

*Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
'What writest thou?'—The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, 'The names of those who love the Lord.'*

*'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still; and said, 'I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.'*

*The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.*

Serving the Homeless



Lockdown still precludes us from organising social fundraising events.

We have however been fortunate to claim a grant from one of the Catholic Foundations which has enabled us to continue our support to HARP for the purchase of fresh meat, milk, eggs etc.

We also continue to support YMCA in their expanding work and the initiatives of SVP in providing food and finding accommodation for those in need.

The only fundraising event for June, July & August is our Raffle. Tickets are £1, with 5 in a book for £5. This year we are offering several mini hampers as prizes. These will hopefully include, Pamper items, chocolates, mini bottles of drink, gardening, sweets, flowers and other goodies Tickets available from Frank & Jean Edmonds. The draw will be on 7 September.

It is good to hear that at the end of June the 120 in temporary bed & breakfast will not be put straight back onto the streets. The provision of food will cease, and they will have to fend for themselves but 'fortunately' there are several soup kitchens available in the Southend area. The aim is for those temporarily in B&B to be provided with social housing of some sort. As Rev. Norman pointed out, wouldn't it be lovely if the Winter Night Shelter Scheme were not needed next year.

Frank Edmonds

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise.
Psalm 139: 1-2

Dine with the homeless

This isn't really a dessert that we could serve to our homeless friends but the recipe that I found to use up some crème fraîche. The centre at Short Street had a glut of tins of chickpeas, far too many to be able to send them out in the food parcels, and bags of slightly manky new potatoes (technical term there 😊) So we made chickpea, potato and spinach curry. I added crème fraîche at the end of cooking to make it creamy and not too hot, but I didn't need as much as I'd bought.

So to the recipe books – **strawberry ice cream** was the answer.

Ingredients (Makes 1 litre)

- 500g strawberries – or mixed berries. Mum had some tayberries and raspberries, so I used these to make up the 500g.
- 200g sugar – I had golden caster in the cupboard
- 500g crème fraîche



1. Hull the berries and squash with the sugar to make a rough purée. You can do this in a food processor or with a fork.
2. Tip crème fraîche in a bowl and stir in the purée.
3. Pour into an ice cream maker (if you have one) and churn. Otherwise put in an old ice cream tub and place in freezer for about 2 hours. Take out from the freezer and whisk to break down the ice crystals and then put back in freezer. Leave for another hour or so and then repeat process. Finally, freeze until firm.
4. Take out of the freezer about 15 mins before you want to serve.



Jobs for the Garden

From our Special Gardening Correspondent

I so enjoy going into the garden and picking raspberries, strawberries and blueberries for my breakfast. I have to keep a fleece over the blueberry bush otherwise the birds would strip the bush - I did find a cheeky blackbird actually under the fleece the other day!

Once the summer raspberries have finished fruiting, cut the canes back to ground level. Raspberries fruit on year-old canes, so select the strongest young canes and tie those in.

While it was so hot, I was watering my tubs and tomatoes twice a day - I hope we don't get a hosepipe ban. I try to water only the plants that actually need watering and then water those at root level. If you haven't got a water butt, you can save washing up (or bath!) water to use - but I wouldn't use that on my tomatoes or other plants that I'm going to eat. Tubs usually need a good soaking regularly as they don't benefit much from rainfall. The grass is still looking green - it always amazes me how it survives without water and comes back green again. Give it a rest from close mowing during the heat by raising the height of the mower.

If you've planted any new trees recently, make sure you keep watering these. And keep your eye on your pond and top up when

necessary.

I'm hoping to go to Hyde Hall again soon – I know some of you have been since lockdown was eased – I do love seeing how they manage the plants in their dry garden.

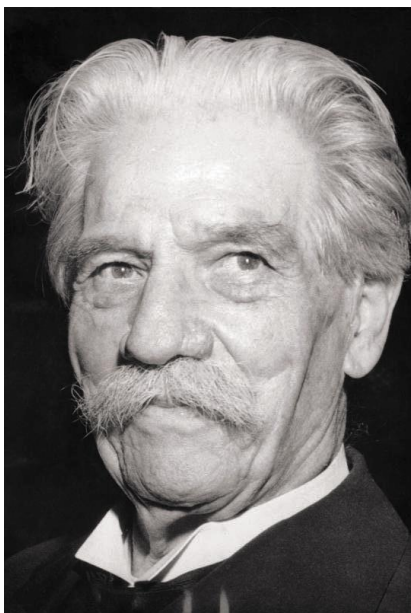
Now is the time to cut back early flowering perennials to the ground and if you are lucky, they will send up fresh leaves and maybe even some late-summer flowers. Once they've been pruned, give them a good soak of water and some tomato feed. (I've been using tomato feed for all my garden tubs as it was the only feed that I had for some time – everything is thriving but do make sure you dilute it properly).

Keep on dead-heading. Your plants will try to set seed unless you remove fading flowers. Then they'll produce more flowers, not seed.

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Biographical Notes

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) Theologian, physician, and missionary



I have retained an interest in Schweitzer ever since the headmaster of my primary school gave an assembly about him in 1965, when Schweitzer died at the grand old age of 90.

Schweitzer then was still at Lambaréné in Africa where he set up his hospital for the treatment of the African people shortly before WW1. I found it interesting that a man of his intellect would give up a comfortable living at a beautiful church in Strasbourg to go and work in Africa. He had doctorates in Philosophy, Theology, Medicine and Music. As if that

were not enough, his publications on the historical Jesus and on J S Bach are important works of scholarship. And he won the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize.

Over the last few years, I have done some longish bicycle tours in Europe, mainly Germany, Switzerland, France and Holland. In the summer of 2016, I took the overnight sleeper train from Holland to Zürich and cycled, home. My route took me through Alsace, and I remembered that Schweitzer had been born in Kaysersberg; I was passing close by. I decided to visit the house where he was born, now a museum. It was already mid-afternoon and with 40 miles or so to Strasbourg I couldn't stay long.



The museum is quite small, only one storey of a small house. As I walked round the room a very tall old man came up to me. For a moment I thought it must be Schweitzer himself! He asked me in French whether I knew anything about Schweitzer. 'A few things,' I said but felt a little uneasy. He was

clearly not part of the museum staff. Why was this man singling me out? Mind, there were only about three visitors in the museum. We both then realised neither of us was French - he was German - so we switched to German.

He said he would like to show me some of Schweitzer's things. I was now a little more wary and he took me by the arm. He led me to a small table and asked whether I would like to look at some books he had written. Right, I thought, now I understand, someone trying to sell me books.

I explained I was on a bicycle and couldn't take them, but he said no matter and explained to me he had written a book and it could be purchased in French, German or English, called *My Route to Albert Schweitzer*. He then showed me some pictures in one of them and explained that he had worked with Schweitzer until his death. He also said he had grown up in Freiburg before WW2 and had then spent time in Canada where he had obtained a law degree. There he bought a bicycle and cycled from Alaska to Cape Horn, then back up to Montevideo whence he caught a ship to Gabon and eventually reached Schweitzer in Lambaréné, where he stayed for seven years. We walked round the museum.

I told this man that I couldn't possibly take one of his books as I had no room in my panniers. Unperturbed he simply said that he was very glad to have been able to show me the museum. I looked at the books which did contain some interesting pictures, and I made a note of the man's name - Siegfried Neukirch.

On the way to Strasbourg something told me I had been rather hasty and that I should have stayed and chatted longer. My suspicions had got the better of me though. I thought about it constantly over the 40 miles to Strasbourg. When I got home, I looked Siegfried Neukirch up on the web to see whether I could indeed purchase his book. The one single copy of it I found was in German.

The story is incredible. In his book he gives a detailed account of his childhood and, his study in Canada and his cycle tour.

I then decided I must get in contact with this man as I was planning a similar tour the next year passing by Freiburg. I didn't know his address but wrote c/o the museum in Kaysersberg and he eventually received a reply. I visited him the following summer in 2017 and spent an evening at his home with some other visitors.

Back home I then made a CD of the LP I still have of some of Bach's works played by Albert Schweitzer, which I had bought in

1971, and sent it to him at Christmas. I received a charming letter in return. Sadly, I have not had the opportunity to revisit in Freiburg, although the invitation is there. It was fascinating hearing about Albert Schweitzer's work in Africa and how the man operated. Quite literally.

What a coincidence and experience. Is it not amazing that things sometimes turn out in the most unexpected way?

I am interested in Alsatian affairs and follow them closely. I asked Siegfried a potentially inflammatory question. I wanted to know whether Schweitzer - born in German Alsace-Lorraine but later becoming French when Alsace-Lorraine reverted to French rule in 1918 - considered himself more German or French. Schweitzer himself always ducked the question. 'An old man who has lived most of his life in Africa' was once his reply. Schweitzer had published in both German and French, but his real native tongue was undeniably the German Alsatian dialect. Siegfried smiled slightly and lowered his voice. I think, he said, he really considered himself German. But he added 'I don't think he minded or thought it was important'. It wasn't. What was important was Schweitzer's work.

Schweitzer was, of course, a true citizen of the world, unostentatiously going about God's work providing a unique, selfless service to the native population of Gabon.

Tim Francis

Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?

Matthew 6:26

Favourite Hymns

During his Zoom Service on 28 June Rev. Pete Moorhouse used one of his favourite hymns 'Blessed Assurance'. This reminded me that I have several favourite hymns⁵, some of which are listed in the back of my hymnbook. If all these hymns were played and sung at my funeral it would be like 'Songs of Praise' and go on for ever.

Isn't that what hymns are for? To celebrate the love of Jesus and inspire us to do what we can for mankind, enjoy the wonderful world God has created for us and rejoice in it.

In no particular order:-

✝ In Christ Alone
✝ The Lord's my Shepherd
✝ Great is thy faithfulness
✝ Make me a channel of
your peace
✝ O Lord my God

✝ Amazing Grace⁶
✝ Dear Lord and Father of
mankind
✝ Love that will not let me
go

And then there are the hymns for Holy Communion and the Seasons! Methodism – 'Born in Song'. Enjoy the pleasure of singing!

Frank

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.
Isaiah 43:2

⁵ Note from Ed: There is a software called SurveyMonkey that would enable us to find out, just for fun, the favourite hymns of Highlands, or the whole Circuit. If you'd be interested, get in touch

⁶ Topically, this hymn was written by former slave captain Rev John Newton (1725-1807). However, the second line of the hymn makes it clear what he feels about his former occupation and he became a leading abolitionist.

From the Archives

Order of Service

You may be interested by this OoS:

- † OPENING OF THE CHURCH BY MR HANKIN FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION (IN SILENCE)
- † ORGAN PRELUDE: *DIAPASON MELODY IN D* (V NOVELLO) PLAYED BY MRS F H GARROOD
- † INTROIT: *JESU JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING* (J S BACH)
- † HYMN: *PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN*
- † THE LORD'S PRAYER
- † READING OF THE WORD: I CHRONICLES 29:10-17
EPHESIANS 2:11-22
- † TE DEUM LAUDAMUS: *WE PRAISE THEE O GOD*
- † ACT OF DEDICATION
- † HYMN: *WE LOVE THE PLACE, O GOD*
- † SERMON: REV RICHARD BOGGIS
- † HYMN: *WHAT SHALL WE OFFER OUR GOOD LORD?*
- † BENEDICTION
- † ORGAN POSTLUDE: *GRAND CHŒUR* (H J TAYLOR)

If this has a slightly old-fashioned look to it, that should come as no surprise. It dates from Saturday 7 July 1956 and it was the official opening of the church building that we will – God willing – soon return to using. For the next two months we'll have some

more details from that publication, kindly curated by Andrew Saville.

Meanwhile just note the pre-sermon hymn:

'We Love the Place O God'.

How gloriously apt! And (by accident I think) rather modern sounding. I think that we might do worse than to reference this Order of Service as a starting point for marking our reopening of the building. When it comes...

AH

Clearing Out During Lockdown

Many of you will have been having a clear out during lockdown. Rifling through cupboards and drawers; things that you always meant to do on a 'rainy day'. It is extraordinary what you can find. Photos, knitting wool, recipes have all come to light.

John Downer from Benfleet Methodist Church has come up with three programmes of events at Highlands, which he has donated to our archives. The first is the *Dedication and Opening of the Organ* on Saturday 22 September 1951 with Rev Garfield Wade as Minister and Mrs Garrood as Organist. After the Dedication, the first hymn was 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven'. The church choir sang the Anthem 'I will magnify thee, O God', based on Psalm 145. The Circuit Superintendent was Rev Harold W Goldsack and the final hymn was 'Angel voices, ever singing'.

Another programme is '*Golden Jubilee Souvenir Handbook*', dated October 1976, celebrating the years 1926 to 1976 and priced at a very reasonable 10p. The Handbook contains many photos and reminiscences. The Minister at that time was Rev Arthur Freeman. It is worth repeating a part of the last article in the Handbook:

The Highlands of Tomorrow

Having completed 50 years at Highlands it is our duty now to look to the future because it is here that our work lies. We must continue the task of witnessing for Christ in Leigh both through our preaching and in our service to the community, in our church and in the neighbourhood.

Methods and activities have altered over the years but now we are living in a time of even more rapid change and we must be prepared for them to affect the Church too. Moreover, we must accept or be ready to adapt to these changes...

Our outreach into the neighbourhood must continue and grow, possibly linked with existing activities but also possibly in new ways.

Through any development and change our fellowship, work, caring and service must continue under the guidance of Him who will be with us always in all our future at Highlands.'

Thank you, John, for passing on these items.

Frank

Puzzle of the Month

Answer: 88 seconds. At 8 o'clock the strikes eight times, but the time taken to do so is determined by the 7 gaps between the chimes, each of 8 seconds. Hence the midnight chimes (12) will have 11 gaps, each of 8 seconds.

The name 'Grandfather Clock' derives from *My Grandfather's Clock*, a once very popular song written by Henry Work in 1876. The first verse and chorus are below, just in case (no pun intended) you didn't know it.

My grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf,
So it stood ninety years on the floor;
It was taller by half than the old man himself,
Though it weighed not a pennyweight more.
It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born,
And was always his treasure and pride;
But it stopp'd, short, never to go again
When the old man died.

*Ninety years without slumbering
(tick, tock, tick, tock),
His life seconds numbering,
(tick, tock, tick, tock),
It stopp'd, short, never to go again when the old man died*

Lockdown – a Personal View

Like so many people who live alone I found lockdown quite daunting. I'm very much a 'social animal' and not being able to have 'real' face-to-face conversations with family and friends came quite hard.



My lovely daughter Liz bought shopping for me. My kind next door neighbour also bought shopping for me alongside her own on-line order, and the kind folk with young children opposite offered to get things for me. These were dropped on the doorstep and money carefully and safely handed over. But the days seemed long.

I don't really know how people coped who are not Christians, (or

any other faith). I was so grateful to spend more time with God, and to discuss with Him the very real disaster that is happening, the difficulties our marvellous NHS staff were facing, the devastating death toll and the sadness of bereaved families who could not be with their loved ones.

I know that I'm really blessed in that I love gardening, and many a long hour I have toiled away in the garden. Other than the backache I have really enjoyed that. The glorious weather was a blessing too. It was more peaceful - hardly any traffic or any aircraft overhead. I had time to listen to the birds, and - am I imagining it? - has their song been more lovely than ever before?

Classic FM is the radio station I turn to when I can't bear to hear any more bad news. It has become a comforting friend to me; without exception each presenter has an easy friendly manner. It has made me feel like a good friend has called on me and we are enjoying a coffee together. I think Alan Titchmarsh is my favourite. When the highlights your social life are putting out rubbish on Tuesday morning and the Thursday 8pm clapping for NHS staff, he really is a blessing. I also have to thank our Kathy for her most appropriate Biblical texts every day, and reading comments and from all my friends.

A great big thankyou to Clive Johnson and Lesley who helped me to get on Zoom and to enjoy Sunday Services again. I have found this experience very enriching. Perhaps it's easier to concentrate on the Word when we are alone. I have found it a very spiritual experience. Also our Prayer Meetings on Tuesday mornings. Being able to chat with friends on Zoom before the Service is really great; occasionally I have joined the quizzes that Andrew has devised.

So a big thank you to Kathy, Andrew, Norman, Jenny and Frank and Jean for all they have done and are doing. God Bless, Keep Safe.

Maureen Kelly

SERVING the COMMUNITY 7 Days a Week

Children and Young People

Fellowship Groups

Services to the Community

Social and Recreational

These services are suspended at the moment. We hope of course that they can be restored soon.

For updated news keep following

www.highlandsmethodist.org.uk

or  Highlands (Leigh) Methodist Church

also www.methodist.org.uk is an excellent source of information and inspiration.

Items for the August 2020 issue should be emailed to andrewghyde@aol.com before Sunday 26 July. No email? Don't despair; just telephone 473111 to arrange an alternative.

There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

Jesus said: You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:14