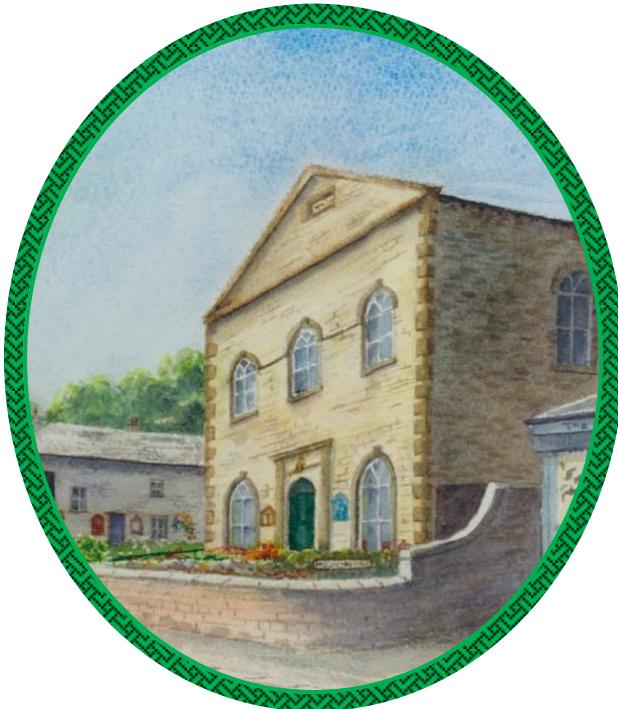


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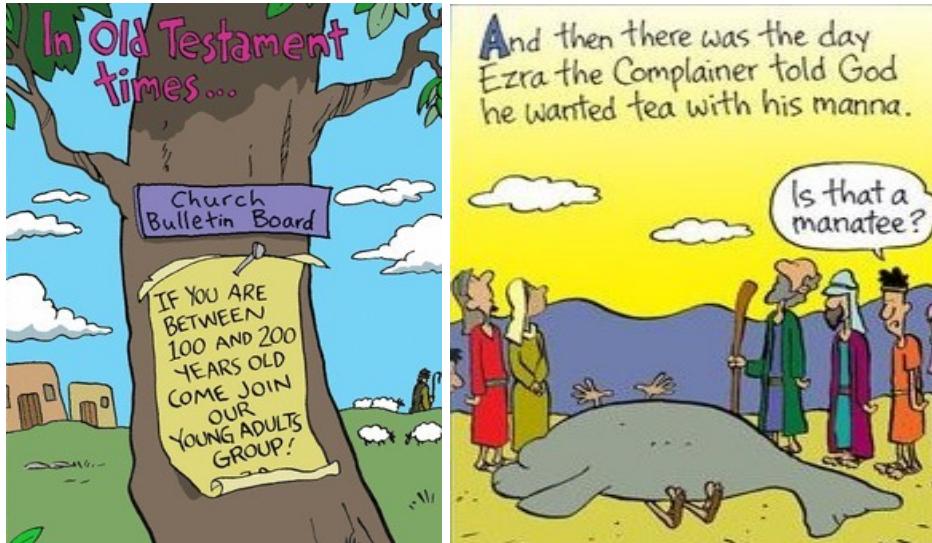
Mothering Sunday (or Mother's day as it has become) will be on the 31st of March this year. It's quite late this year as Easter is late. Mothering Sunday traditionally being the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is a tradition that goes back at least to the 16th century, and originally involved visiting your - 'Mother church'. This might be your local church, or the church where you were baptised, often one and the same, as people used to be born, live and die in the same parish. It was a time of celebration when families got together and had a feast... (the austerity of Lent was significantly relaxed on this day).

Young girls who were in service were given the day off... to visit their mothers. This might be the one day of the year on which they would see them, and so they'd make a fuss of each other. On the way the girls would collect flowers to give to their mothers . Mother's Day on the other hand was created much later in 1907, started by Anna Jarvis in memory of her mother.... Ann Jarvis, a peace activist who treated wounded soldiers in the American Civil War, and the day became a National holiday in the US when the children remember and revere their mothers. It's held the 2nd Sunday in May each year but it quickly became commercial (to the extent that Anna Jarvis was arrested for her.... protests against the commercial activities that were hijacking the day).

By the 1950's in the UK the two holidays effectively merged. The commercial aspects of Mothers Day being incorporated into the observance of Mothering Sunday. In the UK and Ireland, the day is still celebrated on... the 4th Sunday of Lent, whereas the rest of the world has followed the American lead, and celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. As someone remarked "It would be good if children appreciated their mothers 365 days a year"... but making one special day cannot be wrong. Perhaps we should all think at this time... about Mary the mother of Jesus. Venerated as the most holy among women by the Catholic Church, yet almost unrecognised by non-conformists. Mother of God in that she carried Jesus in her womb and provided the genetic material for His humanity, not that she in any way pre-dated God, or was in any way responsible for His creation. She gives rise to one of the most well known of prayers:- Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

A prayer used widely in the Catholic and orthodox churches... and less widely elsewhere (usually with the second half of the prayer, which was added in the sixteenth century, omitted). Mothers do have a special place in religion. You are only considered Jewish if your mother is a Jew, not if your father is a Jew. In Matthew 23 Jesus displays what might be seen as His motherly side when He says "**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.**" Does anything personify the essence of Motherly love so much as a hen gathering her chicks under her wings for protection? This Mother's Day I hope we can all feel safe and secure in the love of our mothers.... and the love of Jesus our Saviour.

(Article submitted by David Sharples - Minister)



JOKE CORNER- Little Susie was watching her father, a vicar, as he wrote his sermon. "How do you know what to say?" she asked. 'Why God tells me.' 'Then why do you keep crossing out the things you've written down?'

A young boy comes home from his first day at school. His mother asks... "Did you enjoy school, tell me what you learned today?" "Well, it can't have been enough... the teacher says I have to go back again tomorrow."

At a pre-birth class the instructor said, 'Some parents tell the older child...' "We love you so much we decided to bring another child into this family." But think about this ladies, if your husband came home one day, and said to you "Darling I really love you so much I decided to bring home another wife," what would you say? One lady piped and said: 'Does she cook?'

'Daddy,' a little girl asked her father, 'do all fairy tales begin with the words "Once upon a time." 'No, sweetheart,' her father answered. 'Some begin like this : ' If you decide to elect me as your representative in parliament...'

The whole class was on a trip to the fire station. The firefighter giving the talk held up a smoke alarm and asked the class, 'Does anyone know what this is?' One little boys hand immediately shot up, and the firefighter said he could answer. 'That's how my mummy knows when our meal is ready.'

A man came out of his front door on to the porch and immediately fainted. When the paramedics arrived and revived him, they asked him if he knew what caused him to faint. 'My son asked me for the key to the garage' he said, and instead of driving the car out, he came out with the lawnmower.'

You're always there for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules there in my mind,
I turn my heart to you - dear Lord,
And your sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of all my troubles
You always comfort me in pain
You nourish, heal and cleanse me
Just like the cool refreshing rain.

In times when I have joy and bliss,
When things in life are going right,
You lift me upward - even higher,
And fill me with a great delight.

You listen daily to all my prayers;
You hear, and answer every plea;
I'm safe because I know full well,
That you are always there for me.

GOD HAS PERFECT
TIMING;
NEVER EARLY
& NEVER LATE.
IT TAKES
A LITTLE
PATIENCE AND
A LOT OF FAITH.
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
WORTH THE WAIT.

PUT GOD FIRST - IN ALL THINGS

Until the 16th Century, scientists believed the earth was the centre of the universe and the sun revolved around it. Then a wise astronomer called Copernicus came along and argued that the sun didn't revolve around the earth, the earth revolved around the sun. In so doing, he revolutionised the scientific world forever. And, when it comes to discipleship, Jesus did the same thing, 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you' (Mathew 6 : 33). At its core sin is selfishness. It's when you enthroned yourself, put your desires, needs and plans... above all else. You may still seek God but you don't seek Him 'first.' Instead of trying to fulfil God's purposes, you try to get Him to fulfil yours. It doesn't work that way. The question needs to be asked, who's following who? Jesus said to His disciples "If anyone desires to come after me, he must take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16: 24-25). Note Jesus' words : "losing his life for My sake." There are a lot of words spoken today... about finding 'yourself.' The way to truly find yourself, is to seek after God. D. L. Moody said: 'The world has yet to see what God will do with and for a man or a woman who are fully and wholly consecrated to Him. If you're willing to surrender the whole of your life to God, there's no telling what He'll do with you, or through you. Trust Him and see. 'O taste and see that the Lord is good.'

"He is before all things. And in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the supremacy." (Colossians 1 : 17-18)

WITHOUT GOD

Our week would be:

Sunday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
Shatterday

Seven days without God
...makes one weak!

THIS IS THE DAY THE
LORD has MADE
we will REJOICE and be GLAD
in it
Psalm 118:24



Always pray to have eyes
that see the best in people.
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad, and
a soul that never loses faith in
Our Awesome... Mighty God.

'Without Faith
it is impossible
to please God.'
(Hebrews 11: 6)

LIVE BY
FAITH

Today's Prayer

THANK YOU GOD

As I wake up every morning... the beating of my heart is the very first miracle that I experience from You. Thank you that I am alive, healthy, loved, forgiven, and truly blessed. Thank You for protecting me... my family and friends, and for all You do. You provide to meet our daily needs. Thank you for all the blessings of today, and for all my days. I love You... because You first loved me!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is **no storm** God will not carry you through. There is **no bridge** God won't help you to cross. There is... **No battle** that God won't help you to win. There is **no heartache** that God won't help you to let go of. He is SO much bigger than any problem you will encounter today... or any other day. Leave everything in His hands and embrace each new day with confidence and assurance knowing that - **HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.**

'KNITTING TOGETHER AT MOUNT HERMON'

(Perouz Harrison)



SUPPORTING ARMENIAN MINISTRIES

'Knitting Together' is an Ecumenical group which meets in the premises of Mt. Hermon. Our meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month from 10am to 12noon. ALL are welcome. At our January 2019 meeting we celebrated our 3rd birthday, with a cake, of course, which we do each year. As you realise we are a very young organisation. During our 1st year 2016 we produced 196 items. Year 2 2017- 404 items. Year 3 2018 - 477 items. In addition we purchased 50 pairs of pumps. What an impressive track record, don't you think, during 3 years!!! A BIG thank you to all who support the work through knitting/crochet work, monies or prayer. Another big occasion... was celebrated this January when Michael and Perouz Harrison visited our 'Knitting Group' to see us at work, so to speak. They are the missionaries, working through the Armenian Ministries.... supported by a wonderful team of co-workers. Perouz brought their news and greetings. We were delighted to hear another humanitarian aid container... which included our items, had arrived safely. The poorest of the poor families whom they support depend heavily on the arrival of each container. We must remember always that the small simple things we do for others... mean more than we will ever know. "*Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me.*" (Matthew 25:40) Our next 'Knitting Together' meeting will be Tuesday 26th February 2019. WE SERVE A RISEN SAVIOUR. OUR WORK IS SUPPORTED BY PRAYER. (Submitted by Jill Jackson)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

TUE Please note changes below to the normal format.

5th - Christianity Explored Course (Away Day)

12th - Christianity Explored Course at 2 pm
(preceded by lunch consisting of Soup & Roll at 1pm)

19th - Church Annual AGM Meeting - at 2 pm

26th - Ladies Knitting Group 10 am - 12 noon

26th - Church Prayer Meeting... starts at 2 pm

BIBLE
STUDY
and
PRAYER



THU 7th, 14th & 21st at 9.30 am. - **Church Prayer Meeting**

THE COFFEE POT 10 am to 11.30. weekly

The Chapel will be open for private prayer and devotions.

Everyone is made welcome at Mount Hermon. Why not join us meet new friends in a friendly warm atmosphere.

FRI 1st - **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**- see details on back page.

SAT 30th - **Monthly Coffee Morning** - 10 am to 11.30. am.

Cake Stall, Preserves, Greetings Cards, Books at 50 pence

Bric-a-brac, Raffle with good prizes. Entry Fee is only £1

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun with us?

SUN 10.30 am. **Sunday Morning Worship** - every Sunday

3rd **David Sharples (Minister)**..... MH + Communion

10th **Iain Cant**..... Scott Hall Church, Leeds

17th **Neil Bedford**..... Mount Hermon

24th **David Sharples (Minister)**..... Mount Hermon

31st **Sylvia Somers**..... MH (Mothering Sunday)

We preach the Spirit led truths of God's Word - the Bible.



CHURCH BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

1st Mary Readshaw

3rd Sylvia Somers

5th Norman Hustler

12th Joan Horsman



You all - have a great Day



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(Title: "Come, Everything is ready")

Prepared by the women of SLOVENIA



FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 2pm

To be held at - St Peter's Church, Addingham, West Yorkshire

Refreshments will be served afterwards - everyone is welcome to attend

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot begin to fathom what God has done from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3 : 11)



Did this beauty just evolve ?



Behind every design there's a designer.
Who else but GOD?

