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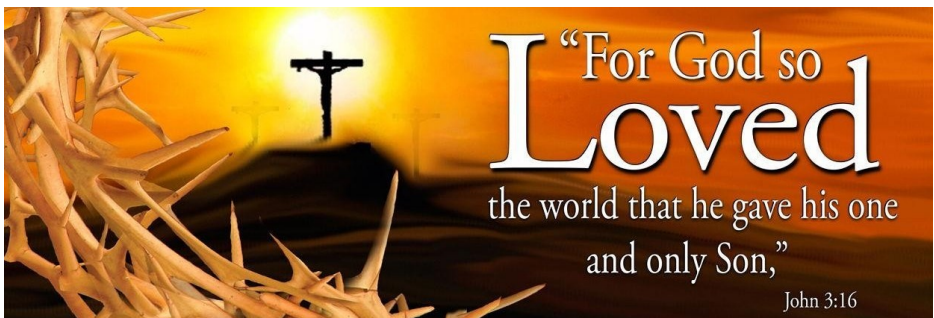
A WORD - from our Minister. UNCERTAINTY

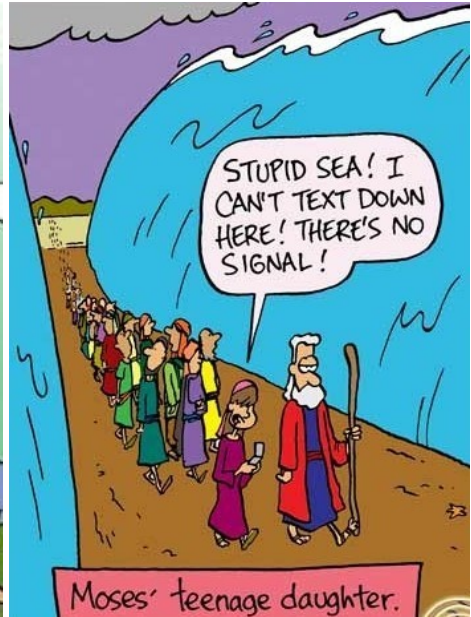
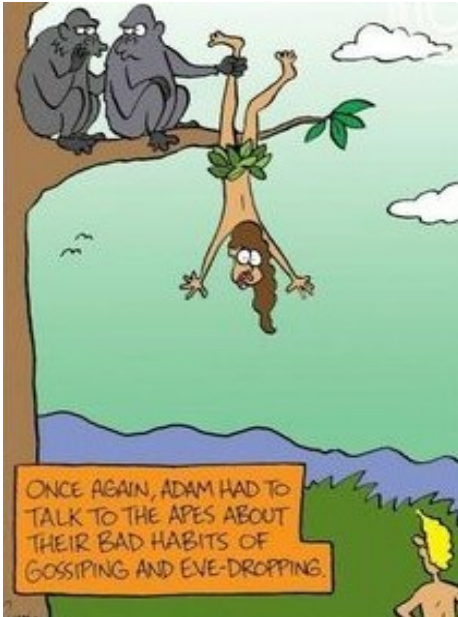
Dare I even mention the word Br**it. As I write we still do not have a clue as to how this one will end. Few like uncertainty and business definitely does not like uncertainty. Yet what can we be certain of. I used to believe if you were born with testicles you were a boy. Apparently not any more, it's not that simple. We live in a world where there is no certainty... no absolute truth.

You have the right to decide what is true for you and no one can argue against it. I would say we can be certain that Jesus lived, was crucified 2,000 years ago and after 3 days he came back from the grave. Well I believe that. After all it is 2019, two thousand and nineteen years since... since what? Well in case you hadn't realised it already, two thousand and nineteen years since Jesus was born. That fact alone should be enough to convince someone that He was an historic figure... never mind all the references to Him in history books. That Jesus existed... is to me an absolute truth. But people have their own truths. Some don't believe that Jesus existed... some people don't believe the Americans landed on the moon, some do not believe that the holocaust happened and some believe the earth is flat. And apparently everyone is entitled to their own "truth" and you cannot tell them they are wrong. Although denying the holocaust is a pretty serious breach of the general principal. But who makes the rules? And is everyone's "truth" really equal? When Jesus was asked by the Roman governor, Pilate he said **"For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."** Pilate asked him the question, **"What is truth?"** Earlier in His ministry Jesus had said this : **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

I count myself as one who has accepted Jesus' truth, has come to know the Father, the God of all things, It was truly the best decision I ever made. Life changing, healing, empowering, liberating. You can accept this truth and see your life change forever, or you can hang onto your own "truth". www.lookingforgod.com

David Sharples (Minister)





JOKE CORNER

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jimmy interrupted. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving our car," he announced... "and she turned into a telegraph pole."

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle... to no avail. Just then the phone rang, so she asked her 4 year old daughter to answer it. "It's the church minister the child said, then quickly replied... "My mummy can't come to the phone right now.... she's hitting the bottle."

A woman called the Canon help desk with a printer problem. The tech guy asked her if she was "running it under Windows." The woman responded, "No, my desk is next to the door. But that's a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his is working just fine."

Gardening expert Phil Durham, winner of 5 gold medals for his marrows... gave up growing them as he had developed a hernia. He's now turned his hand to growing pumpkins.... and has already developed a new strain.

A British couple have 5 children. Their names are Roger, Larry, Bill, John Adam and Ding Kong Wong. They called the 5th child - Ding Kong Wong as a survey they read said that... one in every 5 babies born is Chinese.

I was getting into my car, and this bloke said to me, "Can you give me a lift?" "Sure" I said... "you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it."

'He was looking toward his reward' (Hebrews 11 : 26 NIV)

Moses discovered that when you're not fulfilling your God given dream or vision, even living in a King's palace will not make you happy. "By.... faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ill treated along with the people of God... because he was looking ahead to his reward... he persevered because He saw Him who is invisible" (VV24-27NIV). When God gives you a dream, you'll be able to see things that are invisible to others.

A distinct dream killer is - the lack of imagination. Someone has said: "There are two kinds of people in the world - the realists and the dreamers. The realists know where they are going. The dreamers have already been there." God gave you the gift of memory to re-live the past, and the gift of imagination to pre-play the future. Moses 'saw' the promised land long before he got there. It's what sustained him through 40 years in the wilderness. God didn't make a mistake when He gave you imagination. Because of it you can stand in the middle of your dream and envision it before it happens, even if others doubt it. So if you're a visionary who has already been there in your imagination, trust God who loves you to put it to the test. If you don't think of yourself as especially imaginative person or... a visionary, don't lose hope. You can still receive a vision, God has put that ability within you.

I LOVE YOU LORD

I will Praise you Lord with all my might,
I will Praise you in the day and night,
I will Praise you as I pray and sing,
I will Praise you Lord in everything.
And I love you Lord!

I will Seek you Lord when times get bad,
I will Seek you when my heart is glad,
I will Seek you when I go away,
For you are never far away.
And I love you Lord!

I will Worship you in cheerful song,
I will Worship when in joyful throng,
I will Worship you when we're alone,
And I bow the knee before your throne,
And I love you Lord.

I will Love you for you are my King,
I will Love you Lord in everything,
I will love you till the end of time,
For I am yours and you are mine.
And I love you Lord.

Written and submitted by Jan Potter

*God is eagerly
WAITING FOR THE CHANCE
to answer your prayers
and fulfill your dreams,
just as He always has.
BUT HE CAN'T IF YOU DON'T PRAY,
and He can't if you don't dream.
IN SHORT, HE CAN'T
if you don't believe.*

Be confident of this one thing:
God began a good work in you,

And He will finish it!

No matter what things look
like, trust that you are mov-
ing forward in victory!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY If the world were full of Christians who studied their Bible daily, who truly believed God's commands applied to them, who put what they learned in God's Holy Word into practice, their actions reflecting that Word, the earth would be close to heaven. If the world were full of Christians who knew that being a Christian is more than just going to church every week, and who lived their lives according to God's will, with service to Him - their main purpose, who practiced Jesus' teachings every day, with every person they met, loving and helping their neighbours, then the earth would become a place of true harmony and peace. Agree? Then why not give it a try?

God's
PLANS for your life
far exceed the
CIRCUMSTANCES
of your day.

I have **MADE** you
and I will **CARRY** you;
I will **SUSTAIN** you
and I will **RESCUE** you.
Isaiah 46:4

HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU
BE STRONG
and **Courageous**
DO NOT BE AFRAID
or discouraged
FOR THE
LORD YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU
Wherever YOU GO
Joshua 1:9

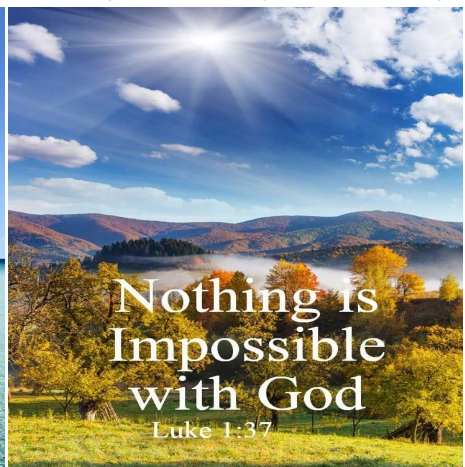
UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF Psalm 139 : 16 says this : '*All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*' God has already determined your potential... but it's up to you to discover and develop it. It will be different for every Christian. Cain was a farmer, his brother Abel was a shepherd. Jacob and Esau were twins, yet they couldn't have been more different. And what about the prodigal son who left home and became a 'party animal', while his older brother stayed at home, and became self-righteous and judgemental? You must discover what your God-given gifts are, and then develop them individually. That will mean making sure you're anchored spiritually in God's word. This will help you discover your true identity, and what God wants you to do... and putting your personal dreams on hold for a while. Do it, you'll not regret it. And one more bit of advice: 'the trees we plant today produce the fruit we eat tomorrow.' So pray and ask God to help you understand what your role is, then follow His leading faithfully, and it will come to fruition... you'll be victorious, fulfilled, uplifted and encouraged, and God will be honoured.



So many things we do in this life are a wasted effort. Every day... God gives us time and resources to run in a race that has an eternal outcome. A man.. raced off to a closing down sale to buy a television. Amazingly, he went off so fast he could have competed... in the Olympics. Yet, despite his effort - and amazing speed, he didn't receive a gold medal or a lucrative sponsorship, nor was he listed in any record books.

His trophy was a half-price TV that in a year or two would be... out-of-date and discarded on a rubbish heap. Are some of us running in the wrong race? Are we using all our talents and energy to gain something of limited value? Why do we work so hard to gain material things or status... when death invariably takes it all away? How does attaining riches and a bit of personal glory help us beyond the grave? Job 1:12 states very clearly ... **"Naked I came from my mother's womb... and naked shall I return."**

Nothing we acquire on earth can buy our way into heaven. Only by accepting God's gift of Salvation through believing in Christ can we be saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). God's plan for our lives is the race we should be running. Once we've accepted His Salvation... we are on the starting block. From that point every day is an opportunity to run our race before the Lord. When we are following our Lord Jesus Christ, everything we do has eternal repercussions. Every exertion, every prayer, every gift will be remembered by God and will bring us a reward in eternity. If our life is run following His direction, we'll gain things of profound significance... with a guarantee of everlasting satisfaction. **"Let us lay aside every weight, and every sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."** Hebrews 12:1b. (Submitted by Neil Bedford)



CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN MAY

TUE The 2pm courses will be preceded by Soup + a Roll at 1pm

7th **Discipleship Explored Course - at 2pm**

14th **Discipleship Explored Course - at 2pm**

21st **Discipleship Explored Course - at 2pm**

28th **Ladies Knitting Group 10am to 12 noon**

28th **Discipleship Explored Course - at 2pm**



Explore
God's Word
together

We would encourage you all to join us for the Discipleship Course.

THU 9.30. am - **The Church Prayer Meeting** - held each week.

10 am - 11.30. am **THE 'COFFEE POT'** - open every week.

The chapel will be open for private prayer and devotions

*Everyone is welcome at Mount Hermon. Why not join us
and meet new friends in warm and friendly surroundings.*

FRI 17th - **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** - at St. Peter's Church.
Please turn to the back page for further details of this event.
Please come and help to support this worthy cause.

SAT 25th - **Monthly Coffee Morning** - 10 am - 11.30. am
Cake Stall, Preserves, Books and Greetings Cards,
Bric-a-brac, Raffle with good prizes. Entry Fee £1.50.
Come - enjoy meeting friends and having fellowship.

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

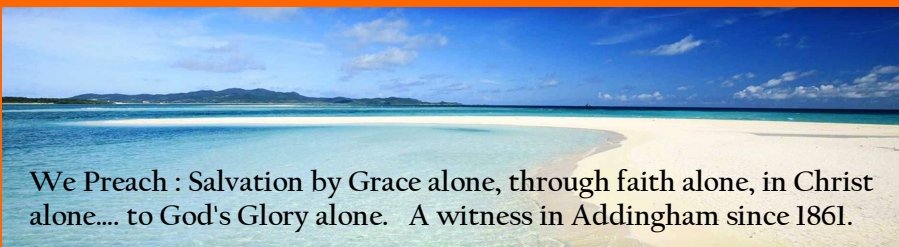
5th - **Andy Wilcock**..... Sheffield + Communion (Neil)

12th - **Andrew Walker**.... Emmanuel Chr. Fellowship, Leeds

12th - **ACT Joint Service at the Methodist Church - 4 pm**

19th - **David Sharples (Minister)**..... Mount Hermon

26th - **Wendy Duckworth**..... Bradford



We Preach : Salvation by Grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.... to God's Glory alone. A witness in Addingham since 1861.



Churches Together in ADDINGHAM (ACT)

Anglican

Methodist

Wesleyan Reform

Roman Catholic

4 pm Sunday 12th MAY at - the Methodist Church

Speaker : Rev. Jill Perrett from St. Peter's

All are welcome - refreshments will be served afterwards

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COFFEE MORNING

To be held - Friday 17th May
10 am - 12 noon at St. Peter's Church Hall

(Please join us and support this vital work)



Therefore if any
man be in Christ,
he is a new creature:



old things are
passed away;



behold, all things
are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17



"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."

Psalms 51:10