



**Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing**

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 5th August
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 12th August
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Tom Cheesbrough
Coffee after the service

Sunday 19th August
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Jim Smith (Methodist)
Coffee after the service

Sunday 26th August
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 2nd September
11 am Worship

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

Sunday 9th September
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 16th September
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 23rd September
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Tom Cheesbrough
Coffee after the service

Sunday 30th September
11 am Morning Worship

To be Confirmed
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

I always find it challenging when I come across words which express a deep understanding of God brought about not by learning or teaching from scriptures but through experience from life.

The words below were spoken by an American Indian (or are we supposed to say Native American?) who had never heard of the God of the Old Testament or the Christ of the New, but who, through his relationship with others and with the world he inhabited instinctively knew of the existence of a 'greater being.' In our modern world it's all too easy to lose touch with the world around us and to forget that partnership. Co-existence with each other and with nature is what God had in mind at Creation.

I hope you find his words inspirational.

'O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to the world, Hear me!
I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty
and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy – myself.

may my spirit come to you without shame.'

When we're prepared to listen, these 'savages' have a lot to teach us!

With love and best wishes,

Jim

Items for the Special September Newsletter!

We will be producing an extra Newsletter next month just before Jim retires.

Perhaps you have a special item you would like to be included?

If you have any items for inclusion in this September Newsletter please give them to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 19th August at the latest please.

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group
This month the following extracts are from
HOPE CARRIERS TRUST



For further information on any of these stories visit their
Website: <http://www.hopecarrierstrust.org>

HOPE CARRIERS TRUST

About us

We are a small charity that is providing immediate and long term help for people in need and especially children who are living in poverty.

Thousands of children are being helped through this ministry in orphanages, schools, and hospitals. The work and vision of the Trust has expanded and developed to encourage people to become more self-sufficient by working with the Trust to further its aims and goals of reaching and impacting the lives of the most needy. This is done by providing work for the local people in the community and by encouraging them to increase their skill base through the work of the Trust as well as raise their personal standard of living and spiritual well-being.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY

After thirteen years of bringing humanitarian aid from UK and distributing it to individuals and organizations Hope Carriers became a registered charity in Romania.

A new development of the work came in October 2007 when Hope Carriers Romania was able to rent a property in a village next to Oradea, which is the capital city of Bihor county in Romania. The goods are being stored here prior to distribution to schools, orphanages and individuals. Surplus goods are being sold in order to fund the trucks coming from England and to enable work to be given to local Christians who are developing new networks to help establish and maintain the work to meet the needs of future generations.

The next stage of the vision necessitated Hope Carriers Romania to create a company in order to provide income for the increasing number of projects that are necessary to meet the growing needs. The people employed by the company are the people that were formerly unemployed. At the moment the Company is working on a commercial basis but we intend to develop a workshop, some greenhouses and a kindergarten that will provide not just training and jobs for the people in the area but will give them a new vision of their own future. The people employed by the company are mostly from assisted families, who without our help would have a very low-standard of living. The profit that the Company generates will be transferred to the Charity to initiate and support other projects, which are part of our ongoing vision to help a wider group of people.

Hope Carriers Trust in UK and in Romania.

We are currently focused on a family with six children. Five of them are in the children's home, because the parents Anca and Stefan are unemployed. They don't have the resources for living. During the summer Stefan is working by the hour for the people in the area but during the winter this is not possible. They are taking care of their six weeks old baby. In order for the family to be reunited, at least for Christmas, we made an appeal to the authorities and they permitted all the children to come home for the winter holidays. We provided transportation, clothing and food for the family for the whole period. Because Stefan was left without any job and so without any income for the winter he was employed by the workshop of Hope Carriers Trust in Romania for the winter period.

In the beginning of March he found a better paid job so he moved on. The family is still receiving all support they need in relations with the authorities and for any of their needs. Also we are encouraging them to become self sufficient and we now can see

some progress in them. As the time is passing we are trying to grow up the family social status so they will be able to receive the children for the summer. The school ends in Romania around 15 of June and they are starting again in 15 of September. At this moment they have a big need in two bunk beds and some more clothing and shoes for all the kids that will be provided from the shop in Osorhei for free. In the time left we need to do a big clean up and a lot of repainting of the house they are renting.

WHAT WE CAN DO

Please have a look at the web site where you will find out what they have achieved over the past ten years.

I was introduced to this Charity by my 'old Doctor', who is retired now. I have been able to go and see the operation in Hereford first hand. On my visit I was introduced to the man, I cannot remember his name, who manages the Romanian end of the operations.

I feel that this is a cause that I can be involved in, in a very small way. If you feel you can help in any way I will be collecting items to take to the Hereford distribution centre.

This project will be on going so all I ask is please do not throw anything away as it can be used to improve life for someone else.

Please be aware that I am not asking you to stop supporting the charities or organisations you already support, but we all throw things away we deem not fit for anything - well yes those things are very useful. They provide work for someone in Rumania who will repair the item or items. This then will go to improve someones quality of life. If you have any items to give at any time, as I said this will be on going, then either drop the items at my house, leave them by my front door or phone me if you need them collecting.

Teresa Dunn

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Many Thanks



commitment for life

Prayer Partners 2012: August

Lord,
This simple truth we know
from Bangladesh to Birmingham
that all will be affected.
This very simple truth we know,
the powerful will use money to delay the inevitable.
Yet again the poor are suffering
Because of our greed.

This simple truth we fear,
By 2050 parts of Bangladesh will be gone,
land and people lost forever.
This very simple truth we fear,
productive land and scattered communities
lost, as we take more than our share
of the precious earth's resources.

Patient Lord, show us a simple way of living
that others may simply live.

Prayer Partners 2007: © Commitment for Life

Albany Fellowship



Elizabeth Yaker could not make our June meeting and many of us were unable to attend for one reason or another. Like true Brits, we still met and had a lovely afternoon of Strawberries and Cream and a good old natter. Many thanks to all of you who could attend and also to Jean for running the afternoon on her own.

In July we had an outing to Davids garden Centre at Martin Hussingtree but I am not going to say much about that as I am advised, by the editor, that a piece has already been written. All I will say is a huge thank you to all of you who joined us.

We will not be meeting in August so our next meeting will be 6th September.

Jean and Teresa both send their very best wishes to you all and hope you all have a wonderful Summer.....especially as the weather seems to have picked up somewhat!

See you all in September
Jean and Teresa

David's Garden Centre...

Albany Fellowship recently organised a visit to David's which, if you've never been before (and I hadn't – no surprises there), is just off the main Droitwich Road at Martin Hussingtree. 17 of us met for lunch which was excellent and not expensive before heading off into the business side of the centre – the plants and the shop.

It's not as big as some of the other local garden centres which is no bad thing as it allows you to concentrate on why you're there. And for those

who have mobility problems there's not so far to walk. There is a plentiful supply of flowering plants and shrubs, none of them costing a fortune, which for those who like that sort of thing is just perfect. Pretty soon it was back to the cars and back home to put our feet up. Gardening is so tiring! And, miracle of miracles, the sun shone ALL day – honest!

Jim

Joint Church Meeting...

A total of about 35 attended the joint church meeting at Holly Mount, Malvern on the evening of 27th June. It was billed as part business meeting and part 'entertainment' or social. It was an opportunity to deal with some things which the 3 churches needed to make a decision about – namely who should be on the vacancy committee – and an opportunity to share something about your own church, get to know our partners and share some food.

Holly Mount had 2 projects to share, both involving local schools, 'Open the Book' and 'Sowing the seeds'. We also had the opportunity to walk the bible garden. Malvern Link told us about café church, how it started and how it has grown. Albany Terrace brought them our singing group – or some of them. We sang for them and taught them all about 'black socks'.

There was the chance to mingle while we ate before bringing a successful evening to a close.

Jim

Duncans Day Off

Having reviewed the info that has come in about preaching and meetings of all three churches in 2013, it seems necessary to make a change to my day off.

I propose to change my day off, with effect from September, to a Monday instead of a Tuesday. That seems to effect the least number of events/meetings in the pastorate. There are a few meetings on a Monday which I have already committed myself to, and they will stay; but please note that it is getting more and more difficult to make any sort of last minute swap of my day off.

So the Monday being my day off will have to be as fixed as can be, and I will be unable to attend Monday events except in emergencies.

Blessings

Duncan



Where's Brian?

It was nice to see Brian Jones back in church recently, and he asked if we could let people know that he has been worshipping with St Peters Baptist Congregation while the weather has been so awful. Its a long cycle ride on a a wet Sunday morning!



Table Tennis (or)

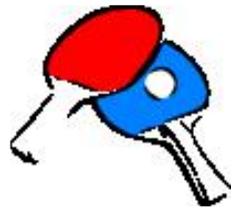
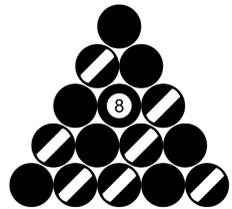


Table Tennis is having a Summer recess at the moment while the hall is re-furbished. We should be playing again by mid August - listen out for the announcement in the church notices.

We badly need some new recruits to bolster our numbers. Please do come along and have a go, the more players we have the more fun we have.



The promised Pool Table is now at church (thanks to a loan from Nicky & Bryan) so if you fancy a game of pool do come along - its less energetic than the Table Tennis!

Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	
Carry in the Bible	Lynne Brown	Rita Michelman	Tom Cheesbrough	Len Berryman	
Books & Offertory	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	June Barber Brian Jones	Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie	Alison Hall Betty Forrer	
Reading	Liz Davies	Margaret Dodds	Tim Dunn	Carol Hardyman	
Prepare Table		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	
Serve Communion		Roger Morris Margaret Morris Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke		Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	
Beadle	Nicky Neville-Lee	Helen Yare	Liz Davies	David James	
Foyer	David James	Paul Denham	Jeremy Davies	Bryan Neville-Lee	

	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep
Carry in the Bible	Michael Clarke	Rosemary Clarke	Nicky Neville-Lee	Hannah Lodge	Robert Lodge
Books & Offertory	Hannah Lodge Robert Lodge	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	June Barber Margaret Dodds	Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	Roger Morris Margaret Morris
Reading	Sarah Lodge	Teresa Dunn	Roger Morris	Brian McCluskie	David James
Prepare Table		Len Berryman Pat Berryman		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Teresa Dunn Paul Denham Sarah Lodge Brian McCluskie		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	Sarah Lodge	Brian McCluskie	Alison Hall	Nicky Neville-Lee
Foyer	Len Berryman	Rob Peachey	Teresa Dunn	Liz Davies	Hannah Lodge

	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	
Carry in the Bible	Rob Peachey	Jeremy Davies	Liz Davies	Paul Denham	
Books & Offertory	Carol Hardyman Sarah Lodge	Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	Tim Dunn Teresa Dunn	Barbara James David James	
Reading	Helen Moore	Bryan Neville-Lee	Nicky Neville-Lee	Betty Forrer	
Prepare Table		Sarah Lodge Rob Peachey		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	
Serve Communion		Helen Moore Rob Peachey David James Roger Morris		Margaret Morris Teresa Dunn	
Beadle	Helen Yare	Liz Davies	David James	Rob Peachey	
Foyer	Nicky Neville-Lee	Brian McCluskie	Carol Hardyman	Sarah Lodge	

Please arrange your own duty swaps as required

