

Sundays in July

10.30 am to approx. 11.45 am Service with special activities for children and young people in JAM (Jesus And Me).

2nd August Morning Service led by Gordon Cook

9th August Morning Service led by Charlie Smith

16th August Morning Family Service led by Sandra Lemming

23rd August Morning Communion Service led by David Collinson and Barbara Seddon

30th August Morning Service led by Aian McPherson

No Café Service this month.

Wednesdays

No Pop-in this month

Thursdays

No Girls' Brigade this month

Fridays

No Pop-in this month

And FINALLY some thoughts on change...

It was all so different before everything changed

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be

Change is inevitable – except from a vending machine

Nobody likes change except a wet baby

Scientists have come up with a term to describe organisms which are not constantly changing: it's DEAD

Many people hate any change that does not jingle in their pockets!

Priory Baptist Church, Hotham Road South, Hull

www.priorybaptist.co.uk

**If you would like to know more about the Church
or have any prayer requests please contact**

David 01482 652510

Charlie 01482 353840

Priory Baptist News

August 2009



As a schoolteacher, I always looked forward to the long summer break. I didn't call it a holiday as there was always plenty of work to catch up on at home plus clearing up at the end of term and then preparing for the new term ahead. I used to refer to the six weeks as 'non-contact time', which meant that, although there was still plenty to do, I could do it without having to control a class full of children!

Many parents would say to me, "It's all right for you but I have to look after the kids for six whole weeks!" They seemed to forget that I had my own children to look after!

Holidays were always important in the church, especially the festivals of Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Whitsunday. These were called 'Holy Days', from which the word 'holiday' comes. People, even servants were often given time off, (or time off in lieu if they were needed on the actual day). These days would be spent, first of all, in going to church and then in some form of celebration; a fete, a gala, a picnic or a party.

We seem to have lost the idea of time off as a holy day. In this secular age, holidays are often associated with 'sun, sea and sangria'. We want to refresh our bodies, minds and even, perhaps, our emotions but little thought is given to refreshing our spirits. Yet taking time off is ideal to renew our innermost beings.

We do not have to go to the ends of the earth to do so. In fact, a lot of travelling can cause us to feel more tired and we might need time off to recover!

What we really need is a peaceful place away from distractions and, preferably, outside where we can switch off, look at the beauty around us or stare at the clouds. Fresh air and bird song can do wonders to a jaded spirit.

Sandra

Priory Has Talent – 20th June 2009

On 20th June I went along to hear Janet Stafford talk to us about her work for **Torch Trust** in Malawi and to tell us how the money we had raised at Priory had been used. Members of the Torch Fellowship and church and people from the neighbourhood shared a buffet tea with her and then we had – Priory Has Talent. Open to everyone, there were 14 very good acts

- Ruth sang “Lord won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz”.
- Charlie and Christopher did a sketch called “A day at the vets about an invisible dog which was hilarious.
- Little Jamie strummed his guitar and we all sang “Lord of the Dance”.
- David Collinson gave us an organ recital.
- Claire sang “Drink to me only with thine eyes”.
- The Girls Brigade played “Shine Jesus Shine” as well as one of their competition pieces. They won 5 awards in a national competition.



- Aisha sang to us
- Barbara told us two funny stories – one of them by Pam Ayres
- Wendy (guitar) and Carmel played and sang together and then were joined by two other folk from Doncaster as well.
- Len told jokes – he so much enjoyed them that he could not stop laughing at them himself. He also did a bit of a Tommy Cooper impression.
- Anita sang “One day at a time”
- David Seddon played “Bridge over troubled waters”

- Jordan played the guitar and Debbie sang
- Charlie and Christopher did another sketch titled “A day at the Gym”. Again it was very very funny, with Edna as a reluctant volunteer sat on a chair blindfolded and lifted up into the air!
- Finally a rip roaring ending with Claire, Carmel, and Ella doing the Can-Can very energetically in red dresses made by Claire.



- We ended with a song for the over 70s written by Charlie to the tune of “Underneath the lamp-post”

After the entertainment Janet Stafford showed us pictures from Malawi and described everything to us. She told us some very moving stories – especially about an 18 year old boy with epilepsy and visual impairment whose mother had always had to carry on her back. What a thrill it was for them to receive a wheelchair!

Girls were delighted to get skipping ropes and some of the boys received skittles. One group of boys got some small lorries which were the first toys they had ever had.

There were many more tales told, examples of how we can use our hands to help people spread the Gospel. Janet also shared how the poor folk always want to give her something from the little that they have, without being asked.

This year is a special one for Torch Trust as they are celebrating their 50th anniversary as well as the Louis Braille centenary.

Florence Williamson