

Sundays in June

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

7th June Morning Service led by Andy Kelsey

14th June Morning Service led by Chris and Sandra

21st June Morning Parade Service led by Doreen Gothard

28th June Morning Communion Service led by Charlie Smith

7th June Café Service at 4.00 pm

Tuesday 9th and 23rd June

Prayer meetings at 10.00 am at the Church

Wednesdays

Pop-in between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm during school term time

Thursdays

Girls' Brigade meets at 6.30 pm during school term time

Fridays

Pop-in between 10.00 am & 12 noon during school term time

And FINALLY...

Take a heaping cup of patience
And a big heartful of love,
Add two handfuls of generosity
To all of the above.
Then blend in a dash of laughter
And some understanding too.
Sprinkle generously with kindness
And memories old and new
Add a lot of truth and mix well
To make it rich and sweet.
And enjoy a heaping portion
With everyone you meet.

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The Quilt of Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us, our life was laid out like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that was our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labelled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I had endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich colour. I was disheartened.

My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, fortune, and false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it I had to start over many times. I had often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I had endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who had unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others, who were staring at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.'

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through! God determines who walks into your life it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go. When there is nothing left but God that is when you find out that God is all you need.

TEACHER : Maria, go to the map and find North America.
MARIA : Here it is!
TEACHER : Correct. Now class, who discovered America?
CLASS : Maria!

TEACHER : Why are you late, Frank?

FRANK : Because of the sign.

TEACHER : What sign?

FRANK : The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN : You told me to do it without using tables!

TEACHER : Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD : H I J K L M N O!!

TEACHER : What are you talking about?

DONALD : Yesterday you said it's H to O!

TEACHER : Can anybody give an example of COINCIDENCE?

TINO: Sir, my Mother and Father got married on the same day, same time."

TEACHER : Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON : No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER : Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brothers. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, teacher, it's the same dog!

BACK IN TIME

Johnny opened the big old family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the pages. Suddenly something fell out. It was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.

He yelled out to his mum, "Mum, come here quick, I think I've found Adam's underwear!"



MALAWI

Malawi is one of Africa's smallest nations and one of its most needy. Malawi is described as the warm heart of Africa. There is a shortage of staple food there and the famine is claiming victims.

Torch's concern is for the visually handicapped who are often at the back of the queue when aid is concerned. The majority of the visually impaired have nothing and no means of getting any resources to better themselves.



This picture shows a blind lady, Mary. She has been given a bicycle so that her son can use to carry people and loads around for money. That way he can support his mother.

As well as providing for these physical needs Torch brings the good news of the Bible to these people.

Many people they contact become Christians and for some their Christian faith is all they have. For a number of years at Priory we have been holding fund raising events to raise money to support the work of Torch in Malawi.

Our next planned event is "**Priory's Got Talent**" on the 20th June at **6.30pm**, when we will be joined by Janet Stafford who works for Torch in Malawi. Why not come along and hear how the money you have helped raise is put to use by Janet and the team in Malawi.

The cost will be £2.50 and will include refreshments, payable on the door. As well as helping Torch you will have a good time.

Doreen