

Sundays in May

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

3rd May Church Anniversary Morning Service led by Rev. Graham Coventry

10th May Morning Service led by David Seddon

17th May Morning Parade Service led by Doreen Gothard

24th May Morning Communion Service led by Barbara Seddon and/or David Collinson

31st May Pentecost Celebration Morning Service led by Chris and Sandra

Church Anniversary 3rd May at 4.00 pm – Special Café Service led by Rev Graham Coventry

Tuesday 12th and 26th May

Prayer meetings at 10.00 am at the Church

Thursdays

Girls' Brigade meets at 6.30 pm during school term time

Fridays

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

And FINALLY...

Take a heaping cup of patience
And a big handful 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 final words of many famous men are recorded for history. I cannot recall who these were ascribed to, but two which have always appealed to me are “*I’m beginning to feel better*”, and “*either this wallpaper goes or I do*”. Final words clearly fascinate a lot of people – just look it up on the computer if you doubt what I am saying – there are 255,000 articles on Google!

What were Jesus’ final words before He was taken up into heaven?
“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1 verse 8.

And what happened. Over the next days the disciples gathered together **constantly in prayer** not at all sure what would happen next but trusting in those final words of their Master. Then came Pentecost and the words of Jesus were fulfilled – they did receive the power that comes from the Holy Spirit and we know that they went out into the world.

Some people believe that the receipt of power at Pentecost was a one-off event – that the filling of people with such power was for the first disciples.

I have to say that I know with all my being that this is not true. On the night He was betrayed and knew He was facing a horrific death, Jesus prayed for “*all who will believe in me*” – and He prayed that the Holy Spirit would fill those who believe in Him. He did not specify a time limit, a number of generations, a particular form of training – He knew that all those committed to following Him would need the power which came at Pentecost to go out in His name. So why do many Christians not live lives of power?

I imagine that everyone reading this has got electricity in their houses. But if you don’t turn on the switch there will be no power. And what is the switch – the secret is what the early disciples did – they prayed and prayed and prayed and sought and pleaded to God for that power. Maybe there is a message for us today

Chris

Church Anniversary

We will be especially pleased to see you at our Church Anniversary Services on 3rd May 2009 when we meet to praise God for His faithfulness to His Church at Priory.

Church Bulletin Bloopers!

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- *The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the Water"*
The sermon this evening: "Searching for Jesus"
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- *Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
- The Peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- *Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.*
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help
- *Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- *Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.*
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break forth into Joy."
- *Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.*

From Chris and Sandra

Winston Pinzon is a Pastor who we know in the Philippines. Pictured here with his lovely family, he ministers in many rural communities around Manilla, the capital of Philippines.

He tells the following amazing story of a lady called Nela. He wrote



I had witnessed to her and her husband some three weeks previously and they had made a Christian Commitment. But I knew that Nela was not at all well. She had a very serious infection but had not had any treatment and it was getting much worse. So I went round and persuaded her to let me take her to hospital. But the first hospital could not take her, then the second could not take her, and it was only the third where she was able to be admitted. I found this very frustrating.

I had to leave her and her husband and return home, not knowing when I would see them again. In the middle of the night I woke up and God told me to pray. I did and then returned to sleep. Feeling that I had to do something, the next morning I went to the hospital and to my surprise found Nela and her husband waiting for me at the entrance of the hospital – Nela looking really well. She was cured.

She shared how Jesus had visited her in the night – at exactly the time I had been woken up! She and her husband went out to meet me at exactly the time I arrived in my car without having made a previous arrangement to meet them. She shared with the doctors and hospital people and her friends what God had done.

This is an example of Psalm 121 in action

- *"I look up to the mountains – where does my help come from" – as Winston travelled from hospital to hospital the problem seemed to grow higher and higher.*
- *"My help comes from the Lord" – A place was found for Nela.*
- *"He who watches over you will not slumber" – though she slept and Winston slept God was at work helping and healing Nela.*
- *"The Lord will watch over your coming and your going" – They knew that Winston would come along for them – God had it all planned.*

The Good News is that the same God who the Psalmist writes about and who Nela met in that hospital bed wants to know and love and bless you now and for eternity.