

## Sundays in November

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

- 6th November Morning Service led by Lars
- 13th November Morning Service led by Charlie
- 20th November Morning Parade Service led by Lars
- 27th November Morning Communion Service Chris and Sandra - followed by Church Meeting

**Sunday 6th November at 4.00 pm - Cafe Service - all welcome**

**Sunday 13th November at 4.00 pm - Hull Baptist Church Partnership Anniversary Celebration Service at Cottingham Road Baptist Church**

### \* Mondays

Parent and Toddler Group – 1.00 pm to 3.00pm - £1.00 per child – refreshments provided – maximum 25 children

### Tuesdays 8th and 22nd November

Prayer meetings at 9.30 am at the Church

### Tuesdays 1st, 15th, and 29th November

EXPLORE - starting at 9.30am with toast and a cuppa at the Church.

**EXPLORE** is an informal opportunity to find out whether there's more to life than meets the eye. All are welcome whether you have some kind of faith or none. If you have serious questions and concerns, we will try and explore them together. Why not give it a go? It could be the best choice you've ever made.

### \* Wednesdays

The Priory Mission between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm - come and relax, play games – don't get bored, come and join us

\* **Thursdays** Girls' Brigade meets at 6.30 pm

\* **Fridays** Pop-in between 10.00 am & 12 noon

**Saturday 19th November - 2.00 pm Torch Trust meeting at church**

**\*during school term times**

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# Priory Baptist News November 2011



## The Coming King – He will return

At Christmas we celebrate the arrival of Jesus on this earth – of His birth in a stable (nothing more than a cave) in Bethlehem. When we think of the birth of Jesus we must also consider the reason for His coming – which leads us directly to recalling His life and His death on the cross at Calvary.

It is good to remember His first coming with wonder and thanksgiving – but God wants us to look forward to the Coming of the King which has not happened yet. There are over 2000 prophecies and predictions about the Lord's second return within the Bible. Be under no illusions about it – Jesus Christ is coming back in human flesh – and it will be totally different from the first time. We are told that we do not know the time – we only know that it will be sudden and utterly amazing and will be both highly visible and also triumphant. The important thing is not to debate whether He is coming or not – the important thing is to ask if we are ready for His second coming.

We learn from scripture that on His second coming He will be coming as judge. When we think of eternal judgement it can seem rather frightening. Here is a pure and Holy and righteous judge who is going to decide our future for eternity. We tend to think of the Day of Judgement in terms of punishment, hell fire, and doom.

But those of us who are Christians need to remember that a judge has power to acquit. After all, since Jesus has been defending Christians for the last 2000 years it is unreasonable to think that He will suddenly come and terrorise us. The gospel says that He Himself has paid the penalty for our sins. For us there is no terror – rather it is a time of assessment of our stewardship and the giving of rewards for faithfulness.

For those who are not Christians the news is not so good – it may not be fashionable to preach hell fire and damnation these days, but we have an obligation to tell people that this is their eternal future which is at risk. Our prayer is that all of you reading this article who have not invited Jesus to be your Saviour will do so. We made that decision over 40 years ago and it is the best decision we ever made.

This is the most important decision of your life. Please don't delay, Jesus might turn up tomorrow!

*Chris and Sandra*

## An Obituary printed in the London Times.....Absolutely Brilliant !!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

## KIDS IN CHURCH

### A little boy was overheard praying:

**"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."**

*I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime.*

*She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.*

*Finally, she decided to go solo.*

*I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:*

*"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."*

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church.

Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

"See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

**A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan**

**3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.**

**Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"**

*A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"*

*"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"*