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FRIENDS

What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Pt 2)

Somebody once defined a football match as ‘22 people on the field desperately in need of rest, watched by 50 thousand people in the stands, desperately in need of exercise!’ It reminds us that church is not a spectator sport! The Holy Spirit equips us to serve God in the Church and in daily life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts are variously described as *spiritual gifts* (1 Cor. 12:1) or *grace gifts* (1 Cor. 1:7), the latter word being used in modern Greek for a birthday present! They are love gifts from God that we cannot earn or deserve, that are open to everybody. Note what Paul says, “*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good*” (1 Cor. 12:7):

‘to each one’: the gifts are available to every Christian. Everyone will have a different ‘gift-mix’, with their own particular contribution to offer.

‘the manifestation of the Spirit’: the gifts of the Spirit enable an invisible God to be real and visible.

As we exercise the gifts that God has given to us, in our speech or service, people will be able to say, ‘*God is at work here!*’

‘for the common good’: the aim of the gifts is to build up the body of Christ and extend the kingdom of God. They are not intended to meet our own needs or reputation, but simply to serve and encourage others.

With the gifts given by God, we are able to fulfil His purposes in His world. Paul urges us to ‘*eagerly desire*’ the gifts that God has for us (1 Cor. 12:31). How true is this for me? Any present that we are given needs unwrapping before we can enjoy it. Are we doing this with our spiritual gifts?

Canon Paul Hardingham
~Internet

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to Neil and Melissa Murray who celebrated their Silver wedding anniversary in May. Their work commitments on a Sunday often prevent them from joining us for worship but we are pleased to see them whenever possible.

We were well supported by visiting worship leaders in June – Linda Rayner, Rev Dr Marion Tugwood, Prof Christopher Whitehead and for our Anniversary & Gift Day, Margaret Dexter-Brown. Our sincere thanks to all.

On Saturday 16 July we will be holding our first Drop-in Coffee and Prayer time from 10 am. **For July only**, there will **not** be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd because there is the Open Day for our five charities planned on Friday 1 July (see below). A Drop-in Coffee and Prayer time will be held on a regular monthly basis on the 3rd Saturday in addition to the regular 1st Saturday Coffee Morning.

Our best wishes go to everyone who will be celebrating their birthday in July or August.

The News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 16 JUL - drop-in **Coffee & Prayer time**
from 10 am

Sun 17 JUL – **CHURCH MEETING** (11.45am)

Sat 20 AUG **JUMBLE SALE**
(depending on availability of helpers)

Sun 11 SEPT – **BREAKFAST BEFORE**
re-opening ~9.30am

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OPEN DAY for CHARITIES

on

Friday 1 JUL 2022

at Swann Grove, Cheadle Hulme

from 11am – 3 pm

for Coffee, Tea & Cakes and
BUFFET

Bring & Buy, Bric-a-Brac and
Plant stalls

All proceeds to

Francis House, Lifeshare, Mary's Meals,

Suk Jai orphanage and

Traidcraft Exchange

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LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES 2022

In July, we would ask for donations to be concentrated on gifts for men – work gloves, DIY tools, tape measures, belts, ties, socks or handkerchiefs. Thank you.

Bernie

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The month finished in style when 8 of us met in Wilmslow Garden Centre for a cream tea which consisted of an enormous scone filled with jam and cream, a bit too large for some.

In the month we had a very interesting discussion and photos about the trip some of us had to Cologne over twenty years ago to demonstrate against the Third World Debt. It brought back some wonderful memories. We also had a bagatelle tournament and a picture quiz of objects which were magnified so it was very difficult to see what they were. If I say the winner got two and a half points out of sixteen you will get the picture!

Carole Davies

CHURCH MEETING

The next Church meeting will be held on Sunday 17 July when we hope you will be able to be present. A copy of the minutes of the last meeting, held in April, are enclosed for members in the magazine. **Alison Stevens**

Restart! Restart! Restart!

FILM MATINEE
SATURDAY 23 JULY
3 PM

Breakfast Before
9.30am - 11 SEP 2022
[& every 2nd Sunday]
Typical menu:
Cereal, toast
Coffee/tea

SEA SUNDAY – 10 JUL

Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without these imports?

Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you, the Merchant Marine? {Ed. like our late Vernon Elliot}

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, yet least visible groups in society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and it is always physically demanding work.

So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkirk, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.

If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

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SPIDER

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom.

ADVERTISING TERMS EXPLAINED

NEW - Different colour from previously.

ALL NEW - Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.

EXCLUSIVE - Imported product from goodness knows where.

UNMATCHED - Not quite as good as the competition.

FOOLPROOF OPERATION - No provision for adjustments.

ADVANCED DESIGN - The advertising agency doesn't understand it.

IT'S HERE AT LAST - Rush job. Nobody knew it was coming.

FIELD TESTED - Manufacturer lacks on-site test equipment.

HIGH ACCURACY - Unit on which all parts actually fit.

FUTURISTIC - We have no idea why it looks the way it does.

REDESIGNED - Previous flaws fixed - we hope.

DIRECT SALES ONLY - Factory had a big argument with distributor.

YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT - We finally got one to work.

BREAKTHROUGH - We finally figured out a use for it.

MAINTENANCE FREE - Impossible to fix.

MEETS ALL STANDARDS - Ours, not yours.

SOLID-STATE – Don't drop it on your foot.

HIGH RELIABILITY - We made it work long enough to ship it.

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THE SUMMER GARDEN

Summer comes and waves her hand,
The garden blooms at her command,
Plants abounding everywhere
As fragrant perfumes fill the air.

Roses, geraniums, lilies too
Agapanthus with globes of blue,
Sumptuous colours in such array,
Their beauty takes our breath away.

To sit beneath the shady trees,
To listen to the humming bees,
As summer wears her rainbow dress
We thank God for such loveliness.

By Megan Carter

PARTNERSHIP

By way of celebrating the URC's Golden Jubilee, four objects are touring the North West

Synod. In South Area our object is an attractive wooden chalice or cup which comes with a book in which each church is invited to write something about itself, its life and what it did to celebrate having the chalice on site before handing it on. At Cheadle Hulme the chalice was used on the 22 May and below is what was written in the accompanying book:

For us, the chalice is a 'Cup of Blessings' which we filled with our prayers for those whose faith is challenged, for those whose hope is turning to despair and those you feel unloved -

Recently bereaved

Churches facing closure

Discrimination

The homeless

People facing disappointment or loss

Countries facing climate change

Countries at war

New challenges

Cancer sufferers

People who are bullied

Refugees

All carers

Rev Abel Sairattanyu

(Sukjai orphanage, Thailand)



Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972

SUK JAI ORPHANAGE

At the orphanage this year we have a total of 25 children. The children's schools reopened about a month ago and the children are all going to school now. There was however, an incident of Covid on the children's first week of school as 7 of our children got Covid. We thank God that their symptoms were mild and they all made a full recovery in about a week. Please continue to keep all the children of Suk Jai Children's home in your prayers.

At this moment it is now nearing the time for planting rice and we must get the fields ready for rice planting at the orphanage. An important tool we use to get the fields ready for rice planting is the grass cutter machine. The 2 grass cutter machines that we have at the orphanage are both very old and broken to the point where the repair shop says that they can no longer be fixed since we have been using both of them for over 10 years. This is why we would like to purchase 2 new grass cutter machines for the orphanage to replace the old ones since they are now broken. The cost for one grass cutter machine is \$445. We also have to overhaul the orphanage's tractor which we also use to prepare the rice field for rice planting, this overhaul will cost around \$441. Please pray with us that we will have the necessary funds to purchase these grass cutter machines and funds to overhaul the orphanage's tractor.

Rev Abel

Thailand Gospel Telegram

Extract Jun 2022



**Alison
Stevens**

The orphanage children



WORDSEARCH FOR SEA SUNDAY

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Catholic); The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

Sea Sunday Remember Pray
Give Thanks Merchant July
Daily Seafarers Shops Economy
Afloat Working Port Harsh
Environments Piracy Shipwreck
Hundreds Global Practical
Chaplains Hospitality Friendship

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C S P U S K A S R R N D Y S D
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SERVICES

Precautions are a personal decision. If you feel the need, please wear a mask.
We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service.
Video conferencing continues - Leaders, readers or congregation may Zoom in or speak in church.
(join Zoom meeting id **880 4446 8056** – pw **185236**)

Duties are performed by a small team on a rota. Please check the board for swaps.

Date	3 JUL	10 JUL		17 JUL	24 JUL	31 JUL
Time	10.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Service	Morning Worship	PRAYER TIME	Evening Service	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
Leader	Sandy Smith	SANCTUARY OPEN FOR QUIET PRAYER	Partnership ZOOM Service	Rev Dr Marion Tugwood	Bernie Stevens	In House
Duty Elder	P Oliver	D Phillips		A Stevens /P Oliver	S Smith	D Phillips
Door Duty Reader	M Hardie			M Morton (door) D Green (reader)	H Elsden	J Hodson
Flowers	G Thompson			TBD	H Elsden	TBD
Coffee	C Davies			H Elsden	M Morton	B Platt
Notes		Thornleigh Trip	Every 2 nd Sunday	CHURCH MEETING		

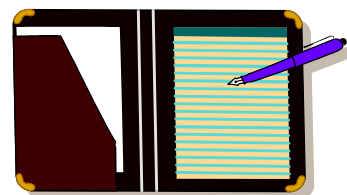
CHURCH REGISTERS - none

LECTIONARY FOR JULY

3 JULY: Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-9; Galatians 6.(1-6),7-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20
 10 JULY: Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37
 17 JULY: Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42
 24 JULY: Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2.6-15,(16-19); Luke 11.1-13
 31 JULY: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

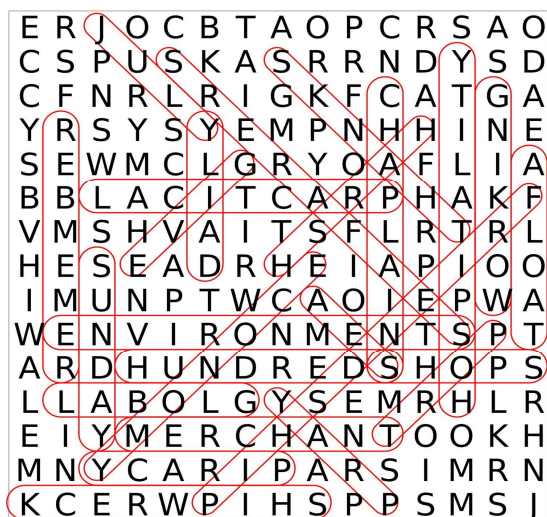
CALENDAR

.....to the best of the editor's knowledge, unless you know better.....



JULY

Fri	01	11-3pm	Open Day for Charity – Swann Grove
Mon	04	9.30am	Working party at Church
Tues	05		
Wed	06	1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	07	2.30 pm	Elders' meeting
Fri	08)		
Sat	09)		WEEKEND AWAY AT THORNLEIGH
Sun	10)		Church open for quiet prayers only
Mon	11		
Tues	12		
Wed	13	1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	14		
Fri	15	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat	16	from 10am	Drop-in Coffee and Prayer time
Sun	17	11.45am	CHURCH MEETING
Mon	18		
Tues	19		
Wed	20	1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	21		
Fri	22	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat	23	3pm	FILM MATINEE
Mon	25		
Tues	26		
Wed	27	1.30 ~ 3pm	Fellowship Circle ~ Swann Grove
Thu	28		
Fri	29	10am	Management meeting
		2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	31	6.30pm	CTCH 5 th Sunday Evening Service - URC



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