

Trinity News



We Remember Them

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Ministers Muse

As the famous song says 'trust and obey', so the psalmist says 'trust in God', give your life, its cares and its worries to him. That doesn't mean to say trust and all will be well. NO. The Psalmist suffered long but cried out that God was his refuge.

In times of worry what do we do? Keep on worrying? Our worries have been with us a long time. In one Psalm David cries out, *"Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak."*

Like us, he got up one morning under a heavy cloud of depression and didn't know why. As one woman wrote to a friend: *"I'm seriously considering having a nervous breakdown."* But what about subconscious worries? We need not let phobias "scare us to death." Almost everybody has some kind of phobia, and behind many phobias are sensible explanations. When I was younger I had a phobia that was worrying me. I felt like I was going into a panic when I was in a crowded place. This was a form of claustrophobia. It frightened me. I was afraid I was losing it. When I was in a crowd I was so afraid I would have to run from the building. Finally I told someone about it and found out that there were many people with similar fears and it helped to negate the worry by talking. Now I am fine and don't worry about it anymore, except when I have to get into a small lift on my own.

Worry is an expression of fear and robs us of our full energy for living. When worry moves beyond normal concern, it becomes debilitating and even destructive to health.

No wonder Jesus kept saying to his disciples, *"O you of little faith."* It has been said that if Christ would come today into a room of assembled people, and these people would bring to him all their fears, their sins, their sicknesses, their failures, he would say one thing to all of them: *"You do not really trust God."*

Often children are closer to reality than we adults are.

In a little book of children's "letters to God" there is this:

"Dear God, If I was God I wouldn't be as good at it. Keep it up. Michelle." Perhaps the world needs to realise this truth more deeply. We need to remember Christ's words when we start to worry, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*.

In the changes that are happening around us and in all the joys or sorrows of life let us put our trust in God, who is wholly trustworthy and faithful.

From your friend and minister *Janet*

Harvest Lunch Thankyou

A big thank you to all the officers and girls of the Girls Brigade for providing a splendid lunch on 13th October. We really appreciate all the hard work that went into the day.

Deacons Muse

Dear Friends

It's in Autumn when we see God's creation in amazing technicolour. There are spectacular colours in our woodlands, gardens are full of autumn flowers and our skies are filled with sunsets and sunrises in all their glory. This is my favourite season There is something about the sound of leaves scrunching under your feet, the smell of autumn and the taste of apples fresh from the tree. All of this reminds me of the psalm 'taste and see that God is good.'

So many shades of gold

with the setting sun

Autumn

Warm

Another miracle we take for granted

Comforting

Another expression of the artist's vision

Perfect

The blending of the autumn hues

Thank you for autumn, Lord

Taken from http://faithandworship.com/Prayers_Autumn

We as a church family are in a season of building relationships. The apostle Paul reminds us we are part of one body which is wonderful and we know this, but the reality is that we are human and it takes time to get to know one another better and to feel comfortable. Watching the Invictus Games and listening to those taking part the friendships formed are vital as they all help each other. What an inspiration these service women and men are. Paul also says to encourage one another so let's continue to do this through God's love for each of us.

We enjoyed a beautifully cooked three course harvest meal made by the Girls Brigade leaders. All the vegetables were grown on their allotment. The girls served at the tables and did really well. A wonderful way of showing radical hospitality. The girls had also taken part in our harvest service. This year marks GB's 125th year of mission among girls!

The story of Girls' Brigade's development between 1893 and 2016 is truly inspirational.

It focuses around pioneering women in countries all across the world, joined by a shared sense of God's call to empower girls to discover God's transforming love and power in their lives. And in response, to live as people of mission in His world. I think our girls are truly learning what this means. Please pray for the leaders and pray that others feel a call to serve in this way.

The youth club continues to be a great resource for the young people of Wallsend. They were given the opportunity to be in church the other week. Please pray for the leaders that there are more opportunities to share God's story.

We welcome Leroy as a church steward and give thanks that he has accepted this call to play a vital role in the life of Trinity. Please pray for him as he begins this new journey.

For all of our family who are unable to worship with us we pray God's blessings and pray that God continues to meet each need as it arises.

I pray - Loving God will you bless us with wisdom for the way ahead as we continue to seek ways of building your kingdom. Will you continue to mould and shape us with your transforming love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Bless you all *Gail*

Prayers for the World

Grant us peace that will BREAK our silence in the midst of violence, then prophetic voices shall resonate.

Grant us peace that will PULL US DOWN from the steeple of our pride then we'll learn to wash each others' feet.

Grant us peace that will EMPTY us of hate and intolerance then we'll turn guns into guitars and sing.

Grant us peace that will SHUT our mouths up when we speak too much then we'll learn to listen and understand what others are saying.

Grant us peace that will DISTURB us in our apathy then we'll dance together under the sun.

Grant us peace that will BURN our lethargic hearts then we'll endure burning and let love and justice glow.

A prayer from the Philippines, found at overcoming violence.org

A Prayer of the church

“We constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.” 1 Thessalonians 2, 13. NRSV.

We hear a lot about freedom in economic and political discourse. The market economy is based on freedom of choice. Freedom of speech is a fundamental human right. Put the two together, and it's easy to think that religious faith is just a matter of opinion or consumer choice- a private matter, to be decided for ourselves- then kept to ourselves, in case we trespass on someone else's rights.

That is not the gospel of Christ. If we believe that the gospel is the word of God, testifying that Jesus is the Son of God, then that truth for us takes precedence over any other claim to truth. The treasures of heaven are laid up for those who proclaim the kingdom.

Pray that the Spirit will guide you into a deeper understanding of what the word of God really is- what it means to say, “Jesus is Lord”. Then pray that the Spirit will teach you how to speak that word to others.

Prayers for Trinity

Go out into the world, remembering that it belongs to God.

Go out into life, remembering that it is his gift to you, and to each of us.

Go out into service, remembering that all you do in his name is never wasted.

Go out in his name, in his presence, and for his glory.

Go out in the power of the Spirit.

May all victims of war and violence see that hope and justice spring eternal and can never be defeated; and so may God the Father, who named you, God the Son who died for you, and God the Spirit, who carries you, be with you this day and for ever. Amen

Which coffee shops near me sell Fairtrade ?

by Emily McCoy

You might make a point of buying Fairtrade in your weekly shop, but when you're out and about it's not always so easy. There are so many coffee shops and fancy hot beverages on offer that it can be difficult to know which are fair and which 'not so much'.

For starters, the easiest way is to ask the person making your brew if they use Fairtrade coffee or tea. Many chain coffee shops will report feedback from customers to management, and in smaller independent cafés you might find yourself in conversation with the owner – so you could make a real difference if they do decide to go Fairtrade!

We've summarised a few places that we know sell Fairtrade coffee near you.

Travelling coffee

At train stations up and down the UK there are many cafés serving Fairtrade coffee. AMT Coffee is a popular stop-off for commuters and holidaymakers alike..

The big ones

Almost every high street has at least one Starbucks nestled away. Luckily this global chain is committed to Fairtrade; their popular Espresso Roast is Fairtrade certified. And you won't go far without seeing the bright bold colours of Greggs – every bean they use is 100% Fairtrade, and they also serve Fairtrade tea, hot chocolate, orange juice and apple juice

Somewhere quiet

Did you know that Waterstones bookshops serve Fairtrade coffee next to their neatly stacked bookshelves? And the National Trust offer Fairtrade coffee as well as tea from the lovely Clipper Teas, so you can enjoy a nice cuppa and a relaxing day out.

Off the beaten track

There's a world of Fairtrade cafes out there that we probably don't even know about! There's no reason why your favourite place for a cuppa and a catch up can't be Fairtrade – whether that's down a side street or at the garden centre. Just don't be afraid to ask! And if they don't stock Fairtrade, they might go searching for it. This is a great way you can help support the thousands of farmers and workers around the world who rely on coffee for their livelihoods.

After dinner

Bet you didn't know Nando's and Pizza Hut also serve Fairtrade! Well we're not making it up, so next time you drop in for a casual lunch or family supper, grab a coffee to round off your meal.

In the office

Don't forget Fairtrade when you're at work either. And no, we don't mean bring your own coffee with you. If you work in a big office, the canteen might already be stocking Fairtrade. Contract caterers like Sodexo, who make lunches for employees (and schoolchildren) around the country, are looking for ways they can be more sustainable. It's worth having a chat to find out where your coffee comes from, as there might be more than meets the eye behind the scenes. Sodexo are working with Fairtrade to improve the food security and empowerment of women with coffee producers in Peru, and Bartlett Mitchell have direct links back to the farm where they source their coffee beans.

From the Fairtrade blog, Oct 2018

2 Stories from the Leprosy Mission

A new life after farming school!

Following Jesus's example, once a person is found to have leprosy, it is our responsibility to give them complete healing. What good is it to cure a person's disease but leave them begging by the roadside? Back in 2015, the First Feet Appeal was launched by the Leprosy Mission and every pound donated was matched by the UK government. The response was incredible. You provided protective shoes to people affected by leprosy in Mozambique to stop them from injuring their numb feet while working in the fields, and enabled them to attend farming school so that they now no longer go hungry.

Farmers in the Cabo Delgado province of Mozambique face huge challenges in yielding a good harvest without the added problems of disease and disability. Armando is a 59 year old father living in Cabo Delgado. He was a craftsman, but tragedy struck the family when his wife and three of his children died due to poverty. While Armando was still grieving he was diagnosed with leprosy.

Sadly, Armando didn't take the cure for leprosy straight away, so nerve damage and injuries meant he lost his fingers and toes. But thanks to the Feet First appeal, Armando's fortunes changed when he was offered a place at farming school. He now earns an income by working the land.

Kayana's story

30 year old Kayana lives with her husband and their five children in a small mud hut in rural Mozambique. The family get by on the small income they make from farming and selling charcoal in their local community.

Kayana first noticed what she now knows to be the first signs of leprosy three years ago when pregnant with her fourth child. She discovered patches on her legs that had no sensation and eventually her feet became numb too. When she developed a wound on her leg that would not heal, she approached the local health volunteer in her village who had received training from the Leprosy Mission.

Kayana was shocked and afraid when diagnosed with leprosy as she had seen people with leprosy lose their fingers and toes. The local health volunteer reassured her that leprosy is completely curable. She now knows that if she takes her medication and takes measures to protect her hands and feet then she will not become disabled.

Kayana is now able to think about her future and will have the opportunity to attend farming school where she can learn sustainable farming techniques and how to grow new crops.

With your support and donations, you enable multidrug therapy to reach remote communities in Mozambique and cure people's leprosy.

Good for you, good for farmers: Introducing the World's First Fairtrade Supplements

by Kyle Freund, Media Manager, Fairtrade America

Organic India is launching the world's first Fairtrade certified supplements, including Tulsi (Holy Basil), Cinnamon, Ginger, and Trikatu, a blend of herbs to support digestion*. By certifying their supplements with Fairtrade, Organic India invites people to join their sustainability journey and brings a new level of transparency to the wellness sector.

“In this day and age, people want to know where and how their food is grown. It's no different with supplements. Today's consumers want to know where their supplements are sourced,” said Kyle Garner, CEO of Organic India – a certified B Corporation.

“For nearly 20 years, we have worked closely with small family farmers in India to grow healthy organic herbs. We are proud to work with these farmers to launch the world's first Fairtrade certified dietary supplements.”

The new Fairtrade organic supplements include:

TULSI (HOLY BASIL) - Tulsi's many different mechanisms make it the number one herb of the Yogic, Ayurvedic, and Puranic traditions. Modern research has also classified Tulsi (also known as Holy Basil) as an adaptogenic herb, though it has been traditionally used to support immunity, stress response, and to support the body's natural detoxification process.*

CEYLON CINNAMON - Cinnamon can help maintain blood sugar levels. Its warming nature supports healthy digestion.*

GINGER - Ginger supports digestion and nutrient assimilation while soothing digestion. and is also known to support healthy cardiovascular function and a balanced immune system response.*

TRIKATU – This blend of Long Pepper (*Piper longum*), Black Pepper (*Piper nigrum*), and Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) – is used to support digestion and the overall gastric function.*

The Fairtrade certification label means that the ingredients meet Fairtrade's rigorous social, economic and environmental standards. For small-scale producers, this means a minimum price for their products and a Premium to invest in their communities. Organic India works with Fairtrade America to certify the supplements, in addition to five of Organic India's herbal Tulsi teas.

Organic India goes above and beyond the Fairtrade Standards in their work with small-scale farmers paying their Fairtrade and organic certification fees. The company also provides training on organic and regenerative agricultural practices, and provides funding for community projects.

“With the strong interest in nutritional supplements, it's great to see Organic India sharing their story with consumers and supporting small-scale farmers,” said Hans Theyer, Executive Director at Fairtrade America.

The US market for supplements grew by 6.6 percent to \$41 billion dollars in 2016, according to New Hope Network. The steady interest is primarily due to a rising emphasis on

preventative healthcare, an aging population, and consumers taking charge of their own health outcomes, according to a McKinsey report.

Herbs and botanicals, which represent 18% of US dietary supplement sales, were one of the key drivers of this growth. As interest in supplements grows, interest in how they are produced is increasing.

**These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.*

To purchase products or for more information, please visit www.organicindia.com.

Look out for these Fairtrade supplements in our shops!

Remembering

Maybe I have just not noticed it before, but this year there seems to be much more controversy over 'the poppy'. As I understand it, the whole idea of buying and wearing a poppy was originally to remember all those who had been killed in the two world wars. As there are ongoing conflicts, it has now come to be a support for those even today who have been physically, mentally or emotionally affected by such events. In itself, that is a good thing - to be of help where possible. Although it would seem a bit unfair that the country expects troops to go into these situations (on our behalf, so they tell us) but when they need help, they have to depend on public charitable donations



So it seems that, instead of one day of the year (Remembrance Day) when we wear a poppy and spend time thinking of the fallen and praying for their families and above all for peace, we have somehow come to think of it as a month when we support 'our heroes'. As I said before, I am not against it per se but I just feel that the language and attitudes behind it all have become rather jingoistic and not about a search for peace. It's as though the original meaning has been hijacked by mob-rule and we need to conform or be frowned upon. (Where has our human right to make our own choices gone in this freedom we call democracy?)

I had a very dear uncle who died only a couple of years ago, who had been held in terrible conditions as a prisoner by the Japanese in WWII and when anyone spoke of the war, his comment was simply, 'War makes people on all sides do some terrible things.' I think in remembering those who have suffered, we should also think of those caught up in many conflicts throughout the world and of those who suffer on all sides, whatever colour of skin or religion or any other cultural tendency they may have.



Some will be wearing the white poppy of peace but whether we wear a red poppy to remember those who suffer, a white poppy of peace or no poppy at all, above and beyond that, let's pray for peace in a world ravaged by war and learn how to share the planet as God intended His creation to do. As David says in the Bible, 'Seek peace and pursue it.' (Psalm 34:14)

From the Blog of Mavis Andradez.

The Story of the Poppy

Much of the first World War took place in Western Europe, particularly in France and Belgium. Countryside that had once been beautiful was devastated by bombs and lengthy battles. The landscape turned from green fields to mud, bleak and barren land where little or nothing could grow. Bright red Flanders poppies, however, somehow survived and thrived in the chaos and destruction around them.

Though delicate in appearance, they were in fact resilient, growing in their thousands and turning the muddy landscape into a sea of red. One man, John McCrae, was so moved by the poppies at the front line, that he wrote a poem called Flanders Fields all about them. The poem in turn inspired somebody to make poppies out of fabric and these were sold to help soldiers coming home from the wars.

This was the beginning of the yearly Poppy appeal. It is estimated that these days, 40 million poppies are distributed each year and the money raised goes towards helping those affected by war. We shouldn't forget what the poppies mean:

The Poppy is not:-

- A symbol of death or blood
- A sign of support for war
- A reflection of politics or religious faith

The Poppy is:-

- A powerful symbol of Remembrance and hope.
- Worn by millions of people
- Red for the natural colour of the field poppies.

Remembrance touches people of all ages and backgrounds, faiths and political opinions. The humble poppy remains unchanged- a universally recognised symbol of Remembrance and hope, allowing us to remember the past whilst looking ahead to a brighter future.

Each one of us is as resilient as a poppy, no matter how much mud life chucks at us, how many times we've been stomped over, we/you/us are able to grow again and become colourful, strong and brave, just like those poppies growing on the battlefields all those years ago. By ourselves we are one flower, beautiful but easy to miss in a big field. Together, we are a field of poppies that you cannot miss, who inspire and give hope. We are stronger if we stand together, no matter what our poppies look like or are made of. We are the hope for a world of peace.

Offering Envelope Scheme

The Offering Envelope Scheme is a good way for people to give regularly to the church. You are given a set of small envelopes (one for each week) each year. You use these to put your weekly church offering in on a Sunday. Each set of envelopes has a number and only the Envelope Secretary knows who has which number. This keeps the system anonymous whilst encouraging you to give regularly each week.

If you would like to join the scheme please see Susan Bewley who is the Envelope Secretary for Trinity.

They think it's all over: it is now

Many men, believing that the Great War (as it became to be known) would be over by Christmas 1914, joined up so as not to miss out on the action. A large number were young, well below the permitted age for joining the armed forces at the time.

John Parr enlisted in 1912 when only 14, having had a brief job as a caddy at a local golf club. John grew up in North Finchley. He was 5 ft 3 ins tall with brown eyes and brown hair. No photograph of the soldier survives. As a member of the Middlesex Regiment, Parr became a reconnaissance cyclist, riding ahead of the advancing troops to gain information about the enemy. In the summer of 1914, his battalion was stationed in northern France near the village of Bettignies. It is unclear what happened exactly on 21st August, but Parr appears to have been sent to search for a missing unit and was killed by rifle fire after encountering a German cavalry patrol. He was 17 years old and the first British fatality of the war.

Private George Ellison from Leeds had, like John Parr, joined the army as a young man. He left the service to marry and became a coal miner. Shortly before the outbreak of war, he was recalled and served with the Royal Irish Lancers. He survived the battles of Mons, Ypres, Aremnetieres, Loos, Bassee, Lens and Cambrai. By November 1918 he found himself again in Mons.

At 9.30 am Ellison was shot while on the outskirts of the town. He died just 90 minutes before the signing of the armistice- the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. He was the last military casualty of the Great War although soldiers died later as a result of their injuries.

The graves of both soldiers face each other in the St Symphorien military cemetery just south west of Mons. The Rev'd David Railton who had served on the western Front, had the idea of exhuming one of the many thousands of unidentified bodies and give the soldier a State funeral as a representative of all those who had died fighting in the pursuit of freedom. Four bodies were exhumed from each of the main battlefields in France and Belgium. One of the corpses was selected by Brigadier General L J Wyatt. It was sealed in a specially built coffin and taken to Dover.

The coffin was then taken to the Cenotaph in Whitehall and then carried to Westminster Abbey. It was lowered into the grave at the west end of the nave, encased in French soil brought from the battlefields. The tombstone of grey marble was inscribed, "A British warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country. Greater love hath no man than this" . It has since been replaced by a much longer inscription and the engraved wording filled with brass melted down from wartime ammunition.

From "The Bell" published by Stainer and Bell Ltd.

Lest we forget

“ There is no greater love than this: to give your life for another” John 15, v 13.

We remember many things in our lives; but we forget many others. Points we ought to remember have that infuriating habit of disappearing from our minds just when we need to recall them most, and so we resort to such props as a knot in a hankie, or a memo board, hoping that these may jog our memories.

Every year, the number of those who lived through the second World War (there are no living survivors now from WW1) diminishes, yet for that reason, the occasion becomes more rather than less important. We have only to witness the continuing violence in so many parts of the world, to realise that things haven't changed as much as we'd like to think. Some people dare to suggest that the horrors of the holocaust never actually happened, thus dismissing at a stroke, the suffering, terror, and anguish experienced by so many millions. Remembrance Day does not glorify war but rather recalls the price of peace, reminding us of the evil and inhumanity that people can stoop to, and the sacrifice so many made to ensure that such tyranny did not triumph. It pushes things back into our consciousness- lest we forget.

Do you forget sometimes how much you owe to those who fought for the freedom of this country?

A Prayer

Almighty God, at this time of Remembering, help us to learn the lessons of the past; to understand the cost of war; the price of peace; the scope of human depravity and the extent of human sacrifice. Help us to learn those lessons- to live and work for peace, to stand up against evil, to serve and not to count the cost, to work in whatever way we can for a better world.

Forgive us that sometimes we forget how fortunate we are to live in freedom and how lucky to enjoy peace; forgetting those who still suffer from the wounds of battle and others who even now mourn their loved ones. Speak to us today and help us not only to say the words but truly to mean them. “We will remember them” . Help us to appreciate the present and work always for a better future in the name of Christ. Amen

From Daily Prayer by Nick Fawcett

Shoe Box Appeal 2018

Our Shoe Box creation for 2018 is coming to an end with **Our Shoe Box Celebration Service on Sunday 18th November.**

Until then we are just collecting financial donations for the transportation of the boxes. Envelopes for these donations can be found near the collecting boxes and can be put in the offering or passed to our treasurer.

Our grateful thanks to everyone at Trinity and Allen Memorial for creating so many boxes that will bring such joy to children who may not get anything else this Christmas.

Bible a Month: Morocco

“I will make rivers flow among barren hills and springs of water run in the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water and the dry land into flowing springs”. Isaiah 41, v 18 (GNB)

Morocco is a country in NW Africa with coastlines on the Mediterranean sea and Atlantic ocean. It covers an area of 446,550 sq km, which is 1.8 times the size of the UK. It has a population of 34 million, approx. 52% of the UK. The literacy rate- people who can read and write- is 68%. Languages spoken are Arabic, Berber languages and French.

Morocco: it's a country where giving someone a Bible could land you in prison, where openly going to church can mean you lose your job, and where believers are even killed for their faith.

In 2010, dozens of foreign missionaries were expelled from the country in a government crackdown, and Christians came under increasing pressure. But since then, the Church has been growing- and its an indigenous, local Church fuelled by the provision of Scripture in Morocco's everyday language.

Back in 2012, the first Moroccan Arabic New Testament was published, printed and made available online. Now, five translators are working on the full Bible and are on track to see the first Moroccan Arabic Bible published in 2021.

Today, it's thought there are up to 40,000 Christians in Morocco. Some say there are tens of thousands of additional believers who keep their faith a secret for fear of repercussions. Bible Society's team receive around 100 requests a week from people who want a Bible.

Prayer Pointers

- Praise God for his faithfulness in drawing Moroccan people to him. May the Church continue to grow and may God bless the work of those discipling new Christians.
- Pray for Moroccan Christians who deal with fear and insecurity on a daily basis. Pray that God will strengthen the faith of those who are arrested and protect them in prison.
- Thank God for the translation team, who have been working on the Moroccan Arabic Bible since 1999. Pray for energy and stamina for them in these final years of the task.
- Ask God to protect our team in Morocco, and give them wisdom and discernment as they negotiate the challenges of the culture.

Lives are being changed through the Bible, thanks to your generosity and Bible a Month gifts.

Philippines Typhoon Mangkhut Appeal

Help communities recover and rebuild

People across the Philippines have been hit by Typhoon Mangkhut, one of the strongest typhoons to hit the islands since Haiyan in 2013. Known locally as Ompong, the typhoon has caused much destruction. While many communities were prepared for the storm, there is an ongoing concern that landslides and flash floods may exacerbate the damage caused by the initial typhoon.

Christian Aid is particularly concerned for those communities in more remote areas who are extremely vulnerable. In many areas, people's harvest was days away from being ready but has now been lost. Combined with high inflation, there are longer-term concerns around food security

How we are responding

Our partners are on the ground in the Cagayan, Isabela and Kalinga provinces, assessing the impact and identifying people's needs. Our initial response targeted 4,300 families. Now we are aiming to reach 14,300 families across the three provinces. These families are among the most vulnerable – small farmers, farm workers and indigenous communities living in hard-to-reach and remote areas.

Government aid has not reached these areas and communities have limited access to food. Through our partners, cash assistance is being given to support these families in accessing basic needs. This includes water and sanitation support, shelter and emergency food supplies.

Our partners are also helping existing community groups, organisations and institutions identify, design and implement projects or actions to respond to their exact needs, including help restoring their livelihoods.

In the province of Cagayan, Christian Aid worked together with A Single Drop of Safe Water to distribute cash assistance (2,500 pesos each) to 182 families in Taytay, a ward in the Municipality of Baggao. Baggao is the site of a landfall caused by the typhoon, and Taytay is one its more vulnerable areas.

Florentino and Mary Rose Leones are two of thousands who have lost their house-. typhoon Mangkhut caused it severe damage. As farmers, they have limited cash to rebuild. Christian Aid is providing cash assistance. Mary Rose said, 'No one has come to help us until now. It is very difficult for us as we lost a lot, we don't even have a proper place to take shelter.'

In this area of the Philippines there are around 400 families, mostly farmers, who have lost all their crops due to the typhoon. They live in a difficult to reach area as the surrounding roads are flooded and muddy. They are waiting for more assistance.

A Prayer: O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble, hold those who are hurting, comfort those who are in mourning, calm those who are panicking, surround with safety those who are traumatised, shelter those who are homeless, be a beacon of wisdom and guidance for those directing rescue operations. Amen

A chance to change a generation.

By Claire Smith, Freelance Writer for the Bible Society.

Around 120 children are squatting on the floor, under the shade of a canopy outside a church. There's almost a room here. The walls are half built, and the children sit within them but the bricks wobble dangerously. There are no pictures, no chairs, no colouring pens, just a handful of Bibles. This is the Manje Assemblies of God Sunday School in Blantyre, Malawi- and the morning session is in full swing.

Sunday school teacher, Moses Sonani, 54, leaps around between the children and leads them in memory verse chants and actions. It's heaps of fun- but Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, and it's clear the children lack so many things.

"These children have no toys to play with, we have no building, the children sit on the floor and get dusty and dirty" Moses told us. "We received a box of Bibles from Bible Society last year, and these were the first resources we have ever had. But we need around 200 more Bibles for all the children to have one."

We are here to distribute another two boxes of children's Bibles among young people. Each Bible costs £5 – an unthinkable amount of money for these villagers, where monthly salaries can be as low as £25. But they are provided free thanks to the support of people like you.

After Moses' Sunday school received Bibles last year, the number of children attending sessions grew from around 80 to 250. "We have already seen the impact of these Bibles" said Moses. "They are easier to understand, so children can memorise and retell the stories. These children are growing spiritually, and the Bibles help us to nurture them into good, faithful Christians."

As boxes of Bible are brought forward, the children shuffle sideways to create a path and come up one by one to receive their copy. The atmosphere is reverent and still. As soon as the children have their Bible they start flicking through the pages.

Around 90 Bibles are distributed in total, but there are still some children who go home empty handed. Sadly, that's the picture across Malawi. 3000 Children's Bibles were distributed last year, but they could have given out 10 times that amount. On one occasion, the team arrived with 120 Bibles- only to find 750 children in Sunday school.

Joseph, who has been helping Bible Society to distribute children's Bibles since 2015, said, "This project could change Malawi. People will get to know God through these Bibles; there will be more children in churches, and their Bible knowledge will be deeper. In the next 20/30 years, this generation will have grown up and will follow God not just in church but in all of their lives. Malawi will not be the same"

From Word in Action, winter 2018 edition

Points to Ponder

- One smile has the power to.....calm fears; soften stone walls; warm a cold heart; invite a new friend; mimic a loving hug; beautify the bearer; lighten heavy loads; promote good deeds; brighten a gloomy day; comfort a grieving spirit; offer hope to the forlorn; send a message of caring; lift the downtrodden soul; patch up invisible wounds; weaken the hold of misery; act as a medicine for suffering; fulfil the human need for recognition. Who knew changing the world could prove so simple?
Simple Reminders.com
- Looks are only skin deep. Real beauty is intelligence, kindness, charm, loyalty, and a caring heart.
- Dear Church. Stop gathering around the name of Jesus while ignoring the ways of Jesus. Remember the poor. Visit the prisoner. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Welcome the stranger. Deliver the oppressed. Serve the least. And rise for the marginalised. He waits for us there.
- Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.
- Be kind to one another. Even if you disagree on stuff.
- Many people don't know this, but it's possible to read something you don't agree with on the internet, and simply move on with your life.
- I don't want a religion that I put away with my Sunday clothes and don't take it out till the day comes round again. I want something to see and feel and live day by day.
Louisa May Alcott.
- Don't forget you're human. It's okay to have a meltdown, just don't unpack and live there. Cry it out and then refocus on where you are headed.
- Before you assume, learn the facts. Before you judge, understand why. Before you hurt someone, feel. Before you speak, THINK.
- You have to take care of yourself before you can take care of others.
- Some of the best days of your life haven't happened yet. Just relax and keep going.
- Sometimes you need to relax and trust that things will work out. Let go a little and let life happen. *Simple Reminders.com*
- Heal the past. Live the present. Dream the future.

Love and Marriage

- Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married and she didn't have to hear how well his mother cooked.
- Why does a woman work for ten years to change a man's habits and then complain he's not the man she married? (Barbara Streisand, singer).
- Albert Einstein and his wife were interviewed on their golden wedding. The reporter asked, "To what do you attribute the success of your marriage?". "50 years ago we made a pact. In our life together, I would make all the big decisions and she would make all the small ones. That, I think is the reason for the success of our marriage". Then he added, "The strange thing is - in 50 years there hasn't yet been one big decision"
- Signing the register at a wedding the best man couldn't make the ballpoint pen work. "Put your weight into it" said the vicar. So he duly signed the book, John Smithson (11 stone 4 pounds).
- After a quarrel a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you". He replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice"
- At the end of a wedding ceremony the minister raised his hand in order to give the final blessing. The nervous bride totally misunderstood this gesture and surprised the minister with a high-five. Not wanting to exclude the groom, the minister offered him a high-five as well and then gave the blessing while the congregation shook with laughter.
- At a wedding in Croydon, the bride and groom asked a friend to read *1 John chapter 4: God is love. Whoever lives in God, and God in them.* Unfortunately the friend misheard and read John 4, the story of the "Woman at the Well" which includes these words: *You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband...* (NIV version) The bride and groom rocked with silent laughter while the friend continued completely unaware.

And 2 more magazine mistakes...(not this magazine!)

- Remember the annual spring cleaning of the main hall this Saturday. We need lots of volunteers to join the work crew., We have a long list of items to be cleaned and the widows will need extra attention.
- A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It is given by one of our members in honour of his wife.

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Smile!

- Just asked the wife, “Why have we got an empty milk bottle in the fridge?”. Her reply- “In case a guest asks for black coffee”
- I don’t know why they call them speed humps, I’ve got to slow down for the darned things.
- My wife says she’s leaving me as she thinks I’m too obsessed with astronomy. What planet is she on?
- A recent survey says that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realised that toucan play at that game.
- A policeman just stopped me and asked me to step out of the car. “You’re staggering” he said. “you’re not so bad yourself” I replied.
- Previous girlfriend left me because of my liquorice obsession. I said well it takes allsorts.
- I was terrible at spelling when I was at school. Brilliant at jografy though.
- Today I was asked to go out, by 20 women! I was in the women’s changing room.
- Cadbury’s have donated a giant chocolate bar to the Bank of England. It’s a massive Boost for the economy.
- I scared the postman today by going to the door naked. I’m not sure what scared him more, my naked body or the fact that I knew where he lived.
- The wife said she was feeling light- headed from a low iron level. To help her, I’ve raised the ironing board to a more suitable height.

With thanks to LIVErNEWS, the Liver Patient Support Newsletter.

Answers to Bible questions given by some American children

1. In the first book of the Bible (Genesis), God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath Day off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree
3. Noah built an Ark which the animals came to in pairs. His wife was called Joan of Ark.
4. Lot’s wife was a pillar of salt by day but a ball of fire at night.
5. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history have lived with unsympathetic Genitals.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

Submitted by a member of Heaton Church who wishes to remain anonymous!

Shoe Box Sunday Service

Our Shoe Box Service is on Sunday 18th November and will be led by Mrs Margaret Storey.



Preachers and Services

Nov 4 th	10.45 a.m.	Rev Gavin Hume
11 th	10.45 a.m.	Rev Janet Jackson Communion Service.
18 th	10.45 a.m.	Mrs Margaret Storey Shoe Box Service.
25 th	10.45 a.m.	Deacon Gail Morgan.
Dec 2 nd	10.45 a.m.	Mrs Chris Carroll



Door Stewards Rota

(All 10-45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

November

4th Mr L Lawson.

11th Mrs J Scott.

18th Mrs S Aston.

25th Mrs S Filmer.

December

2nd Mrs L Morgan.

Flower Rota

Coffee Morning Rota

November

3rd Sylvia Aston &
Janis Duff

10th Mick & Zoe Watson

17th Susan Bewley &
Lynda McQuillan

24th Maureen Mills &
Lorna Morgan

December

1st Sylvia Aston &
Janis Duff

Sunday 4th November
Janis Duff

Sunday 11th November
Susan Bewley

Sunday 18th November
Doreen Kirtley

Sunday 25th November
No Donor at time of print

Sunday 2nd December
Maureen Mills



During the last months our Communion Table Flowers have brought their beauty and our thoughts and prayers to Janis Duff, Margaret McCullough, Sylvia Aston, Pam Emery, Jean Trewick, Barbara Ripley, Doreen Kirtley and Florence.



Audio Visual Operators

Church Steward

Nov 4 th	Mark Burdon	Alan Barker
11 th	Susan / Lynda	Susan Bewley
18 th	Alan Barker	Mark Burdon
25 th	Alan Barker	Bill Filmer

Articles By?

All articles for the December/January magazine MUST be handed in by Sunday 18th November.