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The Newsletter of the Ealing Green Church

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January 2010

Joy and gritted teeth: reflections on praying the Covenant service

We've all stumbled or pranced, run, walked or crawled through the Christmas season, and here we are together in January. By Methodist tradition in this country, we celebrate the 'Covenant Service' now: Ealing Green will have had its Covenant Service on 3rd January before I leave for Nigeria, so the likelihood is that you have already prayed the prayers and sung the songs as you read this. (If not, then consider this as preparation!) I've included the central prayer below, in contemporary language...

Eternal God...
I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
 wherever you may place me,
 in all that I do
 and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me
 and when there is none;
when I am troubled
 and when I am at peace.
Your will be done
 when I am valued
 and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment
 and when it is lacking;
when I have all things,
 and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer
all I have and am
 to serve you,
 as and where you choose.
Glorious and blessed God,
Father Son and Holy Spirit,
 you are mine and I am yours.
 May it be so forever.
 Let this covenant now made on earth
 be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

How does it feel to say these things, together, in the presence of God? Some years, I have said this prayer with joy, other times through gritted teeth. Sometimes I've felt like it released all my anxiety, like the bell on the last day of school before holidays. But other times depending on what was happening in my personal or professional life, I have felt like the prayer was a dressed-up way of saying 'Stop whinging, accept your life as the will of God gratefully and lump it, whatever horrible thing is going on.' These have been the gritted teeth years, when I have even emerged from the Covenant service actively angry at what I heard as abusive advice.

Would we want any of us grieving or ill or unemployed to pray this, if this is what it meant? Or would I ask the leprosy patients I've met at the refuge in Uzuakoli, Nigeria to pray this, when their poverty is so extreme and their disease curable? This prayer is now one I pray often, throughout the year. And it is not about making any of us passive in the face of suffering, our own or other peoples.' Yes, it is a wake up call, and there is no hiding from the commitment we seek in praying it, no half-way fudge behind good intentions.

It is saying, 'I commit myself to you God, knowing that some parts of life are harder than I can bear, but knowing that you are committed in the same way to me; you seek new life for me, wherever I start from. And you aren't afraid to come and get me either.' This prayer is our response to the commitment God

makes to each of us, wherever we are starting from today. Valued, disregarded, full or empty. And we pray it (and live it) together.

'The will of God' may mean very different things at different times in our lives, but the Gospels tell us it always tends toward new life, to healing and wholeness, to love worked out in every part of our lives... So a few pre- or post- Covenant suggestions:

Reflect honestly on what you have felt like in church in the past year. In your life with God. (not always the same thing) In your work, paid or un-paid. In your home and close relationships. In your friendships. In relation to the world that gets into newspaper headlines.

Are there words in the Covenant prayer that describe where you have been this year?
Are there words that describe where you feel like you are going?
What does it mean to have God be committed to you, in each of these parts of life? What does it mean to be committed to God, in each of these parts of life?
Where is the church in relation to its wider community?

See where this gets you, through joy and gritted teeth.

Jen

Jen will be away with the Cliff College International Learning Centre from 3-21 January. She will be offering an eight lecture course for senior ministers in the Methodist Church Nigeria on the church's mission with regard to HIV/AIDS-related illness and people affected by it. Ministers are required to undertake and report on an 'evangelical outreach' as part of their programme of study: several have made that an outreach to people in their communities affected by HIV.

Ealing Green Players

Ealing Green Players have re-arranged the dates for their Spring Production of "Waiting in the Wings", which at the time of going to press, will be on APRIL 21st, 23rd and 24th 2010.

We still need help in every department, so if you can help in any way it will be much appreciated. Also, I know it's a long way off, but PLEASE make a note of our "Good as New" sale on Saturday FEB 13th. We shall be appealing for good donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac, unused Christmas presents--any thing that sells, really. We need to raise some money to fund the play. I can collect things (preferably AFTER Christmas) so just give me a ring.

Many thanks in advance

Helen

Church Notice

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM.
Please use the back door.

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We've heard a lot about the Copenhagen Conference over the last few weeks. Unfortunately so much of it was about the failure of the talks themselves.

Beforehand there were a surprising a number of religious speakers, on the radio, claiming that their religion had always spoken loudly about the need to preserve the earth, which is either a gift from God, ours only to keep for our children or some other such cliché. The Chief Rabbi claimed, on Radio 4, that the statements in the Old Testament on the use of the earth and the need to leave it fallow regularly to let it rest was the earliest God ordained message on environmentalism. There were other claims from respective speakers from the Christian and Muslim faiths about their religions' edicts on the need to preserve the earth and to take care of all that is in it.

Didn't do much good, did it? The Copenhagen climate change conference ended without official adoption of anything you could call a binding agreement.

Delegates from 193 nations at the close of the summit only agreed to "take note" of the 'agreement' announced by President Obama, only initially to the White House Press Corps, that China, India, South Africa, Brazil and key European countries, had arrived at. This did not set forth any legally binding levels for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the acknowledged cause of global warming, or binding mechanisms for verifying countries' emission levels.

The original discussions centred on the working towards a commitment to attempt to hold global warming to no more than two degrees Celsius, but many countries and even those who crafted the accord, admitted that this was still not going to be enough to save countries or islands like Vanatu – or some of those beautiful holiday islands that appear on holiday brochures where poor people look on at rich foreigners flying in to laze around while their fishing or subsistence farming is decimated by the rise in world temperatures.

The 'agreement', President Obama announced, does not include for any international monitoring mechanism neither does it meet the need for a binding agreement to meet specified emissions targets.

Mercifully the churches are recognising the failure and are picking themselves up and thinking about doing something together to emphasize the pious words about environmentalism that they have trotted out over the years. Some are now starting to call more strongly for the international community to recognise climate change adaptation as a high priority for immediate-to-long-term funding and action, given the current critical plight of climate-vulnerable populations around the world.

About time. We all have to do what we can to stop the way things are going. While it is still a cliché, it doesn't mean it is wrong to say that the world does not belong to us, but that we are responsible for keeping it to hand to our children.

As one protester's sign at Copenhagen said, 'There is no Planet B.'

God bless you



Letters

A letter forwarded by Peter Chadburn

Hi Peter

Trust you are O.K. and doing fine.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and, through you, the EALING GREEN CHURCH FAMILY a wonderful Christmas!

May you ALL enjoy a blessed and refreshing season - one in which we take the time to remember the birth of our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ . We trust this will be a special time, and we look forward to a Bright and Prosperous 2010.

Have a wonderful Christmas!
With much love,
Caroline Cummings-Palmer
Freetown, Sierra Leone

From Vivien Holding

Another year has flown by and, once again, I am asking if you will be kind enough to deliver the enclosed card to my friends at Ealing Green who still remember me.

The last year has meant big changes for me but my big flat was getting too much for me to cope with and as the family are still far flung I felt the need to make the move now.

I have now been here nearly four months, have settled in very happily and know I have taken the right decision even though it means I shall probably spend my children's inheritance!! The staff here are wonderful – nothing is too much trouble – and it is a delight to sit down to meals without having worried about shopping or cooking.

Another advantage is that only having moved a few yards down the road, I am able to remain in contact with all my old friends as well as making new ones.

I still keep in touch with Joan and Robina and as usual we shall all lunch together on Christmas Day, escorted by Ray, Susan's husband.

I do hope you are still keeping reasonably fit and are able to enjoy life.

With very warm regards

Vivien Holding

My father was frightened of his mother; I was frightened of my father, and I am damned well going to see to it that my children are frightened of me.

King George V

News of the Church Family

Frank Bedwell has been in Ealing Hospital for almost 2 months. He had a pacemaker fitted last week and was still hoping to be back home by Christmas.

Irene Robey is recovering well following surgery and for the time being is living in Elm Lodge Residential Care Home, in Greenford. She spent Christmas with her sons.

Peggy Allaway had a fall in a bus, a few weeks ago, when it stopped suddenly. She was badly bruised and had severe back and shoulder pain, but is now much better.

Eileen Greenwood is moving to a Retirement Village and her new address from 11th January will be:-

25 Sutton Green Lodge, Mayford Grange, Westfield Road, Mayford. Surrey GU22 9QR
We will miss you Eileen but hope that you will settle in quickly and be very happy in your new home. It sounds a lovely place!

Congratulations to **Sandra & Riaan Kinghorn** on the birth of a baby daughter, Hannah Rose. We were thrilled to be able to see the three of them, as well as some of their friends and family, as Hannah Rose was brought to Church for a service of Thanksgiving & Blessing. The service on 20th December was a very special occasion. We were all struck at how small Hannah was and so perfect. It was especially relevant as we were looking forward to celebrating the birth of another baby, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Ruth Doe** on 19th December and send our love and sympathy to **Kwashi & Setor Doe** (husband & daughter of Ruth). Ruth had been in hospital for a couple of months and had suffered poor health for a number of years.

By the time this Newsletter is distributed, we hope all our Church Family will have enjoyed Christmas with friends or family and will have a happy, healthy & peaceful 2010.

We pray for all those mentioned above, and also remember in our prayers those who are elderly or housebound and their carers.

Gill Hatherall

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

Mohandas Gandhi

Updates from the Church Secretary

Secretary's Notes:

Diary Reminders:-

23 rd January	Circuit International Evening at Acton Hill Methodist Church
24 th January	1 st session on Church refurbishment "our Church – space for all!"
31 st January	2 nd session

Preachers during January:-

03 rd January	11.00am - Our own Minister – Rev Jen Smith with Covenant service
10 th January	11.00am Rev S.McBratney – preached at Jen's welcome service
17 th January	11.00am Rev Judith Stephenson – Chaplain at Ealing YMCA
24 th January	11.00am Our own Minister
31 st January	11.00am Our own Minister with Worship Group members

Flower Rota for January

Sunday	Arranger	Donor
03 rd January	Stacey	Stacey
10 th January	Jenny	Jenny
17 th January	Fleur	Fleur
24 th January	Gill	Gill
31 st January	Linda	Linda

Action for Children - Home Collecting Boxes

Will box holders please bring the their boxes in for emptying over the next few weeks.

Thank you.

John Collingbourne, Secretary

We look forward to the time when the power to love will replace the love of power.
Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

William E. Gladstone

Note from a Dote

As many will know I was recently in Northern Ireland for Kathy's sister Jenny's wedding but during that week I spent quite a bit of time with various members of the family and friends and also drove around quite a bit. I stayed with Jenny's daughter Cathy and her little boy Noah who is just



three. Jenny's two daughters have looked after me really well in my two visits and made me feel really at home. Cathy would call me and Noah both Dotes which for me as a 53 year old was lovely. If I needed adoption I would know where to go!! Jenny's other daughter Ashley had a baby after Kathy died and little Tyler is such a tonic to everyone. All the other young Children added to the enjoyment for me.



I also went out to the Causeway which was the place for Kathy's (or Kathleen as she is know back home) happiest childhood memories. The School which was designed by Clough Williams-Ellis (of Portmeirion Village fame) was a place that her mum and uncles went and also Kathy for a short time. It is now a museum next to the Giant's Causeway. To visit also the people that knew her as a child was lovely. There was a picture that we could all imagine of the most delightful child who meant so much to so many. I found in the people a gentle manner which ties in so well with my own experience of that old-fashioned gentleness that attracted me to Kathy in the first place. Perhaps the most emotional part was to meet up with someone who used to babysit young Kathleen and Jenny. Margaret was not much older herself and had such a close bond with her and as she grew up always looked out for Kathy. The warmth and Christian kindness of Margaret and her partner of 35 years Liz is something that I could see had together a strength of purpose helped shaped the Kathy we all knew. So I myself during that visit gained a dear friend.

The wedding itself was lovely and was in the Anglican Church in the centre of Colerain. Jenny and Michael both looked so happy. It was a lovely service where the Vicar Barry made the points with humour and great reference to the Bible. Everyone remembered the points that were made and it was just a great day. Jenny has found that Church to be of great comfort to her. Some of you may remember Jenny helping Kathy and I at the Summer Market and during her time in London she became a great friend to me. In fact one of Kathy's most enjoyable days this year was in the wedding dress hunt in Selfridges in the spring. I fulfilled Kathy's wish by paying for the lovely dress. At the reception I met up with quite a lot of people I have known for years and I even managed to show my lack of dancing skills.



So as a Dote of 53, I enjoyed a gentle, warm but emotional week. I feel I know a bit more about my treasure and perhaps understood more of how she became the person she did. At Christmas with the cards and letters I keep picking up more snippets of her talents. So as I move into the New Year I know I will be fine and that when I visit Northern Ireland I can enjoy so many invitations to stay from people who loved Kathy.

Ealing Street Pastors

Ealing Street Pastors [ESP]

Winter 2009 Newsletter

Dear Supporters,

Well we are truly on our way!!! On Friday 9th October 2009 twelve (12) of us were commissioned onto the High Street of Acton, and a few members of our prayer team was blessed into their supporting but very vital role.

Street Pastors Practitioners' Conference in November 2009 was the first of its kind and very well attended with positive feedback. On Saturday 14th November 2009 five of our street pastors including the Coordinator graduated. The remaining seven (7) street pastors are nearing the end of their training (January 2010).

We are very excited about what God is doing for His much loved London Borough of Ealing. We have been able to demonstrate the love of God to individuals on the Streets of Acton and already have great testimonies to share.

Our initial intention was to patrol the Acton High Street area every Friday night, but because of our numbers (12) and the requirement that we should patrol in groups of four (4), we are currently patrolling three Friday nights per month.

Ealing Street Pastors Prayer team, though small in number has been a pillar of support since we started. We are seeking to expand this team, so that we have a team of three to four prayer pastors doing one Friday night per month.

We are normal Christian men and women from different Churches and denominations working together with the local Police and Council to make our Borough a safer place as we show the love of God through our acts on our streets.

The Ealing Street Pastors Team being commissioned on Friday 9th October 2009 at Acton Hill Methodist/URC Church

On Tuesday 17th November 2009 a new Management Committee was formed at a meeting in Acton Hill Church. Michaela Youngson was nominated as Chair, Gwyn Jay Allen as Vice Chair, Brandy Pearson as Secretary and Donald Burling as Vice Secretary. The Treasury team is Prabhjot Jaloohan as Treasurer and Younguen Park as Vice Treasurer.

The Ealing Street Pastors Management Committee is still in its infancy and will be fully endorsed and operational in the New Year. Our links with Ealing Metropolitan Police and Ealing Council are strong and working very well, with plans for improved partnership in the New Year. Inspector Andrew Deane, Neil Mackintosh and Gwanwyn Mason of Ealing Police has been very supportive and a sound foundation. Natalie Pace, Chris Reynolds and Sebi Leigh of the Ealing Community Safety Team, has been very supportive in providing opportunities for us to share the vision of Street Pastors.



We are in the process of completing three presentations of the Vision of Street Pastors across the Borough of Ealing. The aim is to recruit street/prayer pastor volunteers for training in March 2010, to expand our existing team. More presentations are anticipated in the New Year.

We need the continued support of churches so that this valuable work can continue consistently. Already we are missed when not on patrol. People really do need our support and help.

Ealing Street/Prayer Pastors at Base

Prayer is a major part of the success of Street Pastors and we are seeking to expand our Ealing Prayer Pastors Team to back us in prayer on Friday nights whilst we patrol the streets. We are requesting continuous prayer for the following points:-

- More Street Pastor volunteers for Acton, and Ealing and that our new applicants will sign up for training and the prayer pastors team
- Continued support from the local churches in the form of prayer pastors, volunteers to help in other areas and regular funding
- The residents of the Borough of Ealing and the overall safety and peace on the Streets of Ealing.
- Continued funding for Ascension Trust our Governing Body
- Funding for Ealing Street Pastors

We are seeking funding support for Ealing Street Pastors on a regular basis. This can be done in any of the following ways:

- Gift from Benevolent Church Funds
- One-off Monthly Collection during Sunday Service
- Fundraising events on behalf of Ealing Street Pastors

Please write cheques to 'Ascension Trust'. You must indicate by cover letter that your financial donation is for Ealing Street Pastors. Address all donations to: Ascension Trust, P.O. Box 3916, London, SE19 1QE.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the churches/organisations in Ealing whom we have met and all the Pastors/Ministers who have allowed our team to present the vision of Street Pastors to your congregations. Our next training dates start on Saturday 6th March 2010. We look forward to having a great number of new Street Pastors.

Please help us to spread the word on Street Pastors by displaying this newsletter on your notice boards.

May God bless you and keep you, may he cause his face to shine upon you, and grant you his wonderful peace

Every Blessing
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The Management Committee and all Ealing Street/Prayer Pastors and other Volunteers wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a Blessed New Year

The Players

Seventeen of us enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Harvester in Hanwell on December the 9th. Our President Jen Smith joined us, and an award was made to Ken Shallis to mark his retirement from 'active service' although the Chairman expressed her hope, in her speech, that Ken would not disappear completely from the SCENE and perhaps STAGE a comeback (geddit?). A very happy Christmas to all our members and supporters.



Shy retiring Ken Shallis and part of the award given to him on a momentous evening



Once the evening was declared a success, Helen applied herself to the toffee fudge sauce and the ice cream.

Please don't forget

Please don't forget the Players' mammoth sale on Saturday Feb 13th at which you may find something for which you've searched for years. Donations are already coming in so make a resolution to have a "good turn out" please. We need to raise funds for our Spring Production of "Waiting in the Wings" in April. Please contact me if things need to be collected.

Thanks- Helen

P.S Anything saleable will be welcome, books, bric-a-brac, good clothes, kitchenware, even small items of furniture (no bigger than my car boot please!)

News

A real-world Christmas by David Gamble

24 Dec 2009

Many of our most cherished Christmas memories do not seem to have much to do with the Christmas story itself. They are not about the carols or the Christmas Day sermon, but about things – happy and sad - that were going on in our lives and the world at the time. Who will ever forget Christmas 2004, when, in the middle of the season of goodwill, the tsunami struck? But that is part of the paradox of this time of the year. On the one hand is the Christmas story, which we like hearing again and again. On the other hand we have the real world; things going on for us, our neighbours and friends; things on the news, new cookers not turning up, people in prison, people being born too soon, people being ill, or dying. The real world.

But that is the whole point. Christmas is actually much more about the real world than it is about a lovely story of far off places in far off times. It is about a young unmarried mother. And our country has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in the European Union. It is about a homeless couple and their young child out in the cold. Look on the streets of our cities. Think of the television pictures of refugees.

It is also about shepherds, who did not go to church and were not all that respectable, being there to witness how God was doing something new - while the churchgoers and the religious leaders were not there. It is about wise men looking for a new king and finding him not in a palace, but behind a pub. It is about Mary and Joseph having to escape with their baby, as sanctuary seekers. Who is to say they would not have been desperate enough to hide themselves in the back of a lorry coming through the channel tunnel in their attempt to save their precious son? And what kind of a welcome would they have received here, in 21st Century Britain? And for those who did not escape, it is about innocent children being brutally killed. You do not get much more real than that! And for Bethlehem in 2009 you could also read Baghdad or Afghanistan.

Christmas is about the real world – as we know it. And it is in that real world – at times very cruel, painful and dangerous – that God acts. Not in heaven. Not even in the temple. But right in the middle of human life at its toughest. People being born, people dying, people on the run, people with nowhere to go, people for whom there is no room.

Remember the meaning of the name Immanuel in Isaiah's prophecy? God is with us. That is the central part of the Christmas message. God is with us. And behind and within the lovely Christmas story, is the truth of God with us in our world and in our lives. In good parts and bad, joys and pains, hopes and fears.

Remember, too, that some people will not be able to suspend normal life for a few days over Christmas. If you are literally starving; if you are a refugee or a sanctuary seeker; if you are a child being abused in your own home, worried sick that your dad is going to be around more over the next few days – you cannot suspend normal life, however much you would like to.

If the gospel is really the good news it claims to be, (and I believe it is) then it has to be good news for the hungry, the hurting, the oppressed, the abused. Good news. God is with us.

(c) **David Gamble** is President of the Methodist Conference. This is an excerpt from his Christmas message 2009

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A fear of the unknown keeps a lot of people from leaving bad situations.

Kathie Lee Gifford

Collection Point Collection Point

The January collection is for the Leprosy Mission

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The Leprosy Mission is motivated by belief in God's concern for the poor. Their work is an integral part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They offer their services to all who need them, regardless of race or creed.

THE LEPROSY MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to minister in the name of Jesus Christ to the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of individuals and communities disadvantaged by leprosy; working with them to uphold human dignity and eradicate leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission is a leading Christian development organisation, founded in 1874 by Wellesley Bailey. The Mission works with leprosy-affected communities in around 30 countries. This work includes medical detection and treatment, education, development, rehabilitation, rights awareness, housing, advocacy and social justice. Leprosy is most prevalent in poor communities. It is easily curable with multidrug therapy, a combination of antibiotics taken for six to 12 months. Sadly, because of continuing stigma, many people still hesitate to seek help when symptoms first occur. A large part of The Leprosy Mission's work involves community health care and education to combat this. Leprosy is a human rights issue, so our work also goes beyond medical support.

The Leprosy Mission's international family is made up of 28 implementing and supporting national councils. We employ more than 2,000 national and international field staff, partnering with other non-government organisations, churches and government agencies. Our work in the field is regarded very highly in the countries where we operate. We are reliant on contributions and prayer support from individuals, churches, trusts, legacies and government agencies to continue our work.

ABOUT LEPROSY

Leprosy is a disease of our time - a disease of poverty caused by a bacillus *Mycobacterium Leprae* (a distant relative of the TB bacillus). Most people are naturally immune but over 90% of people affected by leprosy live in developing countries where resources are scarce. Life expectancy can be reduced by 50%, mainly due to economic hardship. Leprosy is not highly infectious, but is probably spread by airborne droplet infection. Symptoms can take up to 20 years to show.



Leprosy starts by damaging the smaller nerves that control feeling on the skin's surface. The first outward sign of leprosy is loss of feeling in patches on the skin. If treated during these early stages there will be no further damage. If left untreated, leprosy damages peripheral nerves (the cooler places) in the hands, feet and face. The resulting anaesthesia leads to tissue and nerve damage causing shortened digits, clawing of fingers and drop foot. Ulcers can also develop. Loss of sensation in hands, feet and eyes means that everyday activities are fraught with danger - burns go unrecognised, wounds untended, stones in shoes and grit in the eyes go unnoticed. Leprosy

can damage the eye nerves so that the eyelid muscles stop working. If this happens the person will not be able to close their eye, even if they try. Our eyelids normally make the eyes blink regularly to keep them moist and clean. Without this natural cleaning and protection a person can eventually become blind. Leprosy can damage the bones of the nose. In time this causes the nose to collapse and flatten.

Medical and lifestyle interventions are essential to prevent disability and blindness. Millions of people have visible deformities and approximately 30% of people affected by leprosy have irreversible disabilities. Work is still being carried out to develop a preventative vaccine for leprosy.

How we help - The good news is that leprosy is curable with multidrug therapy (MDT)

This is a combination of dapsone, clofazimine and rifampicin. It kills the leprosy bacteria, therefore early diagnosis prevents irreversible disability and associated stigma. Leprosy is more than a medical condition so specialist care is required to cure reactions and ulcers; provide eye and reconstructive surgery; and rehabilitation.

Although official detection rates for leprosy are declining (over half a million new patients diagnosed and registered for treatment every year¹). Many people often do not seek treatment for fear of social exclusion, so the actual number of new cases is probably much higher. The Leprosy Mission therefore considers it vital that our focus remains on leprosy. Our goal is to eradicate the causes and consequences of this disease. We are committed to helping implement health education programmes, prevent disability and train patients to look after themselves.



We allocate growing resources to community-based approaches to leprosy and physical disability. We support families and communities affected by leprosy through facilitating self-help groups and providing education (such as Catch Them Young, aimed at keeping children in school) and vocational training. Micro-credit and low-cost housing also help families and communities make a way out of poverty. Physiotherapy is the key to rehabilitation.

Sources 1. World Health Organisation (WHO)

World Leprosy Day 2010 Sunday 31 January

In 2010 The Leprosy Mission is focusing on Nepal to celebrate World Leprosy Day. At Anandaban hospital, patients not only receive medical care, but staff also help them begin the slow process of emotional healing and release. The hospital's projects include medical treatment and surgery, counselling, education support, housing support and small business loans.

World Leprosy Day is a wonderful opportunity to join with people around the world in praying for those affected by leprosy and those working to eliminate the causes and consequences of the disease.

Please start the year on a good note and donate generously to the Leprosy Mission
Thank you

January Rotas

January		Preacher	Reader	Prayers	Communion Stewards	Coffee Duty *
3 rd	11.00 am	Rev Jen Smith	Robina Thexton	Bill Lovell	HS-P,CDuP,SS,PC	Valerie and <u>Marion</u>
	6.30 pm					
10 th	11.00 am	Rev S.McBratney	Tina Berry	Jane Horwich		<u>Colin and Merle</u>
	6.30 pm					
17 th	11.00 am	Rev Judith Stephenson	Yvonne Moyo	Peter Chadburn		<u>Charles and Patsy</u>
	6.30 pm					
24 th	5.00 pm	Rev Jen Smith	Marian Martin	Martin Sarbicki		<u>Susanne and Rachel</u>
	10.00 am					
31 st	11.00 am	Rev Jen Smith	Boni Moyo	Jonathan Morris		<u>Joan and Louise</u>
	6.30 pm					

*Note: Could we please have some volunteers for the Coffee Rota. All help is welcome - and it would be nice to see other faces behind the counter (no offence to those who already volunteer). Please could the underlined person bring milk.

Bible Readers for:

February		March	
7 th	Charles Kenny	7 th	Ken Shallis
14 th	Hazel Humphries	14 th	Janette Pender
21 st	Ron Honor	21 st	Shirley Shallis
28 th	Fleur Hatherall	28 th	Ramesh Khanna

If any of the above dates is inconvenient, please arrange for a substitute.

You can get through life with bad manners, but it's easier with good manners.

Lillian Gish