***If you are waiting for something, spend time with God this morning, ask Him to help you trust Him while you wait for your breakthrough…… He is certainly at work in you for His purpose.***

**28th August - Psalm 25:14 God knows and sees**

Nobody else may see the things you do or see, but God does, He sees them all. Every time you pray, God sees it. Every time you do an act of kindness, God sees it and plans a reward for you (Matthew 6:1-6).

***Spend today serving the Lord in all you do – do it for Him! You may say “I’m only watching Songs of Praise & cooking dinner…”, but do it for God. Spend every minute today serving God. Maybe ring someone you know is lonely, worried or not well and tell God you are doing it for Him. When you go to bed, look back and thank God for all that you enjoyed with Him.***

**A Great Bonus**

One of the bonuses of being a Christian is the great hope that extends beyond the grave into the glory of God’s tomorrow.

A little girl was running towards the cemetery as the darkness of evening began to fall. She passed a friend who asked her if she was afraid to go through the graveyard at night. “Oh no”, she said. “I’m not afraid. My home is just on the other side”.

The resurrection of Christ changed the midnight of bereavement into a sunrise of reunion; it changed the midnight of fear into a sunrise of peace.

Today, faith and confidence in the resurrected Christ can change your fear to hope, and disappointment to joy.

***Taken from Day to Day with Billy Graham***

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**Dear Friends,**

The other Sunday evening, several of us travelled over to Worthing for a Farewell Service for Rev Ian Suttie and Rev Bob Sneddon. I am sad that many missed it for whatever reasons.  
We rarely have the opportunity as Methodists to enjoy worship and fellowship with other Methodists.  I estimate there must have been over 200 good Methodists and we all experienced an uplifting inspirational service. So different from the much smaller numbers we worry about every week.

God created us to mix together so that we rely upon one another for our better lives. This service was a wonderful opportunity to realise that I was not a lonely old Methodist but that I was one of at least 200, all of whom were friendly, supportive and pleased to see me.

Obversely, if you take responsibility to provide any kind of church activity you will know how you feel when only a handful come to share and support you. To get the best out of our church we do need to take responsibility for ourselves and prepare to travel to join and support others. Then others will support you.  Hope to see you at the next big service.

**Peace, Tony Brazier**

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| **AUGUST DIARY DATES** | | | |
| Day | Date | Time | Event |
| Sunday | 7th | 12.00 onwards  ALL ARE WELCOME | Bring & Share Lunch with a talk about Ghana, following Anita’s recent trip. Please see Janet for details. |
| Thursday | 25th | 3.00-5.00pm | Social Tea to celebrate Anita being in Bognor for 50 years. All are welcome! *Please get free ticket from Anita.* |

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| **Please note, our weekly Fellowship Groups, Whist Club & Quiz afternooons will all stop at the end of July until the first week of September, as we all have a summer break.** |

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| **BRMC WORSHIP IN AUGUST** | | |
| **DATE** | **PREACHER** | **10.30am** |
| 7th | Rev Dan Balsdon | Holy Communion |
| 14th | Mrs Lynne James | Morning Worship |
| 21st | Mr Malcolm Lindo | Morning Worship |
| 28th | Rev Tony Brazier | Morning Worship |

***A concert of*** ***Music & Dialogue*** will be held in our church on **Saturday 17th September,** with light refreshments. Donations for our church funds will be very gratefully received. If you wish to perform or assist in any way please contact Janet Tapping on 01243 824414 ***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**7th August - Reading - Phil 4:8 Decide to be positive**

Do you know a negative person, or maybe you feel a bit negative yourself at the moment….who doesn’t after watching the news?! It’s very hard to enjoy life when your outlook is negative. But viewing every new day with positive expectation is key to Godly happiness. We act on what we believe, so a positive life begins with positive thoughts, and that’s easier to do when we read our bibles and meditate on God’s word.

***Take a few minutes today to sit quietly with God, read the passage from Philippians and think about all the good and positive things God has done for you in your lifetime….and then thank Him for all He has planned for you in the future!***

**14th August - Reading – Romans 13:11**

Scripture tells us that Jesus had a habit of going up the mountain to spend time with God. Luke 22:39 says **39 ‘**Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.’ Jesus formed a habit of talking to God every morning. It has been said that if you do something everyday for 30 days it becomes a habit!

***If this speaks to you, spend a few minutes this morning asking God to help you form the habit of speaking to Him every day.***

**21st August - Reading – 2 Peter:3-8 In His Time**

Are you waiting on God for something at the moment? He is never late & never early, but His timing is always perfect. He is often God of the midnight hour, bringing His answer at the last minute, ensuring we don’t take back the control. We have to learn to wait on God and set aside our own timetable.

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