

# BRMC NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

### **\*\*NEVER GIVE UP PRAYING\*\***

I am so blessed to live 2 minutes from the seafront, and I love it. It's my go to place to be with Jesus. Whatever time of year, I love to walk along the prom and praise him and pray. As I look out to sea, even with the traffic behind me and people chatting, it's a place I can always find real peace to converse with Jesus. One conversation we have repeatedly is about one of my sons. I have prayed for him since before he was born and he loved Jesus until he was about 14 or 15 then he went as far away from Him as possible. I have never stopped asking our faithful Lord to draw him back.

My son is now 34 and 2 years ago he visited Bali, where he had "what I can only describe as a vision" - my son's words. I immediately felt it was from God, but he was reluctant to accept that, preferring to say he'd connected with Mother Nature, but he is beginning to realise God is at work! The vision was a huge tree coming towards him and teaching him that energy (good or bad) is transferable between all living things, not just humankind, but trees, plants & animals too. The tree went on to say that nature naturally absorbs humanity's energy output, which is increasingly one of anger & greed and not love, but that music can bring great healing. The result of this is that my son, a music producer, now works with plants to produce music. Plants & trees, living things, produce a vibration that matches that of a human when s/he is showing unconditional love. When tiny electrodes are placed on a plant's leaf or petal, it produces music which can be played through a sound system.

Plants also make a more beautiful sound if you tell them you love them, and they stop or make a terrible noise if you say you hate them! These are God's beautiful creation. When the plants produce their music, a connection is made between them and the people around, and the connected vibrations are raised, which in turn produces a higher level of love. This project is called Natural Symphony and my son was invited to play his plants this year at many venues, including The Royal Chelsea Flower Show, Glastonbury and the Barbican. God is doing great things in him and my son talks about the need for love and healing in the world through nature and music. He is passionate about his work and is a young man full of love and the need to spread it. He now allows me to say "you know this is God's works, don't you?" and he smiles and half nods.....we're getting there. I'll keep praying and I hope this testimony inspires you to never give up praying for your loved ones. God is using my son in an amazing way. **Debbie Dean.**

**ADVENT CONCERT – SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER:2.00pm**

An Advent concert in the church. Light refreshments, no ticket required - donations for church funds welcome. Contributors to programme please see Janet Tapping or John Wren.

**NOVEMBER DIARY DATES**

Day	Date	Event	Time
7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Whist Club	2.00-4.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Wednesday Fellowship	10.00-12.00 noon
See Tony B	Wed	Wesley Group	7.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Thursday Fellowship	2.30-4.30pm
Every Fri	Fri	Well-Come Point	10.00-12.00 noon

**BRMC WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**

DATE	PREACHER	10.30am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Shelagh Morgan	Morning Worship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Dan Balsdon	HC/Remembrance
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mr John Carr	Morning Worship
27 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Tony Brazier	Morning Worship : Advent 1

## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

### **6<sup>th</sup> November - ....for he Lord your God goes with you....Deut 31:6**

A family were on the beach enjoying the sunshine, mum & dad watching their daughter play. As the evening came, the parents moved a short distance from their daughter to sit on a bench to watch the sunset, still with a clear view of their daughter. As the last of the amazing pinks & oranges disappeared, their daughter realised her parents were further away & cried out in fear. Safe in dad's arms again she said "I thought you'd left me!" Dad replied "I'm here & I'd never leave you." Whatever we're doing, when we call out to God He will reply "I'm here & I'd never leave you." Faithful God, thank you for your faithfulness. ***Faithful God, I pray that I will never wander away from you. Amen.***

### **13<sup>th</sup> November – Walk in love : Eph 5:2**

The Greeks used 4 words for love: **Storge** (affection), **Eros** (sexual attraction), **Philia** (friendship) & **Agape** (unconditional, sacrificial love). When the bible talks about God's love for us & the love we should have for him and others, the word used is always Agape. It's difficult to love people we don't like (but not impossible!), and God will sometimes bring hard-to-love people into our lives. There are people who are difficult to get along with, people who don't like us, people who are argumentative and so on. But Jesus never demanded we have a tender fondness for everyone. He didn't feel fondness for the Pharisees! We don't have to *like* everyone – phew! – but we *must* love them. The bible tells us how to 'walk in love'. Like physical walking this unconditional love takes effort and practice, every day.

***Loving God, please help me to love those I find it hard to like. Amen.***

Dear readers, You'll remember that last month, I said that I would be giving up producing this Newsletter after the December/January edition. To date, nobody has come forward to talk to me about taking on the role of Editor. If you think you might know someone suitable, please ask them if they're interested.

**All God's blessings, Debbie Dean.**

**20<sup>th</sup> November – God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen & obey : James 1:25**

We let so much rule us: our impulses, our thoughts, the opinion of others! If only we could let God's word direct us! The bible doesn't just offer us useful insights and interesting offers of advice, it's full of God's truths. Jesus said: "therefore, whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matt 7:24. This builder's foundations withstood life's storms. Jesus also said "Everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does not do them is foolish and the storms of life will sweep them away." Matt 7:26-27. Jesus didn't condemn this builder because he failed to believe Jesus' words, he condemned him for *failing to act on them*. Let's not fool ourselves by just listening to Jesus' words, we must obey them and he will bless us in everything we do. What a thought!

***God of truth, help us to listen & obey in everything we do. Amen.***

**27<sup>th</sup> November – Make me strong as you have promised :**

**Psalm 119:28**

Are you weary, worried about the future, or even hanging on by a thread? **Prayer changes things.** When we use scripture as a starting point for our prayers, powerful things happen. When we pray God's word, our faith increases, our minds are renewed, we begin to see God's perfect will, we walk in the truth, we mature spiritually, we grow closer to God and his ways eventually become our ways. Let's start praying the scriptures:

**Psalm 119 :**

v18 Open my eyes that I may see.....

V26-27 Teach me your demands.....

V28 Make me strong.....

V97-98 How I love your teachings.....

V115-116 Away from me, you evildoers.....

V144 Help me understand so I can live.....

***Ever present Father, help us to pray your words of truth. Amen.***