



# GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH



*July 2017*

## *From a distance*

Driving home the other night I was listening to a CD. One of the tracks that came on was "***From a distance.***"

The words of the song struck a chord. Thinking about it, looking at the earth from a distance, or from outer space, the world looks so peaceful. All the people of the world are living in harmony, there's no war, no fighting, no discord.

In the world we live in today, maybe what we need is a little distance, so that the peace and harmony wins..... or maybe not. Maybe what we need is to get up close and share the love of God to everyone meet. Maybe we need to not show anger for anger, an eye for an eye. Maybe when people see anger being returned with love, that there'll be a change in the hearts of men..

*Phil*

*Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:15**

From a distance the world looks blue and green  
And the snow-capped mountains white  
From a distance the ocean meets the stream  
And the eagle takes to flight  
From a distance there is harmony  
And it echoes through the land  
It's the voice of hope  
It's the voice of peace  
It's the voice of every man  
From a distance we all have enough  
And no one is in need  
And there are no guns, no bombs and no disease  
No hungry mouths to feed  
From a distance we are instruments  
Marching in a common band  
Playing songs of hope  
Playing songs of peace  
They are the songs of every man  
God is watching us  
God is watching us  
God is watching us from a distance  
From a distance you look like my friend  
Even though we are at war  
From a distance I just cannot comprehend  
What all this fighting's for  
From a distance there is harmony  
And it echoes through the land  
And it's the hope of hopes  
It's the love of loves  
It's the heart of every man  
It's the hope of hopes  
It's the love of loves  
This is the song for every man  
God is watching us  
God is watching us  
God is watching us from a distance

*Julie Gold*

# News



Gastrick Concert Band. Is that spelt right? I hear you saying – the answer is yes. We have been invited to join in a fun afternoon at Herringthorpe URC to be entertained by the band from Doncaster while enjoying a Strawberry Tea. It will cost £7.50, entrance by ticket only, to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm-4.30pm and is being held to raise funds for their church charities. A group of us will be going and if anyone would like to join us then please let Phil know as soon as possible so that the tickets can be ordered.

As most of you may be aware, we hold monthly short services at Greasbrough and Cherry Trees Nursing Homes which are led by Rev Simon. These are proving to be very rewarding for those of us who help at these services. The feedback from the residents and the staff at the homes are very encouraging. The attendances at the services are increasing and family and friends of the residents are also starting to come along. If you feel that you would like to come along and join us and lend a hand, then they are held on the third Thursday monthly.

It is that time of year again, when we appeal for Missionary monies to help pay for the schooling of our sponsored child Andrea in Jerusalem. If you feel that you can help in this very worthwhile project, then would you kindly let Martyn have your donations.

*Jean*



## Prayer this month

We ask that you pray for:

- all affected by the fire in London;
- spiritual awakening in Greasbrough and the surrounding area.



# WORDSEARCH



## Angels, God's helpers

Find these words in the grid above. The words may be in any direction – forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonal. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters to form a mystery answer.

**Answer:**    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Archangel    | Gabriel     | Jacob        | Peter      |
| Burning ones | Guardian    | John         | Powerful   |
| Cherubs      | Guidance    | Joshua       | Proclaimed |
| Cornelius    | Holy angels | Mary         | Protection |
| Daniel       | Holy ones   | Messengers   | Seraphim   |
| Deliverance  | Innumerable | Miracle      | Spirit     |
| Destruction  | Invisible   | Morning star | Zechariah  |
| Fighters     | Isaiah      | Paul         |            |

## Somehow Things Come Right

A mountain loomed before me  
Too steep for me to scale  
And suddenly I saw it:  
That pathway through the vale  
Where cliffs of rock rose steeply  
To block the forward view  
But somehow I got through  
A problem like a mountain  
I saw confronting me  
A trouble overwhelming  
No hope there seemed to be  
Of finding a solution.  
But someone must have prayed  
For help to me was given.  
The right decision made.  
It seems that unseen for us  
Are rushed to meet our need  
God sends a guardian angel  
To strengthen and to lead  
When stricken in the darkness  
And lost without a light  
I know not how it happens  
But somehow things come right.

*Patience Strong*



**'There's a leak' said the angel.**

**'It's a tear.'**

**'What's it for?'**

**'It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride.'**

**'You are a genius' said the angel.**

**The Lord looked sombre. 'I didn't put it there.'**

## All Men and All Girls

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, *“And all girls.”* This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.



My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, *“Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?”*

Her response, *“Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying ‘All Men!’”*

### Sunday Services

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

#### Preachers

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Tim Hewson
9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Rev Brenda Hill
16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Peter Drabble
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Rev Simon Copley
30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Alan Taylor
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Rev Barbara Savage

### Friendship Group

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

#### Speakers

5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Rev Jenny Park
12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Rev Simon Copley
19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Open meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Val Ede
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Open meeting

### What's on

**Nursing home services –**  
20<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.00pm

**Gastric Band Concert at  
Herringthorpe URC –**  
29<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.00pm

### Bible study and prayer group

These are held at 34 Green Street on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am and are a valuable time of learning and sharing God's Word. It is a very relaxed gathering and all are welcome.

### Contact us

If you would like to know anything about the church please contact:

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## Who's who: Jacob DeShazer

Jacob 'Jake' DeShazer was born on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1912 in West Stayton, Oregon. His family attended the local Free Methodist church, but while at high school he slowly drifted from his Christian faith. He graduated from High School in 1931 and enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1940.



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1941, while peeling potatoes, Jake heard news of the attack on Pearl Harbor over the radio. He became enraged, shouting: *"The Japs are going to have to pay for this!"* Following the attack, he volunteered to join a special unit to attack Japan, the 'Doolittle Raid.' The raid took place on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1942; 16 bombers took off from an aircraft carrier, bombed military targets in Japan, and then crashed in China. Eight airmen were captured by the Japanese Army, including Jake.

He later recalled, *"...my heart was filled with bitter hatred for the people of that nation. When our plane ran out of petrol and the members of the crew of my plane had to parachute down into enemy-held territory and were captured by the enemy, the bitterness of my heart against my captors seemed more than I could bear."*

He was held in a series of POW camps for 40 months; mostly in solitary confinement. He was severely beaten and malnourished. Three of the crew were executed by a firing squad, and another died of slow starvation. At one point he was given a Bible and he avidly read page after page; the words in Romans 10:9 stood out: **"If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved."**

*"That very moment, God gave me grace to confess my sins to Him and He forgave me all my sins and saved me for Jesus' sake. ...when I looked at the enemy officers and guards who had starved and beaten my companions and me so cruelly, I found my bitter hatred for them changed to loving pity. ...I too prayed for God to forgive my torturers, and I determined by the aid of Christ to do my best to acquaint these people with the message of salvation..."*

Freedom came on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1945. Back in the US Jake enrolled at a Christian college and trained to be a missionary. He met Florence Matheny in spring 1946, and they married that August. In 1948, they moved to Japan, initially living in Nagoya, the city he bombed.

During 30 years as missionaries, the couple helped start 23 churches in cities throughout Japan. It is estimated that there were some 30,000 conversions during their first year in Japan. One of those converted to Christianity by Jake's testimony was Mitsuo Fuchida, the former Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor. After reading a tract that Jake had written, *'I Was a Prisoner of Japan,'* Mitsuo began to study the Bible. He became a Christian and spent the rest of his life as a missionary. Jake and Mitsuo met and became friends.

After 30 years of missionary service in Japan, Jake retired in 1977 and spent the last years of his life in Salem, Oregon. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008, at the age of 95.