



# GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH

## November 2018

### *In the hope of life...*

A few years ago we visited the National Trust site at Stourhead. It's a very picturesque walk through woods and gardens. At the end of the walk is the estate church. One of the inscriptions in the church stood out; it read:

***With the doom of death I entered  
this world;  
In the hope of life, I leave it.***

As an unusual church inscription it sort of stood out. It does, however, tell the Christian life well. We are all born into the world, live our lives and know that we will eventually die. However, for someone who believes and follows Christ it is not the end.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. It's particularly of note, as we commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1 during which about 18 million people, military and civilian, died.

Early on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1915, a young Canadian officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, left his position to check on his soldiers near Ypres. He had only gone a few yards when an artillery shell exploded near him, killing him instantly. He was 22. The brigade doctor, Major John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service. It is believed that later that evening he began wrote his now famous poem:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

**Phil**

# News

Psst!! don't tell anyone but Karen celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> October but unfortunately she was working that day but hopefully she enjoyed herself on passing this birthday milestone Ha! Ha!

I am pleased to report that Sheena has been able to secure work at the Cherry Trees Nursing Home which means it is a nice walk to work for her rather than having to get to Rawmarsh. This also means that she will see Ethel and Vera who now live there. Also on the work front, you will be pleased to hear that Martyn now has a permanent job within the Civil Service at Sheffield.

Now as you know we had the blessing of our 23 boxes for the Samaritan Purse Shoe Box Appeal on 28<sup>th</sup> October. This year we had donations of £138.25 towards the cost of sending them to their destinations and with Gift Aid another £67.50 was raised.

You will no doubt be as surprised as I was when Martyn gave me the following figures. Over the past 9

years, we have sent 200 boxes and donations of £880 but with Gift Aid that increased to £975.

I feel that is a truly remarkable effort by us all for such a small church. As was mentioned recently in the sermon by Martin Johnson about the little boy saving some of the stranded star fish on the beach, albeit our boxes might only be a drop in the ocean in the bigger picture of this Appeal and to children in need everywhere but they will make a DIFFERENCE to the children who receive them.

Also as you know, we also had a collection for the Tsunami Appeal for Indonesia and received £218 and the Harvest sale raised £129.50 and Gift Aided donations meant a further £52.50 all of which has been sent to Christian Aid.

Just a few reminders, the special church meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas is fast approaching, so time to get on your thinking caps for our Christmas Party activities and entertainment and please remember the Church Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November will be at the earlier time of 10.00am.

**Jean**

## The mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



# WORDSEARCH



## For Such a Time as This

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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| Ahasuerus   | Esther       | Generation | Mourning  | Seed      |
| Appointed   | Execution    | Hanged     | Multitude | Servants  |
| Brethren    | Fear         | Horse      | Obtained  | Slaughter |
| Chamberlain | Feast        | Husbands   | Peace     | Speedily  |
| Confirm     | Fifty cubits | Jew        | Provinces | Wine      |
| Destruction | Forbidden    | Language   | Queen     | Wise men  |
| Drinking    | Fourscore    | Mordecai   | Ring      |           |

## Potato Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

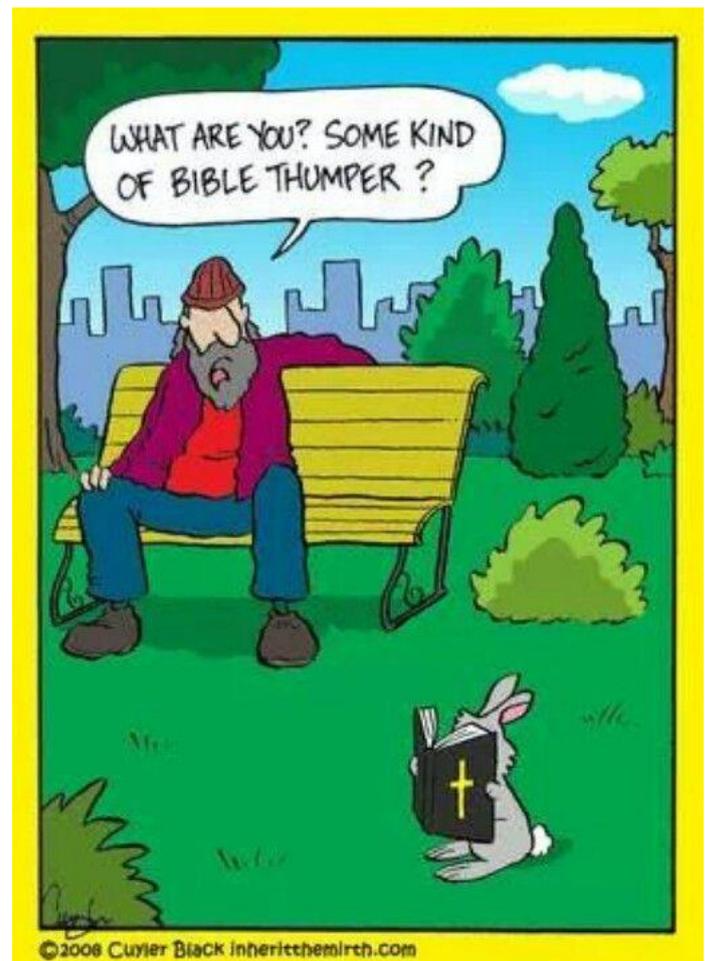
As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."



GOOD  
Here is the News...



**Remembrance, a gift that  
is given to all  
So many emotions, we go  
through the mill  
The blessings are mixed,  
no doubt about it  
But Jesus brings calm as  
he says, peace be still.**

### *Sunday Services*

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

#### *Preachers*

4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Peter Drabble
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Simon Copley
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dave Whitley
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Simon Copley

### *Friendship Group*

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

#### *Speakers*

7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Jenny Park
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	No Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Simon Copley

### *What's on*

#### **Social evening –**

5<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.30pm

#### **Nursing Home Service –**

15<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.00pm

#### **Special Church Meeting –**

15<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm

#### **Christmas Party –**

15<sup>th</sup> December @ 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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## *Meet the disciples: Andrew*

Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter and, as such, was the son of Jonah. According to tradition he was born in 6 BC in the village of Bethsaida, by the Sea of Galilee. Like his brother, he was a fisherman by trade.

The Gospel of John states that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him, and another unnamed disciple of John the Baptist, to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and quickly introduced him to his brother.

In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark Peter and Andrew were both called together to become disciples of Jesus and "fishers of men". These narratives record that Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, observed Simon and Andrew fishing, and called them to discipleship.

Subsequently, in the Gospels, Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus. Andrew told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes (John 6:8), and when Philip wanted to tell Jesus about certain Greeks seeking Him, he told Andrew first (John 12:20–22). Andrew was also one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives to ask about the signs of Jesus' return at the "end of the age".

Eusebius, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Bishop, in his Church History quoted Origen as saying that Andrew preached in Scythia. The Chronicle of Nestor adds that he preached along the Black Sea and the Dnieper river as far as Kiev, and from there he travelled to Novgorod. According to tradition, he founded the church of Byzantium in AD 38.

Andrew is said to have been martyred by crucifixion at the city of Patras in Achaea (modern day Greece). It is said he was crucified on an X-shaped cross, supposedly at his own request, as he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus had been.

