

GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH

June 2019

Thought for the day

Have you ever wondered what the Garden of Eden was really like? I'm sure you remember that Adam and Eve were wandering in the garden when God spoke to them. I guess we all have our own 'picture' of the 'garden.' It was most certainly quite a big area, otherwise they would have had difficulty hiding there. There is not much chance of me hiding in my garden for more than a few minutes.

I wonder why they felt they felt that they had to hide? The Bible tells us it was because they were naked. What was the problem with that, when they'd been happy until this

moment? Was it because God spoke to them and they hadn't had a previous indication that they were being watched.

Do you ever feel that you're in full view of God? Do you ever wonder if he's watching when you would sooner not be seen?

No doubt we all do things or maybe say things that we would rather no-one should see or hear.

Maybe that is a reminder that our Garden of Eden is in full view and hearing of God.

Pat

the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



News

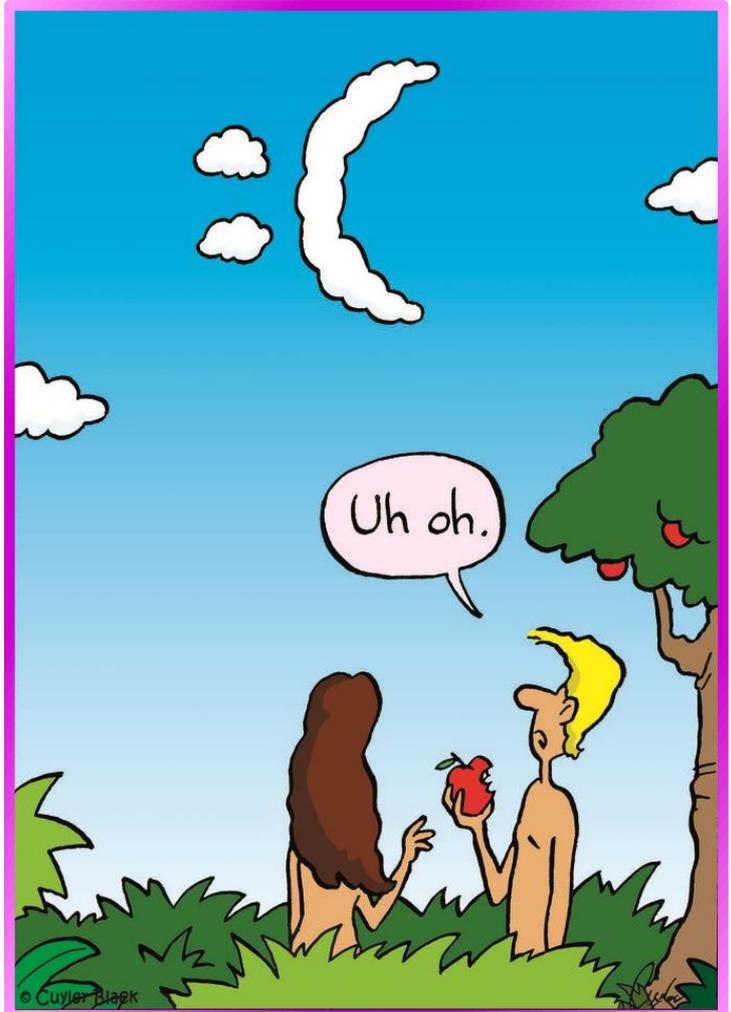
I am afraid to say that at the moment, we are no further forward regarding future ministerial cover for our church. The holdup appears to be with the hierarchy of both the Methodist and URC governances. I am sure that we are all finding this very frustrating and we pray that all problems will soon be resolved. In the meantime, it is most important that we continue to work together to further the Christian Witness in our locality with the help of Our Lord.

Last Sunday, was an opportunity for our church and others in the district to get together at the Praise service. However, it was disappointing that more people did not make the effort to come together. I think we all expected that the service would contain more Praise in the worship, but having said that the speaker had some good thoughts and it is up to ourselves how we receive any possible messages, whether it be from the speaker, a hymn or a prayer or just in conversation with folk from other churches during the faith tea beforehand.

Jean

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit
that all my thoughts may be holy;
Act in me, Holy Spirit,
that all I do may be holy;
Draw my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love that which is holy;
Give me strength, Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy;
Guide me then, Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.

Augustine of Hippo



WORDSEARCH



Daniel and the Lion's Den

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: _ _ _ _ _

Accused
Angel
Bones
Brought
Captivity
Cast
Cried
Daniel

Darius
Den of lions
Destroy
Dominion
Faithful
Fasting
Fear
God
Heaven

Kingdom
Laid
Lamentable
Languages
Mastery
Medes
Mouth
Nations

Night
Palace
Passed
Peace
Persians
Petition
Power
Prayed
Rescueth

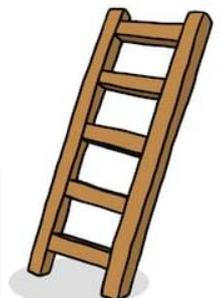
Spirit
Steadfast
Stone
The decree
Tremble
Wives
Wonders
Wrote

The Cost of Repair

The following story appeared in the Parish Magazine of St Mary the Virgin, South Elmsall, Yorkshire in 1949. The original source is unknown.

An artist, having undertaken the work of restoring the mural decoration in a church, sent his bill for £38-15-6d. However, the PCC requested a more detailed account, so he submitted the following:

	£	s	d
Correcting the Ten Commandments	5	10	0
Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet	1	0	0
Putting a new tail on rooster of St Peter and mending his comb	1	5	0
Re-pluming and re-gilding the wing of the Guardian Angel	7	15	0
Washing the Servant of the High Priest and putting ermine on his cheeks		10	0
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and thoroughly cleaning the Moon	3	5	0
Re-animating the flames of Purgatory and restoring souls	1	7	6
Reviving the flames of Hell, putting new tail on the Devil, mending his left hoof and doing several odd job for the damned	4	16	6
Putting new spotted dashes on the Son of Tobias and dressing on his sack	5	6	0
Cleaning the ears of Balaam's ass and shodding him		14	0
Putting earrings in the ears of Sarah	1	6	0
Putting new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliath and extending his legs	2	5	0
Decorating Noah's Ark	3	0	0
Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son and cleaning his nose		15	6
	38	15	6



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Prayer this month

Please pray for:

- **the leadership of our country;**
- **the leadership of our church.**

Sunday Services

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

Preachers

2 nd Jun	Judith Harrison
9 th Jun	Peter Drabble
16 th Jun	Barrie Thomas
23 rd Jun	Dave Whitley
30 th Jun	Roy Roddison
7 th Jul	Jean Kirk

Friendship Group

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

Speakers

5 th Jun	Rev Matt Stone
12 th Jun	Open meeting
19 th Jun	Open meeting
26 th Jun	Wayne Ashton
3 rd Jul	Open meeting



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

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Who's who: Caiaphas

Joseph ben Caiaphas was the Jewish high priest who, according to the Bible, organised a plot to kill Jesus and presided over his trial. According to the historian Josephus, Caiaphas was appointed in AD 18 by Valerius Gratus, the Roman prefect who preceded Pontius Pilate. Caiaphas was also the son-in-law of Annas, the previous high priest. Although not much is known about him, because of his long tenure as high priest it can be reasonably concluded that he must have had a good working relationship with the Roman authorities.

The Gospels present differing accounts about Caiaphas' role in the trial of Jesus. Caiaphas is not mentioned in Luke's or Mark's account. John indicates that the guards who arrested Jesus took him to the home of Annas for questioning. When Jesus did not answer to the satisfaction of those present, one of his accusers hit him in face for disrespecting Annas. Annas then sent him to Caiaphas.

In Matthew's version, Jesus was taken directly to Caiaphas and the 'whole Sanhedrin.' Witnesses were brought who testified that Jesus had prophesied against the Temple. Caiaphas then demanded to know from Jesus whether he claimed to be the Messiah. Caiaphas tore his garment and declared that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy. As the crime of blasphemy was a '*sin unto death*,' Caiaphas declared that Jesus was guilty of a capital offense. However, Caiaphas lacked the authority to impose the death sentence.

Jesus next appeared before Pilate. As with the Gospel of John, Caiaphas is not mentioned as being present, his accusers being identified as 'the chief priests and the elders.' The only other mention of Caiaphas by name in the New Testament occurs in Acts 4, where Peter and John are taken before Annas and Caiaphas after having healed a crippled man.

Caiaphas and Annas questioned the apostles' authority to perform such a miracle. When Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, answered that Jesus was the source of their power, Caiaphas and the other priests realised that the two men had no formal education yet spoke eloquently about the man they called their saviour. Caiaphas sent the apostles away, and agreed with the other priests that the word of the miracle had already been spread too much to attempt to refute, and instead the priests would need to warn the apostles not to spread the name of Jesus. However, when they gave Peter and John this command, the two refused, saying "*Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.*"

In December 36, Pilate's career in Judaea came to an end, when he was recalled to Rome. Shortly afterwards Caiaphas was removed by the new governor, Lucius Vitellius. He was succeeded by his brother-in-law Jonathan.