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IVINGHOE & PITSTONE CHAPEL (WRU) NEWSLETTER

Joy Has Dawned..

What a Saviour, what a Friend,
What a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of history.

Stuart Townend

For the past few weeks we have been studying the origins and symbolism of the Advent Wreath or Crown. It 's message, though not Christian in origin but re-worked to be Christian, reminds us:-

1. Christ should be at the centre of all we do
2. The outer candles remind us that if this is so, then the coming of Jesus at the end of Advent is God ' s gift of
HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE

to the world.

As we move into 2010, the New Year bringing the opportunities for new beginnings for each one of us personally and as a fellowship, may we also keep CHRIST at the centre of all things, demonstrate His LOVE to others that through us they might know His PEACE, His JOY and HOPE for the future.

' S trength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, and ten thousand besides.
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me. '

Blessings, Peace, Joy and Hope for 2010 - Pastor Dave and Sheridan

The hinge of history is to be found on the door of a Bethlehem stable .

J. John



Dates for Your Diary.

DECEMBER

27th—NO SERVICE

JANUARY

3rd—YARDLEY -COMMUNION

10—MILLENNIUM -3P.M.

17—YARDLEY—Paul Gumaselvan

24th, 31st—YARDLEY

FEBRUARY

7th, 28th—YARDLEY

14- MILLENNIUM 3P.M

21—YARDLEY—Tim and Tess

MARCH

7th—YARDLEY

14th—MILLENNIUM 3P.M

21st -YARDLEY—Ray Yarroll

28th - YARDLEY—PALM SUN.

£65 was raised at 'Sunday Lunch with the Coles' on the 13th December in aid of Mission Without Borders .

Well done. & Thanks to all!

APRIL

4th—EASTER DAY—YARDLEY

11—MILLENNIUM 3P.M.

18th—YARDLEY—Colin Groome

25th—YARDLEY

MAY

2nd, 23rd, 30th—YARDLEY

9th—MILLENNIUM 3P.M.

18th—YARDLEY—Rob Webb

JUNE

6th, 27th—YARDLEY

13th—YARDLEY—JOHN RIMES

20th—MILLENNIUM 3P.M.

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www.thechapelfellowship.org.uk



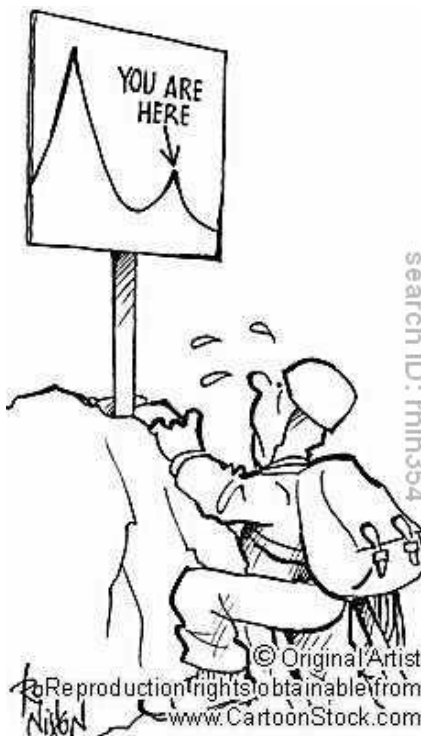
Well, we've been here a year! Hard to credit it, but we moved in on December 6th 2008 and here we are a year later.

For us it has been a mixture of excitement and challenge as we settled in a new area with a new role to play, joy at seeing our first grandchild and pleasure at getting to know people in the fellowship and villages. Of course there have been the low points too but life wouldn't be life without them. You can only appreciate the beauty of a piece of music when you contrast the rich harmonies with the grinding discords. Life is also like that. Peaks and valleys allow us to gain different viewpoints of situations and only when we have experienced both are we truly able to appreciate the majestic vistas from the heights and the limitations those same mountains provide when we are in the valleys.

Some of us will have seen the last year as a time of sorrow when the doors were closed on the chapel for the last time on September 6th 2009. A valley experience perhaps for some. But in order to scale the heights we have to take steps upward, we cannot reach them by continuing along the flat valley floor. Let us instead look at the closing of the chapel building as the first step upward towards the summit. Reaching it will take many such steps and the terrain may become uneven or sheer in its aspect, but to reach the top we need to step up.

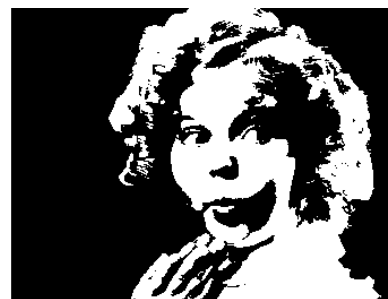
Since moving our Sunday services to Yardley and the Millennium we have been blessed by seeing new faces in our congregation. Some have become regular worshippers and some occasional as their circumstances allow. But we praise God for all of them as indicators that we are stepping in the right direction. We pray that God will manage the circumstances in their lives so that they all will be able to make a regular commitment to worship Him.

Sheridan and I have been delighted to be working with you and getting to know you this last year. We thank you for your friendship and encouragement and we pray that God will lead us together to the next level and we can see the mountains getting smaller and the vistas ever wider.



*THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CHRISTMAS --
THE REST ARE ANNIVERSARIES.*

W. J. CAMERON



*I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six.
Mother took me to see him in a department store and
he asked for my autograph.*

Shirley Temple

Oh look, yet another Christmas TV special! How touching to have the meaning of Christmas brought to us by cola, fast food, and beer... Who'd have ever guessed that product consumption, popular entertainment, and spirituality would mix so harmoniously?

Bill Watterson, Calvin & Hobbes

