

*A close up of the choir in full voice:*



### **Bible anagrams quiz**

1. HOG TAIL
2. HERE I JAM
3. HAZE HIKE
4. OH HI BEST HEMP
5. BOTH FLAT REJOICE
6. NO SOUTHERN MOMENT
7. I BOO OFF ELK
8. MAIN HE HE
9. CURE HOURLY GRIN
10. THWARTED MY SPLINT
11. LOG OF MONSOONS
12. SELECTS AS FOOTPATH
13. SOLD NO GRAPHITE
14. JOHNS GIFT WEEK

### **Sound system**

A problem at a recent event caused us to examine our ageing audio equipment and, thanks to the expertise of one of our new members, we now have a new and improved set up. The flexibility of modern wireless microphones is a particular benefit. The existing highly appreciated loop system for those worshippers with hearing difficulties did not need to be replaced.



## **Singing with feeling**

We ended the first half of the year with a visit from the Bristol Evangel Male Voice Praise choir. *See also photo on back page.*



### *In this issue:*

Another favourite hymn: A theme of thankfulness.  
Christians in court! See "From the Pastor's study".  
We've been on Twitter and Facebook a year. See "Tweet of the month".

# My favourite hymn

by David Beacham

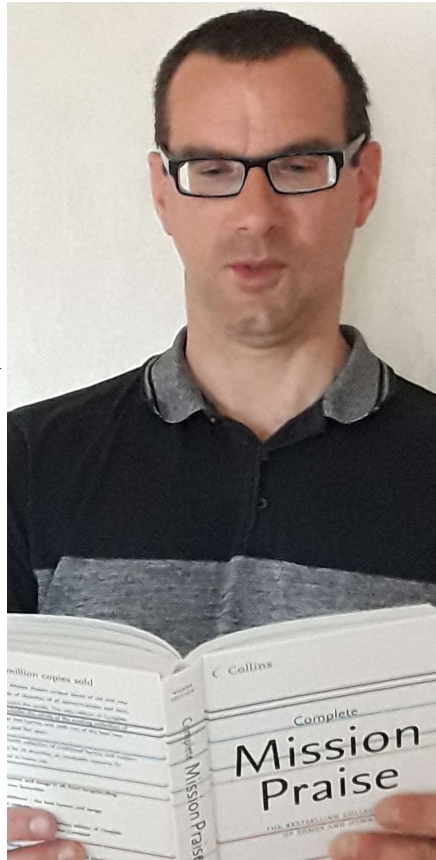
My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

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This is one of my favourite hymns - I have several. The words express my own thankfulness for what Jesus Christ has done for me on the Cross and what He continues to do for me. I know that through good and bad times I can trust Him and know that He "walks beside" me.



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## Prayer requests

Whatever your politics or view of Brexit, do please pray for the new **Prime Minister** - The Bible says we should do this, 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Continue to remember those who have been **bereaved**. Pray for children's **holiday clubs** and **beach missions**.

# Tweet of the month

**Langford Evangelical Church** @Langford\_Chapel July 7

So this might sound silly, but at this morning's service at our little church in Langford, North Somerset, England, I felt that Paul was speaking directly to our congregation. The message? This is no fairy tale. #Jesus was born, died, and was raised from the dead. #believeinHim

## From the Pastor's study

**Christians in court!** Now if that had been written in the first century or this newsletter was being published in some parts of the modern world it would not be surprising. Yet it has been happening in the United Kingdom and reveals the extent of the change that has taken place. If it was because of some crime they had committed then they would deserve no sympathy. What so many recent cases have been about is whether Christians should be able to live out their faith in public or must retreat into bunkers and keep quiet. It is strange indeed that the very groups that have complained loudly against discrimination are foremost in calling for action against those who are just practising their own beliefs. Now laws are being framed that make this difficult and policies are put in place that drive skilled doctors, magistrates, and teachers among others out of their jobs. So should believers be discouraged? No, because the Lord Jesus said His followers would be persecuted but He would still be with them. What may be a difficulty for some is at what point we decide that a law or regulation is so contrary to God's commands that we are justified in disobeying it. That cannot be done lightly. The whole issue is complicated when religious leaders themselves are guilty of compromise.

## For your diary

**August** is often a quiet month with some on holiday, though we sometimes have visitors who occupy the vacant seats. All our usual services continue and we have a new Sunday preacher, in the person of **Sam Gordon**, who is with us for both services

on the **11th August**. He has served the Lord throughout the U.K. and also abroad, especially in Israel and Africa. The monthly **Aroma** coffee morning is also still on. It's a five Saturday month, so don't miss it, **24th August**, *not* 31st!