

From a "Link" reader

This poem has been contributed by one of our readers. It was written some years ago and although it was created for a different reason, the sentiments seem very apt today during the pandemic.

Ordinariness

What is ordinary, everyday
Is really something most extraordinarily special
And ephemeral.
Even though you are aware of this
And in some vague way
Regard your ordinary everyday life
As a blessing
Even give thanks for it
Savour it
Absorb it
Even then you are not ready for the full
Assault on your mind and body
When this ordinariness ceases
Utterly ceases
But then life does become ordinary
And not at all special
What is ordinary?
Enjoy the little things
For one day you may look back
And realise they were the big things.



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Unchanging things

After all the excitement of the Platinum Jubilee last month, and our own successful "drop in" event at the Chapel, followed by the turbulent political happenings of this week, along with sad world events, is anything still the same? Well, yes . . .

Queen Elizabeth II still sits on the throne of the land.

God still sits on the throne of the Universe.

The Lord Jesus still offers eternal life to those who believe.

Langford Chapel is still open each Sunday to preach it!

Verse for the month

For we walk by faith and not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

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Out and about



Another in our occasional series showing local beauty spots. This time it is the entrance to Harptree Woods, just above the village of East Harptree. In the woods are some interesting relics of a bygone age. Some years ago this photo was used on a poster on our notice board, to which we added the Bible verse, “Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. John 14:6. We guess you can see why!

Prayer requests

Pray for a young man who has fled here because of **persecution**.
Pray for the end of war and aggression in **Ukraine**.
Ask God to help those struggling “**to make ends meet**.”
Pray that those recently **bereaved** may know God’s comfort.
Ask God to touch hearts to **return** to the Lord.
Pray that children may be **protected** from the tide of filth and lies that is being fed to them through the media and other means.

Mrs. C. Fish

We send our condolences to Tom and the family on the loss of Christine. Our dear friend was a “Founder member” of the *Aroma* coffee mornings, being among the 12 who came along in April 2008. Always cheerful, one of the earliest to arrive and her kindly ways endeared her to us all.

From the Pastor’s study

I have been greatly moved by the cards and messages I received during and since my stay in hospital. Thankful to those who have helped out with lifts as I am not able to drive at the present time. The news is slowly spreading that investigations made in the hospital revealed larger problems than my mystery “bug”. Now it has always been my aim to prefer to draw attention to my precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and not to me. Yet because some know that the prognosis is not good, while equally good friends do not, I feel it would be fair to be open with all. In doing so I ask for any success I have in coping with the illness, please give the glory to the Lord. What is it like for a Christian going through weakness? Well, it is the same as for someone who is not a Christian — with one important exception. We get the same bad days, the same unpleasant symptoms, the same prospect of things getting worse, the same questions. So what is the important exception? Is it just the prospect of being with Christ, which is far better, Philippians 1:23? That’s part of it. Yet there is a *present* blessing in knowing the Lord close beside, as He has been ever since I trusted Him.

For your diary

This month, with the new pattern of Bible preaching and teaching services at 11 a.m. and the informal fellowship at 6.30 p.m. we look forward to welcoming Jonathan Steeds among other preachers we know well.

Because it is another of those five-Saturday months don’t forget the *Aroma* coffee morning will still be on the *fourth* Saturday, the 23rd July, **not** the last one, the 30th. We look forward to seeing you there.