

Prayer.

The more I think about it the more I feel that there are more experts on prayer than on almost any other topic. Millions of Christians will have a dynamic of Christian prayer that seldom, if ever, sees the light of day. Such must be the overwhelming experience of Christians that know the power and presence of God. Tragically like many other things we are afraid to share our love for God, maybe because we think we are unworthy or that our experience will be ridiculed. It says a lot about the vision of Dave our Vicar who has chosen prayer for our winter session of house groups. Please do not feel intimidated by the groups as all the members share a common love of God that you are more than welcome to experience, so come on, meet with other Christians in sharing the wonder of prayer and love. There is still time.

In trying to understand the experience of prayer it may be a good exercise to make clear what prayer is not. This is only a short list and you will all be able to add your own 'notes'. Prayer is not asking God to do some miraculous magic, God is not a genie waiting for us to rub his lamp that he may come and grant our selfish wishes. Prayer does not make demand on God or bargain with Him to satisfy our selfish needs. God is the creator and can we really expect Him to take orders from us?

Prayer is for our benefit and not God's. As Jesus taught us by word and deed, like Him we function best when we are in a proper relationship with God. Prayer does not guarantee anything other than God's willing ear to listen to

our problems. Neither is prayer an opportunity to show off, God is not concerned with vaudeville, but with an honest and contrite heart.

So What is Prayer?

Prayer is foremost an intimate relationship with God that we can share with those we trust. It is also the knowledge that God is listening to us, he loves us and responds, though not always in the manner we may expect or desire. Prayer is both corporate and private and can contain confession, praise, adoration and more..... Our attitude to prayer is so vitally important and is offered not in any legalistic way, but humbly realising how important God is to every aspect of our life. I have only offered a small sample of what prayer is and isn't - I have left room for you to fill in the gaps.

Prayer is often summed up in sayings, most do nothing for me by I offer the following for your consideration.

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is a daily admission of ones weakness. It is better in Prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Mahatma Gandhi



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Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Rhodri James	357607
Sound System	David Wilson	720097

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Sundays and holy days

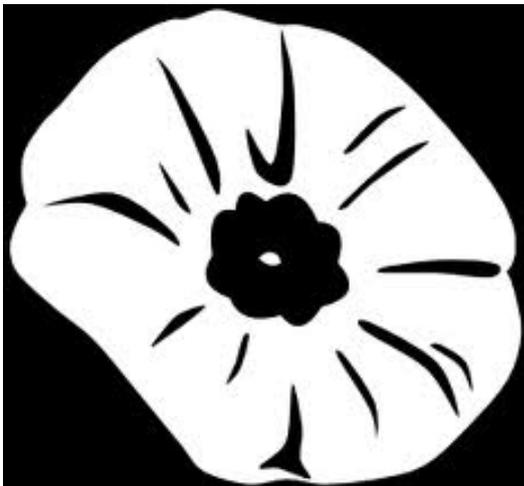
- 3 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE
ADVENT
1 Samuel 3: 1-21
John 10: 1-5
- 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Psalm 13
2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Mark 14: 32-41
- 17 SHOEBOX SUNDAY
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- 24 CHRIST THE KING
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

Wednesdays

- 6 Romans 13: 8-10
Luke 14: 25-33
- 13 Titus 3: 1-7
Luke 17: 11-19
- 20 Revelations 4
Luke 19: 11-28
- 27 Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Luke 21: 12-19

FIRST CALL

Sunday November 3 at 8pm in the Church



REGULAR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

- Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
- Mondays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer

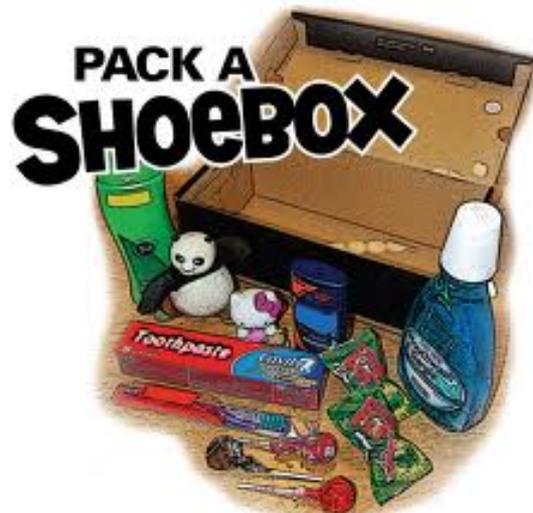
SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 17 is an All Age Parade service at 10am for Shoebox Sunday
Monday November 18 Prayer Spaces



EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 3 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.
Saturday November 23 Christmas Market



To the Parishioners of Church of the Good Shepherd,

My name is Adam Burnham, and I am an ordinand on attachment from Westcott House.

I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. I'm the oldest of three children, with a sister and a brother. My Dad is an electrical engineer, working for the Houston power company. My mom, who was a homemaker until we were all in high school, is a legal secretary.

I became a Christian at age 13 and began attending church on my own. At age 14, I felt the unmistakable call of God in my life to ministry — specifically, overseas. The process of discernment that followed continued through high school, and I moved to Japan after graduation.

Japan is a lovely country, and the people even lovelier! Over the year and a half that I spent there, I primarily served the church by teaching English classes, bible studies, and running children's clubs in the city.

Although I wanted to stay in Japan, it seemed wise to gain the benefit of formal theological education if I were to continue in long-term ministry. Therefore, I returned to America to study at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. At MBI, I received my Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies (with an emphasis in cross-cultural ministry).

During my undergraduate studies, I spent some time in England, working at a church in St Albans and studying (on exchange) at All Nations Christian College, Easneye. While here, I met a beautiful Canadian woman, named Ellen — we were married in London in 2007. After graduation, we moved to Calgary so that Ellen could begin her studies for a teaching degree. We have lived in Calgary for 5 years, and Ellen is now an English and French teacher in a junior high school.

It was in Canada that I found my spiritual home in the Anglican tradition. I was confirmed in 2009 and began the discernment process for ordination. Through the loving support of my vicar, Arthur, the parish of St. James, Calgary, and my bishop, Greg, I was made ordinand in the Anglican Church of Canada in March of this year.

This summary, more or less, brings me to the present! Because of my love for England, and a sense that God may be leading my wife and me to ministry in the Church of England, my bishop has encouraged me to train at Westcott House, and see how God uses this experience.

Therefore, it is my very great pleasure to be on attachment here at Church of the Good Shepherd. I know that God has brought us together for a reason, and we will both be made more like our Saviour, Jesus Christ, through our time together.

In Christ,

Adam H. Burnham

Shoebox Sunday November 19th

It won't be long now, so please support this really worthy appeal and help a deprived child to experience the magic of Christmas by filling a shoebox with small gifts for them. Last year, we sent 143 boxes overseas from the Good Shepherd which was a magnificent effort, but hopefully we will exceed that total this year.

If you've never made up a box before, it's really easy, but if you want, please ask me about what you can and can't put in.

Best wishes to all,
Ruby



From the Carter Family

We would like to express our grateful thanks to all our friends at *The Good Shepherd* for their prayers and support during Peter's illness. It was a comfort to us to see so many at Peter's funeral service. Special thanks to David for his help and guidance.

A song that I was taught in Sunday School has been proved very true:

*Trust in the Lord and don't despair.
He is a friend so true, alleluia.
No matter what your troubles are,
Jesus will see you through.*

God bless you all.
Love, Maureen and family



WHOLESOME MEALS AT LEAST
I've learned a lot from ghastly verse,
Whose thumping rhymes become a curse.

It rambles on in search of word
To make the chime. It's seldom terse.

And, what is worse, it fails to hold
Attention's hounds. They wander off
In hunt for hares. Or else they find
Their feet are weighed by sticky clay

As clichés act to stem the flow
Of theme and lose its scent in rough
Beyond the fields in which we'd play.

By seeing, hearing, why they fall
I'm led to scrutinise my scrawls
With critic's lens, I learn the way

To nail it down upon the page,
To ask of every phrase to prove
It's needed here and now. If not,
It's axed without a tear. To shun

The tawdry line is easy task.

To stir one's reader calls for more
Than craft. I'm on my own upon
The sea with baited hook, and wish

To seize my vision's fleeing tail,
Before I die to land a catch

That renders all my efforts worth
The hours of patient, lonely toil .

Meanwhile I crave you try my sprats.

If far from being feast I seek,
At least they make a wholesome meal:
Or so I feel and so I hope.

Henry Disney

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How men and women record things in their diaries...

WIFE'S DIARY:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, "Nothing..." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too."

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

HUSBAND'S DIARY:

A two-foot putt ... WHO misses a stupid two-foot putt!



Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem and they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song and they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

TRUE QUOTES ABOUT SCIENCE FROM KIDS

You can listen to thunder after lightening and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it, you got hit, so never mind.

When people run around and around in circles, we say they are crazy. When planets do it, we say they are orbiting.

While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifuging.

A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go.

Many dead animals of the past changed to fossils, others preferred to become oil.

We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.

I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.

Isotherms and isobars are even more important than their names sound.

It is so hot in some parts of the world that the people there have to live in other places.

H₂O is hot water, and CO₂ is cold water.

To collect fumes of sulfur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube. When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

Mushrooms always grow in damp places so they look like umbrellas.

The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to

The tides are a fight between the earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Germinate: To become a naturalized German.

Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.

Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky.

Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot.

Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.

To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.

For a nosebleed, put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops. For head cold use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.

IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O’Hanlon	235281
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	The Manager	884031
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	Steve Morrell	529670
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	D. Fisher	262282
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS’ CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL Please phone 352151 (evenings)