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Stronger Together!

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We have seen in the last few weeks the impact of disagreement in our national life with the emphatic vote against the Brexit withdrawal agreement and then the narrow victory by the Government to the no-confidence vote in the House of Commons. It is good that the Prime Minister is now seeking to build consensus across the parties but it seems there are many different views on how we should proceed and no clear majority for any course of action!

Working together, having a clear sense of purpose and direction and sharing the same aims and objectives are clearly key to making progress. As believers and followers of Christ the apostle Paul urged the church at Philippi

“Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ... that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel...”
(Philippians 1v27)

Clearly we also need to be doing the same.

At the last Men’s Fellowship we looked together at one of God’s little people — a man mentioned in Paul’s letters, not a major biblical character, who is a great example for us to appreciate and imitate. Epaphroditus is only mentioned in Philippians 2v25-30 and Philippians 4v14-20. So what five things do we know about him from what Paul wrote in Philippians 2v25?

(1) My brother

Epaphroditus in Greek means “devoted to Aphrodite” — the goddess of love (the Roman goddess Venus). His parents so named him and he is clearly from a pagan background given to worshipping other gods. Paul was formerly known as Saul of Tarsus — a Jew, a Pharisee, a lawyer and a Zealot who was full of learning and full of hatred of Christians. In God’s great grace Saul was converted following his meeting with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9v1-20). Epaphroditus was converted and

became a Christian at Philippi (although we are not told about it in Acts 16) and a valued member of the church there. These two men came from different backgrounds and yet Paul could call Epaphroditus “my brother”. The bonds which tie us together in Christ are so strong and differences in race, language, culture, colour, educational achievement and worldly success do not matter — we are all equal and one in Christ Jesus. The gospel unites us — people with different abilities, interests and personalities are brought together in serving the King of Kings.

(2) Fellow worker

Paul was under house arrest in Rome and restricted in his movement. Epaphroditus had come from Philippi with a significant financial gift for Paul and other things. He stayed with Paul and it is clear he was very helpful to him in terms of encouragement but also in helping and assisting with gospel work. Paul says in the letter “*I am full having received from Epaphroditus... a sweet-smelling aroma... well pleasing to God*” (4v18). In this regard Epaphroditus was like the Lord Jesus who “*has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet-smelling aroma*” (Ephesians 5v2).

It is clear Epaphroditus was a worker like Paul — working hard and conscientiously for the sake of the gospel. They were “co-labourers” and deeply appreciated and loved each other. Epaphroditus would do whatever was necessary big or small — nothing would have been too much trouble. There was no rank or hierarchy, no place for a Christian working alone — they worked together in harmony with good attitude and disposition, pulling together for a common purpose and with a similar mindset.

(3) Fellow soldier

These were difficult days to be a Christian. Nero was Emperor in Rome and was cruel, particularly persecuting Christians. Epaphroditus was not just a willing worker but was also a soldier — fighting for the cause of Christ, resisting temptation and an easy life and in the forefront of the battle. What he did in Rome would not be without risk — Paul was under house arrest and watched. Epaphroditus did not hold back but gave of

himself — so much so we are told that he came close to death (v27). He did not regard his own life. What mattered was the cause of the gospel. Paul certainly knew what it was to be a soldier and had endured many hardships and difficulties and he recognised in Epaphroditus a man who stood with him, shoulder to shoulder, in the fight of faith.

(4) Caring ministry

Epaphroditus ministered to Paul's need. This was not just financial, but practical and spiritual — working to encourage Paul who was not able to freely do what he wanted for Christ due to his house arrest. Paul had written earlier in his letter to the Philippians

“I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus”. (2v20&21).

The exceptions were Timothy and Epaphroditus. The care for others was also shown by Epaphroditus who loved the church at Philippi deeply and was distressed when he heard that they knew he had been sick and longed to be back with them to reassure them (v26). This is true Christ-like love when we look beyond ourselves and think on how we can help others in their situation in life. Epaphroditus was both brave and tender-hearted — rare attributes. No wonder Paul says we should hold such men in esteem (v29).

(5) Trusted messenger

Epaphroditus was the messenger sent by the church at Philippi to Paul with money and other things and was also the messenger that Paul sent back to Philippi with his letter to the church. He was a true representative of the church and the apostle — trusted by both to faithfully carry out the task given. In so doing the trust was that Epaphroditus would accurately convey messages between the two both in expression and attitude. It was not just what he reported back but how he did it in a God-loving and faithful way. This involved responsibility and trust on behalf of both the Philippian church and the apostle Paul, as Epaphroditus was acting as their representative.

May we learn from and imitate Epaphroditus — commended to us by Paul. May we be true brothers/sisters in Christ to each other, fellow workers, fellow soldiers, carers about each other and trusted messengers in mission and outreach. We are stronger together!

With love in Christ

*Martin Sellens
Elder*

Remembering Nancy

Nancy Fairburn passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on 18th December in Ashcroft House Care Home where she had spent the last few years of her life.

Glyn took the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday 2nd January and the notes from what he said are included below.

Nancy was born on 31st July 1930 in Doncaster and was evacuated during the war to Bishop Auckland and loved it up there. She later trained as a nursery nurse and worked at St Michael's, Headingley followed by Bennett Road School. Her skill with little ones was used throughout her life.

She met her husband Ron at a Communist Party social, interestingly, and subsequently they were married. The family home for 19 years was in Mavis Avenue, Cookridge beginning when Colin was 9 months old. Ron worked at accounts at the University and both enjoyed the long holidays. These were generally taken in a bright yellow Ford Cortina, which maybe reflected Ron's character. They went to Filey many times, Blue Dolphins holiday camp, but also further afield notably Czechoslovakia and the USSR.

Nancy and Ron had 4 children, Heather, Judith, Michael and Colin, of whom Judith has now passed away with cancer, and Heather and Michael



are in New Zealand. Nancy is described by Colin as reserved and sometimes depressed for which she received treatment. Nevertheless, she helped to set up and run a play group at Cookridge in the 1960s. She was brilliant at knitting and other handicrafts. She knitted thick jumpers and even made clothes for Action Men loved by Michael and Colin. She was very good much later with her grandchildren and used the time making collages, painting and drawing. Joe, Colin and Sandra's son, always went home with something they had made. She was a massive help and was particularly close to Joe.

Nancy started attending church sometime before December 2002, but it was certainly in that month that she became a member of Tinshill Free Church. She had had contact with a lady in the church and had been encouraged to come along. She attended regularly when well enough and was a really valued member. She offered her home as a place to hold our Ladies Prayer Group and made particular friends with Elizabeth Salisbury with whom she walked down to church from the Bedfords. I found Nancy ladylike, upright in manner and with some opinions!

There is an interesting little connection with when I was Chaplain at Asda (Holt Park). When making myself available to talk to anyone in the store a lady came to me and asked for advice on how to help a lady she knew who had terminal cancer. I gave advice and later I was told that the lady with cancer would like to talk to me. I visited and found she was none other than Nancy's daughter Judith O'Mahoney. Judith later came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and though very weak was baptised in her own back garden by my pouring water over her head. Most of the church were present in the garden to witness this moving event.

There was a lady in the Bible called Dorcas and we read that she was "full of good works and charitable deeds". She became sick and died. She was laid in a bedroom and the disciples of Jesus called for the Apostle Peter urgently. Peter came, various ladies were weeping there and this is what reminded me of Nancy. They were showing the clothes which Dorcas had made. Nancy too was good at handiwork. Peter asked the ladies to leave, then he knelt down and prayed and said to the deceased Dorcas "Dorcas,

get up”. It was a command greater than the power of death. She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and she got up. Where did Peter get that authority from to raise somebody from the dead? He got his power from Jesus Christ, who Himself had been raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven.

We think of death as being natural—we all die. But it’s only become natural to us. In the days of Adam and Eve, death did not exist. It only came when they disobeyed God by taking the forbidden fruit, and from then we have all disobeyed God, and thus we die. The Bible puts it *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life”*. Jesus said *“I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live”*.

The matter of Dorcas became widely known, and many believed on the Lord Jesus. They didn’t believe in Peter to follow him, they believed in Jesus and so must we. Nancy’s body is here, but her soul is in Heaven. She is there because she trusted in Jesus for the forgiveness of her sins. I do know that she would have wanted all her family to do the same.

Following the Thanksgiving Service, family and friends met in the lower extension room for refreshments. We shared memories of Nancy and extend to all her family and friends our sympathy and prayer for them at this time of loss.

Glyn Williams

A Magazine Story

Over the years we have been truly glad to report instances where the Lord has been pleased to use our church magazine in a variety of different ways to help and bless people, as well as its good spiritual teaching content building up believers.

Recently, talking to Margaret Green, we were going over how she came to be at Tinsill in the first place. In the mid 1980s Margaret was not settled at the church she was attending, she was hungry for the word of God and didn’t feel she was being spiritually fed. She began praying in earnest about which church to go to.

One morning she was in the local post office queue behind an almost blind elderly lady. The lady kept looking about anxiously and eventually Margaret asked her if she was worried about something, to which the lady replied that she had to get over to Beeston for a funeral service and she feared she would miss the bus. Margaret said she would take her home in the car as the bus stop was near the lady's home and she was sure she would catch the bus.

That lady was Jessie Walmsley, a member at Tinshill. Not knowing Margaret was a Christian looking for a church Jessie gave her a Tinshill Church Magazine along with her grateful thanks. At home, later that day, Margaret opened the magazine and read the Pastoral Letter and was thrilled — “so much spiritual food” — and she knew that Tinshill was the church she should join. She came along to Tinshill the following Sunday evening and saw Jessie sitting near the front — she joined her. The rest, as they say, is history.

A lift, a magazine, a pastoral letter, and the whole direction of Margaret's life and her service for the Lord changed. She “was fed well” from then on and had a very firm friend in Jessie until Jessie went to be with her Saviour in 1990. Margaret has served the Lord very faithfully at Tinshill over the years since that friendship was formed.

What can we see from this? We see the wonderful planning and direction of God in the detail of our lives, and that can lift our hearts to trust Him more with all things. We also see the heart of a dear lady who felt she couldn't “do” much but she gave a magazine — carried at the ready, and it was used of the Lord powerfully when an opportunity arose.

We have been deeply thankful to God for placing both of these ladies in this church family for their individual spheres and faithful service. And again, we thank God for the church magazine.

Margaret Williams

The Apple Tree

Some friends of ours recently visited a Carol Service at Kings College, Cambridge and on their return they showed us the programme. In it was the hymn which appears below, called The Apple Tree.

It speaks of “The Beloved” in Song of Solomon where he is likened in her sight to an apple tree under which she can take delight in the shade from the great heat of the Eastern day, and where his love to her is like the fresh, sweet taste of a freshly picked apple, full of refreshment and goodness.

“Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste”. (Song of Solomon 2 v 3). The simple hymn speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Apple Tree under whose shade the Christian can rest delightedly and whose closeness is as the beauty and taste of the apple. (The whole body of Christians making up the much beloved bride of Christ).

The hymn’s first known appearance, in a hymnal in America, was in 1784 in Divine Hymns, or Spiritual Songs: for the use of Religious Assemblies and Private Christians compiled by Joshua Smith, a lay Baptist minister from New Hampshire. Its writer is not known.

A copy of this was sent to me electronically and I opened it at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th January. An hour later our Second Tuesday seminar began at church, taken by Martin who was speaking on the subject “What’s in a Name?”. Out of the 101 titles of the Lord Jesus given in scripture, Martin had chosen 5 for this seminar the second of which was “The Apple Tree” (only Martin knew his choices).

The seminar on this particular morning was very deeply devotional and lovely points were explored on the “Apple Tree”. The simple hymn appears below and following it are the Second Tuesday notes, though in brief, from the seminar.

Margaret Williams

The Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be,
compared with Christ, The Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought,
I missed of all, but now I see,
'tis found in Christ, The Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
here I will sit and rest awhile:
under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree.

Words: anon., Collection Joshua Smith, New Hampshire
Music: Elizabeth Poston

“What’s in a Name?”

Brief notes from the Second Tuesday Seminar—8th January 2019

Normally a lot of thought goes into naming a child. It may be chosen because it is a family name, or liked by the parents or because it has special meaning. Jacob in the Old Testament means “supplanter” or “twister” and is an accurate description of his character because he cheated his brother

out of his birthright. But in Genesis 32 v24-28 we read how he wrestled with God in the desert and how God renamed him there as Israel “Prince with God” showing the change in his character and purpose.

The Lord Jesus Christ was named from heaven but born on earth (Matthew 1 v20-23). Jesus means “Saviour”—He will save His people from their sins, whilst Christ means the Anointed One of God—the Messiah. The Lord Jesus has many other names and titles in scripture. My NIV Thompson Chain Link Reference Edition Bible helpfully lists 101 of them including Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth and Immanuel “God with us” (Isaiah 7 v14 given 700 years before His birth). There will only be time in this session to deal with 5 of them but they are helpful to us in showing us the greatness of our Saviour.

(1) The Alpha and Omega

The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End...refers to both God the Father and Jesus, God the Son. (Revelation 1 v4-19). The Lord Jesus has always been and will always be—past, present and future—He is eternal. Alpha is the first letter in the 24 letter Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. John 1 v1 reminds us that in the beginning was the Word (Christ) who then came in our flesh and stepped into time. He is the Creator and at the end He is the Judge. So He is there in Genesis 1 and we find Him in Revelation 22 v12, right at the end of the Bible. You cannot get away from the importance of Christ—He was not just a man with a limited life span of 33 years. New religions are springing up all the time but Jesus has always been and is God’s first and last word. There is no other Way and no greater Name.

(2) An apple tree amongst the trees of the wood

We find this reference in Song of Solomon 2 v 3 spoken by the Shulamite woman about her beloved, Solomon. It also refers to the words of the bride (the Church) for the bridegroom (Christ). He is like an apple tree in the midst of a wood where, in the searing heat of the Middle East there is great delight in His shade from the sun, and where His abundant fruit is so sweet to taste and refreshes/nourishes us. Amongst the scattered and stunted trees of the wood in the East, with their shrivelled leaves because of the intense

heat, here is a fruitful tree with leaves providing much needed shade and coolness. There is fragrance, blossom and then delicious juicy fruit. All this granting protection, shelter and refreshment. This tree delights our soul and provides relief from the unremitting blazing sun. We can dwell there and linger there where it is pleasant and we can be at peace. This tree is distinct and unique amongst the trees of the wood. So with the Lord Jesus. In His shade and shelter we can rest from the heat of temptation and wickedness. His fruit of forgiveness, love and comfort are among many delights and refresh our soul.

(3) The Messenger of the Covenant

Malachi 3 v1-2 speaks of the messenger (John the Baptist) and the Messenger (Jesus). The Lord is here described as the Messenger from God of the new covenant promise which would be achieved through Him via His death and resurrection. Jesus speaking in John 6 v35-40 tells us He has been sent by the Father to do the Father's will and then tells us what that will is:

- not to lose anything given to Him but to raise it up (v 39)
- that those believing on the Son may have everlasting life and go to heaven (v 40)

God is the God of covenant promises in both the Old Testament and New Testament and He always keeps His promises (Psalm 89 v30-37, Psalm 111 v9). His promise and covenant with Abraham and his seed was that he would have many descendants and be given a land in which to live. Abraham is described as the “father of faith”. The Old Testament covenant points forward to Christ—the Messiah who would raise and save His people and give them an eternal inheritance (Galatians 3 v16). The new covenant is foretold in Jeremiah 31 and quoted in Hebrews 8 v7-13. It is a better covenant and not dependent on externally keeping God's laws but is based on each of us knowing God in our hearts. It is an everlasting covenant sealed by the precious blood of Christ and not just for Israel but also the Gentiles (Hebrews 13 v 20). The Lord Jesus refers to all this in the parable of the wicked vinedressers in Matthew 21 v33-41. God is looking for fruit in His vineyard and finally sends His Son who is rejected and killed. We are a covenant people—bought and loved and kept. It should

show in our lives by our loyalty and love to God and His church.

(4) The Lamb of God

These are the words of John the Baptist in John 1 v 29 in pointing to Jesus. Here is the ultimate answer to Isaac's question to Abraham on Mount Moriah recorded in Genesis 22 v 7, "where is the lamb?" Abraham had replied "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb". So He did at Calvary—in His Son. Not just any lamb but The Lamb of God. Meek, innocent, pure, unblemished—sacrificed by God for His people (Isaiah 53 v7, 1 Peter 1 v 19). The Lord knew what lay ahead but was obedient and submissive to the Father's will for Him. Christ was our Passover lamb sacrificed for us (1 Corinthians 5 v 7). His blood applied to our hearts that the anger/wrath of God over our sin does not touch us but passes over us at the judgement, as it did in Exodus. When we get glimpses into heaven what do we see? The Lamb of God at the centre—Revelation 7 v 9 and Revelation 21 v 22-27.

The Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt—meekly, humble, glorious and He is exalted in Heaven and worshipped.

Our service for our Saviour should be sacrificial too and bear the same hallmarks—obedience, submission, purity and humility.

(5) The Lion of the tribe of Judah

In Revelation 5 v5-6 we see that the Lamb is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Here is another aspect of His character. Not weak but strong, meek and strong. Here in the apostle John's vision there is a scroll with 7 seals—God's plan of all history which is secret and no one is found worthy to open it. The only One who can open it is the Lord Jesus Christ here described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David (another title!). There is a reference here back to Genesis 49 v 8-10 and Jacob's last words to his sons. Judah is described as a "lion's whelp" or cub. The other brothers would bow down to Judah and he would rule/reign. The lion is the King of beasts—royal/courageous, strong and powerful. Christ is The Lion and has overcome Satan who is also described as a "roaring lion seeking whom he may devour". The Lord Jesus has also triumphed over sin and death on behalf of His people.

We give thanks that Jesus is both the Lion and the Lamb. Meek and pure but strong and powerful. He was able to overcome all His enemies but was willing to lay down His life.

There are times we also need to be strong—fighting the enemy, resisting temptation, defending the truth and protecting the church and vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ.

Martin Sellens

A—Z of Christmas

Between courses at the Christmas lunch at church on Christmas Day people were asked to work in pairs/small groups to come up with a word for each letter of the alphabet to best describe what Christmas meant to them — here are the results.

A	Angels, Advent	N	Noel
B	Birth of Jesus, Baubles	O	Open house, One & only
C	Carols, Candles, Caring	P	Peace, Presents
D	Dinner, Decorations	Q	Queen's speech
E	Epiphany, Eating	R	Rejoice
F	Family, Friends	S	Star, Sprouts
G	Glory, Good news, Gifts	T	To Trust in God, Tidings, Trifle
H	Happiness, Hope	U	Unity, Under the tree
I	Ice, Inspiring	V	Victory
J	Jesus, Joy	W	Well being, Wallace & Gromit
K	King, Kindness	X	Xmas, X (kiss)
L	Love	Y	Yule log
M	Mince Pies, Merry	Z	Ze end! zzzz-Sleep!

A Faithful Helper

14th December 2018 marked the end of an era! Not only was it the last Good News Club of 2018, it was also our Christmas party and more importantly it was Mavis's last Good News Club as she had decided to take her well-earned retirement!

Good News Club has been running for 25 years (we have just started our 26th year!) and Mavis has been helping for 23 of those years. Mavis has also helped in every holiday special we have ever held, the first of which was Jungle Club in the summer of 1993. She has been such a faithful, consistent help for all those years, only being absent for occasional holidays and illness.



Amongst her many jobs, Mavis was always “Fire Officer” at holiday clubs and kept us on our toes blowing her whistle, to remind us and the children to leave the building as safely as possible. Her whistle also helped to keep us on time at every Good News Club, reminding us when it was time to finish our crafts or game and assemble for drinks and biscuits. We already miss your whistle Mavis and, it has to be said, our timekeeping has already significantly worsened!

We couldn't let her leave without marking the occasion, so we bought gifts to represent every job that she undertook.

A book of pictures and messages from every child who came to Good News, which was surreptitiously passed around during the last half term whilst Mavis was otherwise occupied.

A journal — which represented the books she gave out to mark birthdays and attendance, as well as the record she kept of every child.

A box of chocolates — Mavis ensured the chocolate box at Good News was always well stocked so that every child coming to Good News for the first

time could choose something and the friends that brought them could also choose. We also gave them away for any extra challenges we gave the children and although she sometimes complained that we were being rather too liberal with ‘her’ chocolates, the box was never empty!

A tin of biscuits — Mavis always prepared a tray of drinks and a plate of biscuits for everyone to enjoy at the end of games and crafts, before we gathered together for singing, prayers, memory verse, teaching and quizzes.

...and finally, a teacup bird feeder, as a rather loose connection to the drinks she made every week!

Thankyou Mavis for your faithful help over so many years, we hope you enjoy your Friday nights off but please continue to pray for us and the many children that together we have given the greatest gift to — a knowledge of our precious Saviour and His wonderful gospel. Hopefully you’ll still have time occasionally to replenish our stock of fried egg haribo’s, which are a particular favourite for children and adults, especially Matt!

The Good News Club Team

12 Months of Blessing for MAF

As we welcome 2019 and give thanks for a new year and the new beginning it represents, let us glorify God for the many blessings received last year.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, 2018 was the year we were able to purchase an additional Cessna Caravan aircraft for our busy programme in **South Sudan**. The new plane will provide even more help in this bruised and battered nation. We are grateful too for the growing number of pilots now serving there, and the way this helps our lifeline meet the needs of the South Sudanese.

The year also saw our supporters making a very significant contribution towards the cost of renewing MAF’s aircraft fleet in **Papua New Guinea**. This exciting project will see five brand-new Cessna Caravans entering service during 2019, helping us to serve remote communities more efficiently.

In **Arnhem Land**, we airlifted a boy who had been stung by a jellyfish, carried out a medevac for a four-year-old who had fallen from a tree, and transported teachers to provide education to six difficult-to-reach Yolnu communities.

In **Bangladesh**, our floatplane gave medical teams more time with their patients by transferring their personnel from Dhaka to wherever Friendship's floating hospitals were located. The NGO which performs thousands of cataract operations a year, transforms people's lives by restoring their sight.

In **Chad**, we enabled Christians to bring regular dental safaris to one of the world's poorest countries, with dentist Kevin extracting teeth and giving fillings to 130 patients during an 8-day clinic.

In **Kenya**, pilot Melvin Peters delivered a rainwater harvesting system to the Jubilee Boarding School, providing teachers and students at the school for visually impaired children with clean water for washing and drinking.

In **Liberia**, MAF enabled Waves for Change to help traumatised youngsters by transferring its personnel from Monrovia to Harper, and provided Wordsower Liberia staff with safe and timely travel. This Christian organisation prints and distributes Scripture, sends missionaries to unreached people groups, runs a Bible school, combats malaria and provides clean water.

In **Madagascar**, a dedicated surgeon was able to take his 100th flight as part of our yearly Madagascar Medical Safaris, with various Bible translation teams taken to hard-to-reach areas.

In **Papua New Guinea**, we met the devastating needs caused by the 7.5 magnitude earthquake that struck the country in February 2018 by transporting food, tarpaulins and water, and airlifting survivors injured by landslides.

In September 2018, when tropical Typhoon Mangkhut struck the **Philippines**, our Disaster Response Team surveyed the damage caused to communities, fishing villages, roads and bridges, and helped organisations such as Wings Above and Medair to decide how best to respond. We also

delivered rice, tarpaulins, shelter kits and essential supplies to the hardest hit areas.

In **South Sudan**, we transported tricycles for Sudan Evangelical Mission to support children with physical disabilities, replenished a health clinic in Tambura that treats more than 1,000 patients a month, and flew a church planter working with Partners in Compassionate Care.

In **Tanzania**, an evangelist who frequently travels with MAF preached to 325 people and saw 20 villagers come to faith in Meuniembere and Manazi. Another MAF flight enabled medical teams to screen patients and share Christ with the Maasai.

In **Timor-Leste**, a busy 2-week period saw 14 medical emergency flights take place—some of the patients suffering from pregnancy complications, a cerebral haemorrhage and septic shock. We also flew the country's Prime Minister and his staff to Same for some meetings.

Finally, in **Uganda**, our flights helped refugees and made it possible for organisations like Sacred Heart Sisters to provide women brutalised by the Lord's Resistance Army with the skills and education necessary to support themselves. We also transported a horticulturist working with CRESS UK, a humanitarian organisation that supports 7 agricultural groups growing food for 1,000 refugees.

Let us praise the Lord for the marvellous ways He enabled MAF to help isolated people in need and let us pray that 2019 will see many more lives saved, communities converted, God's Word preached, essential supplies delivered and vulnerable villagers protected.

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PREACHING PLAN

		Morning	Evening
February	3	Martin Sellens	Martin Woodier
	10	John Mollitt	Alan Brearley
	17	Martin Sellens	Glyn Williams

	24	Mick Lockwood	Mick Lockwood
March	3	Warran Fawcett	John Mollitt
	10	Bill Dyer	Bill Dyer
	17	Alan Brearley	Martin Sellens
	24	Bill Dyer	Bill Dyer
	31	Glyn Williams	Warran Fawcett

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

Do pray for our men as they minister outside the church:

Paul Crossley

Sun	Feb 17	am/pm	Bethany, Swinton
Sun	Feb 24	Noon	Pentecost Baptist
Wed	Mar 13	7.30pm	Bethel, New Wortley Bible Study
Sun	Mar 24	Noon	Pentecost Baptist
Sun	Mar 31	am	Middleton Park Baptist

John Mollitt

Sun	Feb 3	am/pm	Westcliffe Chapel, Shipley
Sun	Feb 17	am/pm	Geneva Road, Darlington
Sun	Feb 24	am/pm	Bethel, Ripon
Sun	Mar 10	am/pm	Nether Kellet Congregational
Sun	Mar 24	am/pm	Parbold Evangelical Church
Sun	Mar 31	am/pm	Grace, Ulverston

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 7.45pm at the church

Date	Theme/Passage	Speaker
February 6	Gideon 1—Judges 6	Martin Sellens
13	Gideon 2 — Judges 7 & 8	John Mollitt
20	Abimelech — Judges 9	Glyn Williams

	27	Tola/Jair — Judges 10	Martin Sellens
March	6	Jephthah — Judges 11 & 12	Richard Brown
	13	Samson — Judges 13	Alan Brearley
	20	Samson 2 — Judges 14 & 15	John Mollitt
	27	Samson 3 — Judges 16	Glyn Williams

DIARY

February

Mon	4	7.30pm	Girls Group
Thu	7	10am	Funeral of Donald Walshaw and Pauline O'Connor at church taken by Martin Sellens
Sun	10	2.30pm	Bedford Court Service
Mon	11	7.45pm	Elders/Deacon Meeting at 68 Moseley Wood Walk
Tue	12	10.15am	Second Tuesday Speaker: Glyn Williams
Thu	14	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: Gordon Robertson
Fri	15	7.45pm	Missionary Prayer Group at 1 Tinshill Mount
Mon	18	7.30pm	Girls Group
Tue	26	7.30pm	Making and Thinking for Ladies. Thinking — Powerful prayers — Nehemiah
Thu	28	2pm	Thursday at Two Speaker: Tim Mills

Note: there is no Men's Fellowship in February

March

Sat	2	am/pm	Connected Conference at Dewsbury Evangelical Church
Sun	3	am	John & Pat Mollitt coming into membership in the Communion service
Mon	4	7.30pm	Girls Group
Sat	9	9am	Men's Breakfast at church Speaker: John Mollitt
Sun	10	2.30pm	Cookridge Court Service
Mon	11	7.45pm	Elders/Deacon Meeting at 87 Tinshill Road

- Thu 14 1pm Thursday at Two Soup & Sweet Special
Speaker: Mick Lockwood
- Fri 15 7.45pm Missionary Prayer Group
- Mon 18 7.30pm Girls Group
- Mon 25 7.45pm Financial Planning Members Meeting at church
- Tue 26 7.30pm Making & Thinking for Ladies at church
Making — Colouring, Cooking & Conversation
- Thu 28 2pm Thursday at Two Speaker: Alan Brearley

Note: there is no Second Tuesday meeting in March

The next edition of The Magazine is due out for Sunday 31st March — all items and contributions to Martin Sellens by Wednesday 20th March please.

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Week Ending

Cleaning

February	2	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Ann Mountain
	9	Natalie Sellens	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	16	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Anne Sellens
	23	Ruth Holder	Rosemary Hilton	Carole Brearley
March	2	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley
	9	Margaret Williams	Colette Hickman	Ann Mountain
	16	Natalie Sellens	Kathryn Hibbard	Deborah Williams
	23	Jenny Leng	Eva Ng	Anne Sellens
	30	Ruth Holder	Rosemary Hilton	Carole Brearley
April	6	Mavis Mathers	Angela Mathers	Christine Crossley

For Sunday

Flowers

February	3	Margaret Williams	10	Mabel Simpson
	17	Eva Ng	24	Carole Brearley
March	3	Angela Mathers	10	Colette Hickman
	17	Kathryn Hibbard	24	Anne Sellens
	31	Rosemary Hilton	April 7	Christine Crossley

Diary of Services and Activities

Sunday	Prayer Meeting	8.00am
	Morning Worship*	10.30am
	Key Club (Children aged 4-11)	10.30am
	Evening Worship	6.30pm
	Holy Communion follows the first morning and the third evening service each month	
	*A fully supervised crèche for young children is run in the church side room during the sermon.	
Monday	Girls Group (aged 14-18 – fortnightly)	7.30pm
Tuesday	Second Tuesday (monthly)	10.15am
	Making and Thinking (for ladies — monthly) venue as announced	7.30pm
	Men's Fellowship (3rd Tuesday monthly)	7.45pm
Wednesday	Tots Club (term-time)	1.15 - 2.45pm
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7.45pm
Thursday	Thursday at Two (senior citizens — fortnightly)	2.00pm
Friday	Good News Club (Children aged 5-11)	6.00pm
	Missionary Prayer Group (monthly) at 1 Tinshill Mount	7.45pm

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