

## My Bible-My Story



My son is terminally ill. He was diagnosed with myeloma, a type of blood cancer, just after his 55th birthday. He had pains all over his body and kept going to the doctor, but because he was a lorry driver and before that a stunt man, they put it down to his lifestyle.

'Eventually I went with him. The next day they said that there was something wrong. It was terminal. We were really upset. 'He has been very poorly. He got progressively worse and then got pneumonia and flu in hospital, and his kidneys failed. It was awful. On Christmas Eve the vicar and I went to pray with him. On Christmas Day at 5 pm he started to breathe on his own. We believe it was a miracle.

Everybody does. They call him a miracle man. He got a bit better and now he's at home and I'm his full-time carer.

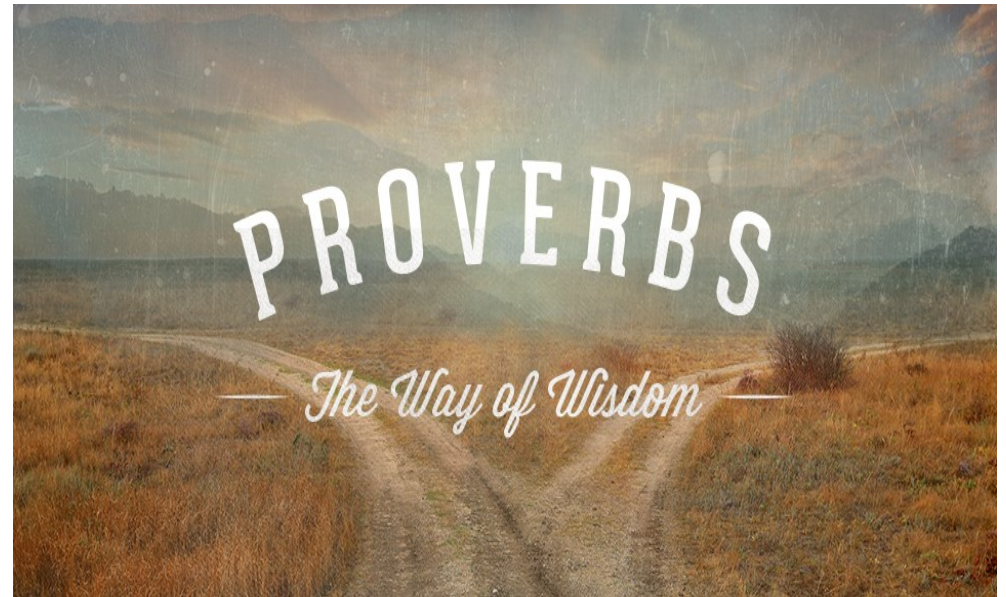
'The verse that is helping me is Philippians 2.1, *"Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit and you have kindness and compassion for one another."*

'This verse has given me the strength that I need. When I have been with my son, sometimes I think that maybe it would have been better if he'd gone at Christmas. It's so hard to see him suffering.

'This verse helps me and it helps him because I know I have to be strong. I have the wonderful knowledge that when he goes he will be with the Lord. He knows that as well. He wonders whether he will be there before me or not!'

# Whitchurch Baptist Church

## Sunday July 17th 2022



**Worship led by**

**Rev Jack Walker**

***A new series on the book of Proverbs***

***'A dummies guide to life!'***

***No 1 A dummies guide to finance'***

***Proverbs 30 v 8-9***

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

Secretary: June McCaughren

Treasurer: Laura Ivey |

Leadership Team: Adam Stacey. John McCaughren. John Hadley.

### **What's on this week:-**

**Monday 10.30am** Ladies Meet

[Note: Monday and Tuesday Groups taking a break in August]

**Sunday 24th July No 2 Proverbs series**

'A dummies guide to priorities'

Don't forget June is looking for help in decorating and cleaning the Manse in time for the arrival of Robert and his family. Aug 20th, 22nd and 23rd

when help is needed to decorate, clean, carpet shampooing etc.

Talk to John Hadley or email June.

### ***People are coming to faith in prisons, they long to read and understand***

***the Bible.....*** you'd be amazed at the stories coming out of prisons right now. 'Lost sheep are returning to God' reports one Chaplain. 'I put 10-12 Bibles on the wing weekly and every one is taken. Prisoners are having incredible encounters with Jesus'. Chaplain Dominic Dring, who looks after one high security facility plus an Open Prison says 'In a place where people are confined with nothing to do, God is moving powerfully'. One prisoner, Richard, gave His life to Jesus soon after arriving three years ago. He did the Bible Course recently which strengthened his faith ready for his release. He says 'I got a deeper understanding of the Bible, how the story unfolds and progresses. It made me realise this is real!'

Every year the Bible Society distributes around 4000 Bibles in prisons in more than 20 languages, and in 2022 they want to increase that to 6000.

The Bible Course, a small group discussion course, explores the big story of Scripture and the aim is to run this Course in 50 prisons. Together they change lives!!

*£10 puts a Bible in the hands of a prisoner      £18 brings 10 prisoners to the Bible Course*  
*£45 runs the Bible Course for 25 prisoners in a prison    A worthwhile investment in the Kingdom?*

**Visit the Bible Society web site.**

**Bringing** *the Bible to* **Life**



**A merry band of committed folk set to and made this huge difference to the Hall!**

*Check it out today!!*

### **Christians still being persecuted!**

Two church ministers are reported to have been killed in Nigeria in separate attacks only 24 hours apart. Vitus Borogo, 50, was killed as he worked on his farm in Kujama, Kaduna State on 25 June, and Christopher Odia, 41, died after being kidnapped in Edo State on 26 June

Concerns over rising insecurity in Nigeria were highlighted at Vitus Borogo's funeral on 30 June by more than 700 church ministers who staged a peaceful protest



"In our country, death has become a daily meal. Nigeria has been described as a home of criminality, banditry and terrorism ... nobody is safe." said the Archbishop conducting the funerals.

**Maybe not so real here....but clearly is in other Countries.**  
**Pray for our Christian family!**

### **Significant dates for your diaries.**

Volunteers wanted to decorate the Manse  
**Aug 8th –12th also 22nd-23rd.**

Robert moving in during week **Aug 24th-31st**

**Sept 18th** Jacks final Sunday with lunch.

**Oct 1st** Roberts Induction 3pm.

### **ANDOVER FOODBANK**

Items needed this week:

**Soup. Long life milk. Tinned fish.**

**Tinned potatoes. Instant mash.**

*Items placed in the marked container by the kitchen will be delivered to the Andover office during the week. Thankyou for your support..*

### **Prayer support for the fellowship.**

Remember in your prayers this week those struggling with serious health issues. Pray the God of justice, healing and forgiveness will touch these folk powerfully. Ask they may be made very conscious of the presence and peace of Jesus and in the dark times when trusting and faith seems distant and they do walk the darkest night– that the reality of hanging on to faith, believing and trusting in what Jesus has said and promised, will be very real.

Continue to give thanks for Gods leading in the future Ministry here. Pray for the plans for both Jack and Jills departure, and Roberts arrival.