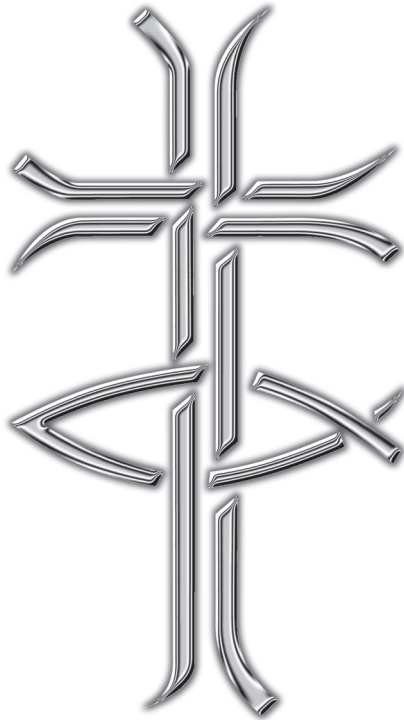


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# The Recorder

February '12

News and views from Redland Park &  
New Brunswick United Reformed Churches



## Preachers for 11am Services Feb 2011

5th Angus Gregson  
12th Rev. Ivan Fowler  
(Includes Communion)  
19th Redland Park Friends  
26th Rev. Mary Piggott (This will include  
the Christening of Fidel Hawker)

Since the last Recorder we have had much to Praise God for. The safe arrival of Fidel in December weighing in at 6lb 15oz. Both mum and babe are doing well. It was good to see them worshipping with us last Sunday. We look forward to sharing in Fidel's christening later in the February.

Lisa Waines enjoyed an early Christmas present when she passed her driving test (at the first attempt!) Well done! May you enjoy many happy years of safe motoring.

We sent warm congratulation to Gill and John Waines who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary just before Christmas.

On the Wednesday 21st December we held a 'Fun afternoon' for the girls in 'Girl's Brigade'. Around 15 girls attended we shared in a trip to the park, party and team games back at the church. During the afternoon we had a craft session when the girls made a manager scene which they could take home and hang on their Christmas tree reminding them of the 'real' meaning of Christmas. Of course like all such afternoons food featured. The girls had asked if they could have Fish Fingers, Mash and peas! So we shared this together later in the day. We rounded the event off with a very simple carol service in which the girls took a major part. We were greatly encouraged by the number of parents who came to share in this and we shared together in mince pies and coffee at the end of the evening. The girls (and officers) went home tired but very happy!!!

We send Happy Birthday wishes to both Vi Lewis and Jenny Pike who have both celebrated birthdays at the start of this New Year.

So you can see we have had much to Praise the Lord for. We now look forward this New Year and trust God to lead us forward as we serve Him in the area of Southmead.

## Dear All,

A couple of thoughts to weave together. This month sees the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February to be exact. When we get to the start of Lent we tend to feel that spring is never far away (though did you notice that chocolate Easter bunnies appeared in the shops before Epiphany!!). Lent is a time for discernment and for taking us deeper into the life of God. On the wall of my study and just above my desk (just beyond my computer and printer, to be exact) is a large framed picture which presents the word "Be still and know that I am God." It is word art really. It is there to remind me that when things get frenetic that there is that still centre. I set this alongside the latest film that Helena and I have been to see at the cinema, *The Artist*. If you haven't been to see it as yet, we do recommend it. It is one of the hit films of the year. It is unusual in that it is made in black and white and it is also a silent film. So far it has won some Golden Globe awards, and it is in line for some BAFTAs and no doubt some Oscars as well. Because there is no spoken words in the film (except for at that very, very end) you have to spend much more time taking in the visual representation and indeed what is being done and said through the music. At first it does strike you as very odd that there are no words for we have all become so very familiar with that form of communication in films. Indeed I believe that some of those who have been to see this silent film have actually complained afterwards and have wanted their money back!! However as the film continues you do find yourself adjusting to the forms of information that you take in. What is before is actually rich in meaning.

Lent sees Jesus in the wilderness. For him it was a time of silence when we had to focus on his own internal spiritual life. However you want to understand the accounts it was not a time of comfort. In Mark's gospel the mention of the "wild animals" (Mark 1.13) makes that clear. In Matthew and Luke we get the more developed story of the Temptations. However out of this time his sense of God and calling grew much stronger and clearer. The practice of giving things up for Lent can seem a little bit silly. For some particular reason we do get hung up about chocolate. However we are not the spiritual version of Weightwatchers. Instead of that it is more to do with allowing the deeper senses to emerge stronger than before and with that a better sense of God. Christian Aid typically offers Lenten devotions, and these can be found online at [www.surefish.co.uk](http://www.surefish.co.uk). Beyond that for our Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland there will be the Lent lecture series. This year, and arising out of a concern about the riots last year, the series looks at chaos and order and how we offer a Christian response. Speakers include the Lord Dear, Judge James Patrick, Matthew van Duyvenbode of Bible Society, and the Reverend Helen Matthews from Bromley by Bow URC. The various lectures will pick up on current themes. In all of this we seek to understand that deeper way of living that Jesus came to bring.

*Dougie*



Henry and Joyce Dickinson are planning to move to Newcastle and we shall miss them very much, but they are going to be living near their daughter and family, and they will enjoy being closer. The move is not until March but we send our best wishes to them both. Congratulations also to Henry who celebrated his 90th birthday in December.

We think of Maldwyn Rogers who was unwell recently but is now recovering. Our best wishes go to him and Dorothy.

Gwyneth Hebblethwaite has also been unwell recently and is not always able to come to church, but she is in our prayers.

Please pray for Cliff Woollon as he does not always feel able to come to church, but has been a long-time friend of Redland Park.

It is always good to see Enid Fear when she is able to come to church, as she has had her bouts of ill-health recently; please remember her in your prayers.

Teame Mebrahtu is currently in Eritrea as his father is ill; Teame will be there for some time so we pray for all the family.

We also pray for all those members and friends we know who need our prayers at this time.



## MERCI BEAUCOUP

We should like to express our profound gratitude to those members of Redland Park, who, during Henry's recent indisposition, sent kindly messages of support and especially to those who were able to offer practical help to Joyce.

Henry and Joyce Dickenson

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL) Press Release



# Let Justice Prevail

On Friday 2nd March over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a form of service prepared by Christian women in Malaysia.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer movement in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in the Queen Salote Girls School in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and more than 6,000 services will have been held in the British Isles alone.'

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country. Throughout its history it has attracted migrants from other parts of Asia and beyond and it is one of the wealthiest and most developed countries in South East Asia. Women have made important contributions to its social and economic development but, nevertheless, they still face discrimination and violence at all levels of society. Even today a girl child is seen as less valuable than a boy.

Malaysia is now the most popular destination country in Asia for migrant workers and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation.

Although Malaysia's multi-ethnicity has added to the rich heritage of its land and people, it has also given rise to many problems. In the service those issues of concern are named and the women voice their hope for the future. Justice for all is their hope, and their prayer is "Let Justice Prevail".

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody, demonstrating our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend.

Further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, can be found on the WWDP website at [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org).

Women's World Day Of Prayer,  
Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent  
TN1 2RR

Web site: [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org)  
Email: [office@wwdp-natcomm.org](mailto:office@wwdp-natcomm.org)

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## What's On?

### EVENING OF MUSIC

Enjoy a refreshing evening of Madrigals and other Music with Redland Liedertafel, in support of 150th Anniversary Appeal.

Tickets £5, available from John and Anne Neugebauer

**When:** February 25 at 7:30

**Where:** Redland Park Church

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

You are warmly invited to this year's Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March at Victoria Methodist Church at 10.30am.

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia.

See you there! Anne Neugebauer

**When:** Friday 2nd March at 10:30am

**Where:** Victoria Methodist Church

### CELL GROUPS

A 'Cell' is a group of people who meet in each other's home once a week. The meetings operate loosely around a structure of: Welcome - Worship - Word - Witness, using Dougie's sermon from the previous Sunday as material for discussion. It is a very safe and relaxed environment in which faith can be explored openly, honestly and prayerfully.

There are now three Cell groups who meet at the following times:

- Monday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact Les Brentley and Les Fry
- Tuesday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact John Neugebauer
- Saturday, 10:00am -11:30: contact Dougie Burnett

If you'd like any more information or would be interested in joining a Cell group, please contact any of the above leaders.



**Come and  
celebrate  
together**

**Saturday  
27th October 2012  
at Queens College, Taunton**

**Workshops  
Seminars  
Competitions  
Displays  
Music  
Drama  
Games  
Children's  
activities  
Big Birthday cake**

**10.30am to 4.30pm**

**Something for  
everyone,  
something for  
YOU.**

**Celebration Worship  
to close the day**

**Tickets booked through local church  
Coach travel available from most areas  
Look out for more details in the New Year  
Put the date in your diary NOW**

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland

# Lent Lectures

## Chaos or Order in the Community: a Christian Concern

The lectures will be held in a room with seating arranged in circular tables of about 10, so that discussion groups are preformed when the evening starts. There might be sheets of paper on each table, one with possible discussion topics for the breakout session, one with a chance for the group or individual to feedback suggestions or even to volunteer!

### The plan is:

- 7.00pm** Tea and coffee
- 7.30pm** Start.  
Introduction by Chairman to the evening's format and the speakers.
- 7.45pm** Speaker
- 8.20pm** Breakout session
- 8.40pm** Reconvene as one meeting for questions to the speaker
- 9.15pm** Close

Admission free to all lectures

For more information please contact  
Michael Baker: 0117 9741339

Thursday March 1st 2012

### Chaos or Order? Keeping The Queen's Peace

The Lord Dear Kt QPM DL

Whilst a totally independent police force is unacceptable, where is accountability and to whom? Lord Dear was created a life peer in 2006 after a distinguished career in the Police. He was Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, Chief Constable of the West Midlands and HM Inspector of Constabulary. Robin Day described him as "The best known and most respected police officer of his generation"

*At Christ Church Clifton, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BN. 7.00pm for 7.30pm*

Thursday March 8th

### Law = Justice?

His Honour the Rev Judge James Patrick with Elizabeth Watkins of the University of Bristol Did the riots this last summer demonstrate a breakdown in society? Can the Law provide an effective framework that is independent of Government? If not, can Justice bind us together as a healthy society? A judge and a philosophy student debate these fundamental questions.

*At The Friends' Meeting House, 126, Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol BS6 6JE  
7.00pm for 7.30pm*

Thursday March 22nd

### Chaos and Hope: Gospel in Community

The Rev Helen Matthews, United Reformed Church, Bromley-by-Bow, London How the experience of opening church doors to a local community has proved to be the catalyst for change; offering people a way out of chaos and hopelessness and bringing cohesion into a divided community.

*At Clifton Cathedral, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED. 7.00pm for 7.30pm*

Thursday March 15th

### The individual in the Community; an Olympic ideal?

Matthew van Duyvenbode, The Bible Society

Is there a significant role for the individual in today's apparently chaotic society? Matthew's positive outlook on the contemporary world offers encouragement.

*At Tyndale Baptist Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2QG. 7.00pm for 7.30pm*



Report by Rachael Fletcher, Free Church Chaplain

January 2012

University Chaplaincy encompasses a diversity of experiences and narratives. Most recently, Jesus' words from Luke 13: 29 have resonated with me: 'People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God' (NIV).

And so, as Free Church Chaplain I have been active in supporting and encouraging students and staff from a diversity of backgrounds to meet, to share and to engage with matters of faith - frequently in the context of feasting! Activities since my last report have included: co-ordinating a Faith Food Swap which filled the Chaplaincy Centre with students from across the faith societies for an evening of delicious food and interfaith discussion; catering for an end of term student breakfast; walking alongside students and staff at the November National Union Day of Action; practising with the University Choral Society for their Spring Term Concert; meeting with staff at the Social Sciences and Law Faculty Christmas Party; supporting the Student Amnesty International 'Write for Rights'

Day in the Chaplaincy Centre; writing and visioning the University Christmas Carol Service with Chaplaincy colleagues, and then leading this service in the Wills Memorial Building with a full-to-capacity congregation; and supporting the Wills Hall Chapel Carol Service. Added to this has been cooking for the Monday soup lunch; leading a weekly discussion group on Christianity and current affairs; and innumerable conversations with students and staff about hopes, fears, studies, research and faith.

In these activities, the Free Church Chaplaincy continues to provide a distinctive presence and prophetic voice, together with much needed and appreciated pastoral care within the University setting - inviting all to the 'Gospel Feast'.

The Free Church Chaplaincy at the University of Bristol is funded by the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches on a local, regional and national level.

Helena explained that the telling of stories by word of mouth was the way to communicate, long before things were written down.

She played us songs by Maddy Prior and brought a lovely nativity set made out of discarded newspapers.

The Christmas story as we know it is told in the Bible by the Gospel writers in very different ways.

It is not mentioned at all by Mark.

Matthew gives us a list of the ancestors of Jesus right back through David to Abraham. He briefly tells of the birth of Jesus followed by the arrival of the wise men, the escape to Egypt and the killing of the boy babies under 2 years.

Luke tells us so much more. He tells of the visit of the Angel to Elizabeth to tell her that she will give birth to John the Baptist. There is a long passage devoted to the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus. He also tells of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and Mary's response to the Angel's message, which we now call the Magnificat.

Only Luke mentions the Shepherds, who in those days were on the fringes of society. Luke was a Gentile and his Gospel was written for the outsiders and marginalised of society. He also tells of the host of angels singing "Glory to God and peace on earth." There is no mention of the wise men in Luke's Gospel.

John's Gospel opens with those well known words:

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God"

The Prologue, as it is known, goes on to speak of the coming of the Light of the World in the form of a human, who lived among us full of grace and truth.

Linda Croft

# Didn't you know? Haven't you Heard?

Didn't you know? Haven't you heard?  
 The Lord above hears every word  
 You utter;  
 Though shouted loud or merely just  
 A mutter!  
 So think before you open your mouth to  
 speak!

Didn't you know? Haven't you heard?  
 The Lord above knows everything  
 You're thinking;  
 How deep that thought or simply just  
 So fleeting!  
 So just give your unworthy thoughts a tweak!

Didn't you know? Haven't you heard?  
 The Lord above sees everything  
 You're doing;  
 His eye is on each action you're  
 Pursuing!  
 Remember always turn the other cheek!

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# Redland Park Church Calendar



## FEBRUARY

Thurs 2nd	10.00am 2.30pm	Toddlers Conference Room 1st Thursday: Appearing as a Court Witness, Do you need
Help ?		
Sun 5th	10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett with Communion Korean Worship Upper Room
Wed 8th	7.30pm	Elders
Thurs 9th	10.00am	Toddlers Conference Room
Sun 12th	10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett Korean Worship Upper Room Service of Prayer, Praise and Worship
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Toddlers Conference Room
Sun 19th	10.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Prayer Time Junior Church room Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett Korean Worship Upper Room
Sat 25th	7.30pm	CONCERT SUPPORTING THE 150TH CHURCH APPEAL MADRIGALS AND OTHER MUSIC WITH REDLAND

## LIEDERTAFEL

		Tickets £5 from John and Anne Neugebauer
Sun 26th	10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Family Worship Rev Dougie Burnett Korean Worship Upper Room Service of Prayer, Praise and Worship

## MARCH

Thurs 1st	10.00 am 2.30pm	Toddlers 1st Thursday: World War 2. A Boyhood in N. Europe
Sun 4th	10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett with Communion Korean Worship Upper Room

# Keeping up with the vicar Pt 22 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for February and the first Sunday in March. I don't know – barely out of Christmas and here we are, looking at the start of Lent.

During the season of Epiphany (which means “a showing”, “a manifestation”) we read more about God's promises in the OT readings, and the power of God in creation, in healing and through the transfiguration, how that is vested in Jesus. And as we move into Lent we see how Jesus takes up the mission of the OT writers, starting with his baptism and the challenge he makes to us who would follow him.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

Feb	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
5th	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-11, 20	Mark 1:29-39	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
12th	2 Kings 5:1-14	30	Mark 1:40-45	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
19th	2 Kings 2:1-12	50:1-6	Mark 9:2-9	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
26th (Lent 1)	Genesis 9:8-17	25:1-10	Mark 1:9-15	1 Peter 3:18-22
Mar				
4th (Lent 2)	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	22:23-31	Mark 8:31-38	Romans 4:13-25

## FLOWERS

Every Sunday there are flowers in our church. Thanks to the team that arrange them every week, and give extra time for special occasions.



As the flower fund does not receive any direct funding from the church, therefore donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you very much to members of the congregation, who have been giving towards the flowers, some for many years. Best wishes, Sally

# Secretary's Notes by Sally King



As I write this for the recorder it is hard to believe we are approaching the 2nd month of 2012.

To recap, the Christmas services were well received and it was good to see so many of our young families with their children at the carol services. The tea seemed to be very successful as the little ones could stay before their bedtimes.

The Christmas Eve Crib service was great. I must admit a few minutes before it started we thought there were only going to be a very few of us attending. Unbelievable, there were nearly 80 people attending, from babies to grandparents. It was great. Thanks to all the hard work Dougie and his helpers put into organising the services.

Now for 2012. Work to be done.

One important aspect the elders have decided is pastoral care at Redland Park. This will have been on the Church meeting agenda but we would still like all the congregation to share their ideas on how we can get to know and care for one another.

We are planning a visitation to all members and friends at Redland Park. This will be started during Lent. We also hope that we will be able to receive people into our membership.

R.A.C.E. which has been very successful so far will be continuing, so watch this space, lots more going on.

It was so good to see Les Fry back for a brief visit and really look forward to June when he will be with us. Our prayers are with him during his next 6 months on Premba. He is doing such great work there.

Best wishes *Sally*

Deadline for contributions for the **March Recorder** is 26th February.

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