

Welcome...

...to this Jubilee edition of the news sheet. As you can see we really do think the last 60 years have been blessed and are thankful for that.

Our prayer is that the next 60 will be even better; we already have so much today, but it's not just about things is it?

Please check out our new website, and give us some feedback. Think about entering our art competition, listen to what our oldest member has to say about the future, and whatever you do, please come along to the big lunch on 3rd June.



Ben Midgley - May 2012



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Regular Activities:

Sun 10:45am Worship Service with Kids Church for School Years 5-10 and crèche facilities

Sun 6pm Prayer and Fellowship Meeting

Tues 7:30pm Prayer and Bible study (apart from Home Groups on the 2nd Tuesday of every month)

Wed 2:30pm Ladies Fellowship Meeting with visiting speakers (Bi-Weekly)

Fri 6:30pm Signposts Club (Ages 5-10)
Games, refreshments, and bible stories

Fri 7:30pm Toast Club (Ages 11-18)
Youth club with games, food and bible talk

Please come along - we'd love to see you!

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COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists in the village! We need a flag for our new flagpole on Westbury Road, and are offering you the chance to see your design made into reality!

The theme should be focused around the following title:
"Britain past, present & future"

All entries will be displayed in the church building which will be open for viewings. As well as seeing their flag displayed, the winner will receive a £10 Amazon voucher

Please submit designs on A4 landscape paper to FLAG COMPETITION, NORTH BRADLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1A WESTBURY ROAD, NORTH BRADLEY, BA14 0YN by 23rd June or by email to nbbcpastor@talktalk.net

Want to know more?

We plan to run a Christianity Explored course in the next few months. It's a great opportunity to explore the claims of Christianity in an informal setting, and ask any questions you may have.

For more information on this, or anything else mentioned in this leaflet please contact Ben and Sian Midgley:

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May - June 2012



100 YEARS

Kath Lawrence

Kath Lawrence started at North Bradley Primary School during WWI.

GOD SAVE the Queen!

With the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Games fast approaching, it's guaranteed that our national anthem - "God Save the Queen" - will be performed many times this summer.

The national anthem is a prayer that God would grant our monarch a long and prosperous reign. As Queen Elizabeth II reaches her 60th anniversary on the throne, we should acknowledge that God has answered our request.

"we sometimes need saving from ourselves"

The Bible calls our recklessness and greed "sin", and claims that it has polluted every part of our lives. A barrier has been created between us and God that we can't get over, however hard we try. We need urgent help to reach God and avoid the punishment that we deserve because of our sin - we need saving from ourselves.

In her Christmas Day speech last year, the Queen explained that she prays for us too:

"God sent into the world a unique person"

"History teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed.

God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a saviour, with the power to forgive.

But the good news is that God sent his son Jesus Christ into the world to help us. He died on the cross to take our punishment, and so the way is open for us to be accepted by God. Because of this unique person, we can all experience the reality of God's love, friendship and help.

It is my prayer that on this Christmas Day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord."

The Queen prays that we will all find room in our lives for the love of God through Jesus. Maybe this summer when we hear "God Save the Queen", we'll be reminded of the unique person that God sent to save everyone who will accept his help.

June 2nd

Jubilee Field Day @ Peace Memorial Hall

- ✓ biscuit decorating
- ✓ contests
- ✓ make your own flag
- ✓ stickers & lollipops
- ✓ all free!

June 3rd

Blq Lunch @ North Bradley Baptist Church

- ✓ Bring your own picnic
- ✓ we'll supply rugs, chairs, cold drinks
- ✓ games, music etc
- ✓ come for church service at 10.45am or picnic only at 12.30 - picnic will be in church hall if it rains

June 16th

Village Fete @ Peace Memorial Hall

- ✓ art & craft activities for kids
- ✓ free literature
- ✓ Olympic-themed games
- ✓ flag-designing competition

Born to a family of very humble circumstances, Kath remembers the fire man on the steam train which used to pass by North Bradley, throwing coal for her mother to use to keep them all from freezing.

However, the Lord has been her constant companion and kept her through some very difficult times, such as when her husband returned from the Japanese prisoner of war camp after WWII, a completely broken man.

We asked her to tell us in light of the Jubilee, what she remembers of the coronation. She told us they had no TV or car in 1952, but her Dad bought a black and white set for the occasion and their big family gathered and watched the whole thing - marvelous she says.

She's a big fan of the Queen and has a photo of her on the mantelpiece alongside the card she got last year to mark her 100th. That said, despite all of the Queen's hard work, and the peace and prosperity, Kath thinks the last 60 years have not all been good news. She says she's seen people drift away from God, community is far less close and caring, and she doesn't know how she would have coped with the breakdown of the whole old way of life without the Lord as her shepherd to guide her through.

We asked what if anything she would say to people growing up today, looking forward to the next 60 years. Her answer was simple - love is the most important thing, living for yourself is not the answer, caring for others is what counts. Live without love and you are an empty frame she said. Sobering words.

