

## From the Editor...



Dear friends,

There have been so many comings and goings at our church over the past few months. On a happy note, we have the return of our minister Rev. David and his wife Jackie from sabbatical. We are glad to have them back and we look forward to reading about all their adventures in the next issue.

There have been those who have left St Andrews for one reason or another - they will be missed - and some in the congregation who have just left temporarily. Those who remain: we look forward to seeing you at church.

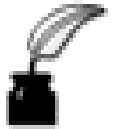
As the warmer weather approaches, the pews in the church empty as many head for cooler countries. I, too, have gone abroad to a mild South African winter and shall be back on 29<sup>th</sup> September. BUT don't get too comfortable... I shall still be able to reach you via email to remind you to send in your articles for the October / November issue!

This newsletter cannot flourish without everyone's input, so PLEASE send in your news and stories you would like to share with us or any snippets suitable for our newsletter. You may send them to me at: [gina@flexiblestructures.com](mailto:gina@flexiblestructures.com).

Have a lovely summer!  
Look forward to seeing you again...

Gina

## From the Minister's Study...



Dear Friends,

Back from sabbatical already? I've been asked that question several times over the last 10 days. I believe (I hope!) that it's meant in a kindly way. Perhaps I've been missed but more importantly I hope that I haven't been missed all that much. I am glad to know that the life of the church has gone on perfectly well in my absence.

I shall be writing an account of my sabbatical in the next issue of Crossroads. For the moment, I think it's important to record my personal thanks to the three locums, Stewart McGregor, David Hamilton and Iain Dunn, to the elders and to all those in the church who have worked together to maintain the life of the church while I have been away. It is so important that we work readily with the people we normally have around us but at least as important that we can work without them as well. It is also good for the church to have a change of voice and style in the pulpit and in the leading of worship from time to time and I hope that we will be able to build on this experience in the future. The sabbatical has been a wonderful opportunity for me to learn from others and to reflect on my ministry. I am really encouraged to see that it has been a positive experience for the church as well.

It's good to be back amongst you. There will be important developments in the life of our church over the next few months – see the notice about the introduction of the new constitution – and I pray God's blessing on all of us as we go forward together in Christ's name.

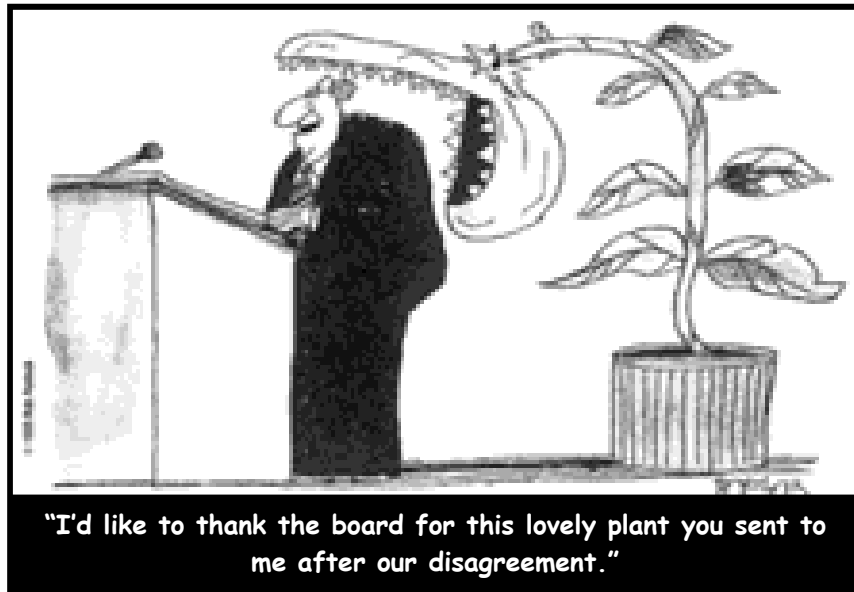
With best wishes

David

### INTRODUCING THE NEW CONSTITUTION

The two denominations have agreed that our new constitution will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September this year. Its actual coming into force will be simply an administrative procedure and will not require any action on our part.

To celebrate this important step in the life of our church, there will be a celebratory service on 29<sup>th</sup> October when senior figures from both the Church of Scotland and the Methodist Church, together with ecumenical representatives from other churches in Malta, will join us in worship. Please make a note of the date in your diary and do your best to be there. Further details will be coming out as arrangements are made.



## SYNOD & PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

On the 8<sup>th</sup> April I was at Kent College in Canterbury to attend the last SYNOD MEETING OF THE METHODIST LONDON SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT. The main purpose was to 'wind-up' the District and look forward to our new District - South-East. Basically, all the Churches actually in London (North of the M25) will become a part of the new London District whereas we link with others (South of the M25) to become the new South-East. Interestingly, we now have Gibraltar in our District.

We also had a report on the Methodist Youth Conference – obviously given by young people. The logo for their conference had been 'Get knotted – faith, hope and love'. Among other things they had discussed the issue of having Bishops within the Methodist Church. Interestingly, their views were not theological but rather that Bishops would produce yet another layer of hierarchy – therefore the idea of having them should be scrapped. This received quite a resounding round of applause!!

The Conference had come up with three questions: How will you show your faith in 2020? What will the Church be like in 2020? What will God's love be like in 2020? (I wonder what our answers to these questions might be – even if some of us may only think about 5 years time rather than 15.)

This was followed by a brief discussion on a 'babies charter', the feeling being that we give a lot of thought to the young people and old people but very little to parents with babies who want to come to Church. This matter is being referred to the Methodist Conference so perhaps some ideas will be forthcoming.

Finally we discussed Ministerial Training. It was introduced by a paper which commented on a report on Ministerial Training which it felt was flawed in certain aspects. The paper maintained that the report was flawed as it "was based on the number of people willing to

offer for a model of ministry that is already outdated and cannot meet the needs of a changing church... There is a need for a centre which can be a focus for sharing best practice in the development of all forms of ministry – lay and ordained. Such a centre needs to embrace a different form of teaching and training which takes account of the different thought processes and learning abilities represented by our diverse membership. Not everyone can or should study for ministry – be it lay or ordained – using a white western ‘academic’ model.”

Sheryl Anderson then gave the following details:

- There are far more women in our Churches than men.
- There are a large number of black people in London congregations.
- There will be 45 Superintendent Ministers in the new London District – 3 are women; 42 are white!!!

She ended with the quotation “Where there is no vision the people perish”.

As a conclusion to the Synod, there was a very moving service. The act of worship ended with Communion. The presiding minister, Roger Cresswell, broke the bread in the sight of the people and then invited us to serve one another at the tables around which we sat with the bread and the wine that had been there throughout lunch. This struck me as being so much like the first ‘Lord’s Supper’ – Jesus and his disciples were just sat around probably informally and haphazardly having a meal and possibly a gossip when suddenly “Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said ‘Take, eat; this is my body...’” So simple, yet so meaningful. (Perhaps we could consider something similar here at some appropriate time).

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May, Rev. David, Jacky and myself met up in Edinburgh for the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The business started with the election of the new Moderator – the Rev. Alan Douglas McDonald, followed by the reading of a letter from the Queen appointing the Lord Mackay of Clashfern to represent her at the Assembly.

All the sessions started with a short time of worship. The ‘talk’ given by the Moderator was always very thought-provoking and was based on ‘the risen Christ’. Two statements remain in my mind – ‘The Church is always better when it is looking upwards and outwards and not looking inwards’ and ‘Tell all your troubles to God, he’ll be up all night anyway!’ I also found the benedictions challenging – ‘Love God and serve the people; serve God and love the people’.

Monday morning started with Holy Communion. There were about 600-700 people including a very full balcony but the service was conducted with dignity and simplicity. It was pleasing to note that among those who brought in and distributed the elements were a large number of young people (dressed as typical young people – some of the girls showing the ‘obligatory’ gap between blouse and trousers and others with rings and studs in various parts of their anatomy!) Compared with the service at the Methodist District meeting it was very different, however the words were virtually the same and it was equally as uplifting.

The two most interesting points on the HIV/AIDS project report were to ‘confess to people living with HIV that the Kirk has been involved in unwitting and unthinking stigmatization of them; and call on all Christians in Scotland’ (wherever!) ‘to work to overcome ignorance and prejudice about people living with HIV wherever they may be’ and secondly, to ‘Instruct those representing the Project to recommend chastity outside marriage, and faithfulness within it when discussing HIV/AIDS prevention with partner agencies’.

The matter of blessing civil partnerships was raised by a number of ministers who were concerned if they were doing the right thing by blessing these partnerships and equally by those who didn’t. The proposal put forward was that it was up to each individual minister and his own conscience. Perhaps the most outstanding contribution came from an Elder who informed the Assembly that his daughter had come to him one day and informed him that the relationship between her and the girl she was sharing a flat with was more than just flat mates – they were lesbians and were going to proceed with a civil partnership. We could all imagine his feelings but as he pointed

out as her father he would always love her. 'How much more then would her Heavenly Father love her?' There a silence followed by a great ovation!

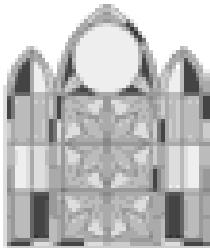
**Ecumenical matters:** It was reported that links with the Roman Catholic Church were progressing and that meetings at the Vatican have been very encouraging. Also, a Covenant was agreed between the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland in which they recognize their differences over the last 75 years. Both Churches now commit themselves to work more closely together at all levels. They will review progress every two years.

The report on review and reform was very encouraging on the project entitled 'Church without Walls' and supported the view that it should liaise with the Church of England's 'Emerging Church' programme. Two of the key proposals from the Church without Walls project are that we should 'Dare to take risks' and 'Turn the Church upside down'. (Worth thinking about?)

**Finally, the training of ministers:** There are apparently 188 churches in Scotland without a minister and it was felt that this could be partly rectified by recognizing the Highland Theological College as a provider of academic training for ministers. There were those who felt that training here would be too much like a seminary and lack contact with a wide range of other university students. Needless to say many disagreed with this. It was also noted that the training here would be rather 'evangelical' and that it would be better to simply continue with the 'ancient universities', e.g. Edinburgh, Glasgow and St. Andrews. It was agreed to recognise the College and that an interim report on it would be submitted no later than 2010.

All in all, I found the General Assembly to be an interesting and, in places, a spiritually uplifting experience. However, I am still trying to understand a lot of the ancient Scottish legalistic terminology!!

**Paul Slater**



## MILESTONES...

### ...a prize giving

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July saw the Annual Prize Giving for our Junior Church members. We had felt it appropriate to await the return of David from his sabbatical, hence the later date this year. All the children were rewarded for their Sunday School attendance throughout the year with super books from the Christian Book shop in Hamrun.

A huge "Well Done" to all Junior Church members and "Thank you" to Diane and Lisa for presenting an unfailingly interesting lesson each Sunday (well, it must be so because woe betide any mummy or daddy who dares to miss taking our darlings along for Sunday School - we hear about it all week!!) Here are some photos of the day.



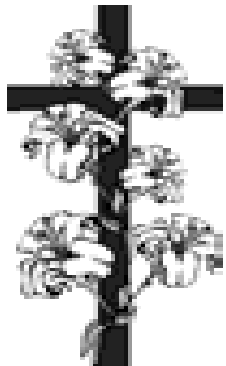
## ...a wedding anniversary



On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, Dr Harry and Mrs Gwen Taylor celebrated their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary. In a recent letter they sent their best wishes to all their friends at St Andrews. Harry is 101 and Gwen 98, and both are in good health.

Harry was an Elder of St Andrews from the time that members of the Floriana Church joined with us. Gwen was a choir mistress for several years and took her turn at playing the organ on Sundays. Both contributed greatly to the wellbeing of the Church.

Hazel Anderson has sent a congratulations card on behalf of their friends at St Andrews.



## ...condolences

We send our condolences to Carmel Camilleri and his family on the death of his wife, Josephine. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family in this time of sorrow.

## ...a farewell dinner

A lovely evening was spent at Hagar Qim Restaurant, near the Hagar Qim Temples, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. About 33 members of the congregation met for dinner to wish John and Ruth McLauchlan a fond farewell. The meal started off with a speech from Norrie, in which he praised John & Ruth for their great contribution to St Andrew's. Similar sentiments were expressed in a letter by Rev. David Morris. Ruth and John were presented with a gift and both were touched by the kind words and by the number of people who attended the dinner, which left them with second thoughts of leaving Malta. The evening continued with dinner and ended with dancing to a country & western band.

## JUNIOR CHURCH BBQ!

DATE: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

TIME: 4pm

PLACE: Pretty Bay, Birzebuggia

All church members welcome to come along and join in swimming, games, fun and lots of great food! Details will follow in due course but keep the date free...

Hope to see you there!

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY:

**ANNE DOWNING**

I am a Kentish Maid. I was born, brought up and educated in Tonbridge, Kent - SOUTH of the River Medway. The folk born NORTH of the River Medway are known as Men and Maids of Kent and 'pub' signs reflect this important difference wherever you go in the county.

My mother was a member of the Congregational Church (which became the United Reformed Church in 1972) all her life and my father an Anglican. Although I went to Sunday School at the Congregational I attended services in both churches. When I was about twelve I decided to go the the Anglican Church, and was confirmed in the Church of England, eventually becoming a Sunday School teacher and playing the harmonium for the school.

After leaving Grammar School I planned a career in the airline business. However, having been accepted by Air Canada to be based in Montreal, I decided I couldn't leave my parents, as I was the only child, and my father was twenty three years older than my mother. So - a complete change. I trained as a surgical corsetiery and then as a buyer and subsequently became a buyer for over twenty years, specialising in foundationwear, lingerie, swimwear, leisurewear, but also with a close association with the fashion world. This meant a great deal of travel, in the UK, Europe, and New York. At one time I also had my own business in Sussex.

My parents moved to Swanage, Dorset in 1962, while I continued to move from Kent to Essex, to Sussex and then to Cambridge. My mother developed Parkinson's Disease and I finally moved my parents to the Cambridge area in 1978.



Chairman and founder member of the Support Group where Victor and I lived on the Suffolk / Norfolk border prior to coming to Malta and of which Victor was the Treasurer.

My father died in 1980 and my mother in 1984 and I married Victor in 1986 following the death of his first wife some two years previously, and I became step-mother to twins - Geoff. and Angela. Victor was born in London and became a Chartered Accountant working in the City of London for many years and finally in East Anglia as Finance Director of a vehicle leasing company. To begin with he was an Anglican, then attended the Methodist church - we attended both churches and also the URC in Saffron Walden, Essex (about twenty miles south of Cambridge).

In 1996 Victor retired from full time work which enabled us to spend six months of the year in Searsport, Maine, USA, following holidays spent in various parts of the country. We were involved in the Congregational Church in Searsport - I was a member of the Women's Fellowship, in which we were also busy with 'craft work' in preparation for the Summer and Christmas Fayre's to generate funds for the church. I was also an active member of the American Parkinson's Association.

In 1998 we moved to Eye and then to Diss six miles away. We became members of the Diss United Reformed Church and were

So began a close association with the Parkinson's Disease Society for the next twenty five years in various capacities of voluntary work as my career allowed - as Chairman of the Cambridge branch, helping to set up other support groups, fundraising and finally as



# JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC



Can you find these hidden words?

PARALYTIC  
 FORGIVEN  
 MIRACLE  
 AUTHORITY  
 JESUS

HEALING  
 PRAY  
 FAITH  
 WALK  
 BELIEVE

# JUNIOR CHURCH SPORTS DAY REVIEW



sack race...



pyramid



3-legged race...

Following last year's 'raining off' of the Sports Evening, we were all delighted to get together on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Marsa Sports Ground. The children were very excited and raring to get started, so Norrie commenced the proceedings with some simple games to instil the spirit of sportsmanship! With everyone now pumped up and ready – The Races Began!!

The children were spilt up into groups depending on age and we had a good variety of Flat Race, Potato and Spoon, Sack Race and Three Legged Race; some of which included Mummy's Races. The biggest challenge was the Family Race which consisted of family members holding hands and running for dear life towards an ever moving finishing line! The Douglas Family, ably led by James (who runs twice a day after all?!) were the rightful champions.

With a final lap of Honour of the cricket pitch by the contestants – yes even the youngest, Laura, managed this – it was time for some juice and snacks. The adults were rewarded for their efforts by a nice chilled glass of wine. All agreed it had been a great success and thanks to all attendees and organisers. See you again next year!

**Sharon Abbot**

# BRING & SHARE LUNCH:



## - REVIEW -

- On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we had an enjoyable lunch together in the Church hall. As usual on these occasions, the ladies had been doing their utmost to make this event a success.
- Tables filled to the brim with the most delicious pies, salads and desserts, which were washed down with a glass of wine or a cool drink, served by our barman, Victor Downing.
- We were really spoilt for choice – everything too tempting to count calories. It was also a nice opportunity for Sheila and Iain Dunn to have a meal (and a chat) with all of us.
- The children also enjoyed themselves in their corner, eating all the goodies.
- Our special thanks goes to Anne Downing for all her hard work to make this event successful.

**Ria Den Heyer**

## NINE REASONS WHY GOD CREATED EVE

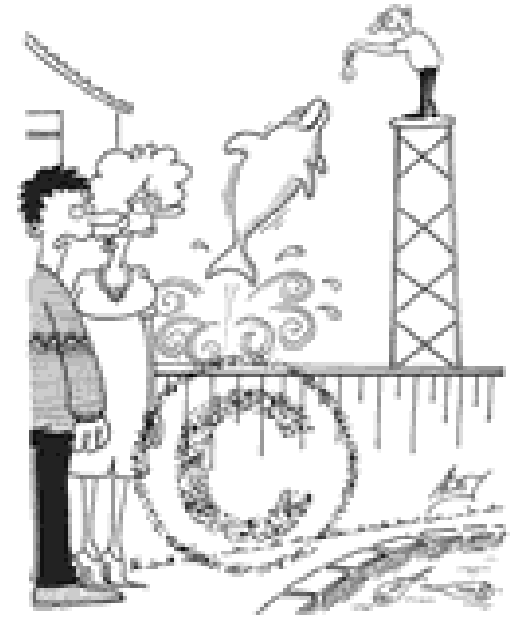


- ✓ God was worried that Adam would get lost in the garden and not ask for directions.
- ✓ God knew that one day Adam would need someone to help him find the remote.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would never go out by himself and buy a new fig leaf.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would never make a doctors or dentist appointment on his own.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would never remember which night to put out the rubbish.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would never handle the responsibility and pain of childbirth.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would need help locating his gardening implements.
- ✓ God knew that Adam would need someone else to blame.
- ✓ God finished making Adam, scratched his head and said "I can do better than that!"

*Submitted by Paul Slater*

## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES'S...

We often joke about someone "keeping up with the Jones's" but we all do this to varying degrees. It is something that many people strive for and often becomes one of the most important goals in their lives. This desire is a costly game and has been a driving force for many people who are bent on trying to keep the pace of the seemingly "higher class". Not only do they desire bigger and better things, they also want to be better than everyone else. And if they don't have what they want, they envy those who do.



"Because we've built a big pond, them next door have to go one better."

**E**nvoy – it's not a pretty word. A cousin to jealousy and akin to greed, envy is born from the ugly side of human nature. Classified as one of the seven deadly sins, it is an emotion most honest, self-respecting people would never admit to having.

**B**ut as nasty and ill-tempered as envy is, this little green-eyed monster has gotten a lot of press throughout the ages. Our commercial society constantly promotes greed and

envy in the process of trying to sell products. Therefore these feelings can be very common and socially approved.

"Keeping up with the Jones" – or getting ahead of them – is often ambition for social prestige. Too often, people want to be admired for their personal possessions or their looks rather than their spiritual qualities. Greed is a feeling of never being satisfied with what we have but always wanting more. We buy designer clothes just for their trademark or get the latest mobile phones or cars based on desire rather than necessity in our compulsion to "keep up with the Jones's". Often, this is because of insecurity in our own self-esteem, that we want to be like others and have what they have, so that we can fit in socially.

But can we really compete with EVERYONE anyway? Even if we win the lottery, there are always going to be those richer than us. The same rule applies conversely; there are always going to be people that have a lot less than us. So, even if we do not have much, we should be thankful.

Is this a healthy way to live? Envy breeds anger and discontent, and even ruthless competition. It causes people to forget about the good God has brought them and eventually to hate their own life. The Bible reminds us that jealousy is a sin and will affect our relationship with God. Yet, it also reminds us that jealousy not only affects our own lives but the lives of those around us. The bitterness in our hearts as a result of envy, will eventually find its way to our tongues.

Perhaps it is contentment that we need to practise rather than envy because we will never be healthy or happy as long as we measure our life and our possessions in comparison to what someone else has.

***Gina Lenferna de la Motte***

## When you thought I wasn't looking...

*A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.*

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of the household and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.



When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say,

*"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."*

Submitted by **John McLauchlan**  
Taken from *Bursting at the Seams*  
Killy John & Alie Stibbe  
Monarch Books

## HOW I CAME TO LIVE IN MALTA RON JOHNSTON:

I have been asked this question on numerous occasions so in a few paragraphs allow me to outline the events leading up to departing the U.K. Anyone who has spoken to me would have ascertained that I am Scottish. I was born and lived in Gourock by the banks of the River Clyde for almost thirty years. I was a regular attender of the Church of Scotland and member of various attached organisations. Thereafter, I attended a full-time bible college course at Lebanon Missionary Bible College, Berwick-u-Tweed, for four years which included a year on the mission field in Malawi, central Africa. Following this I worked with epileptic, handicapped and senior citizens in various places in Britain. Most surprisingly, even to me, was that prior to coming to Malta, I ended up driving buses and trams in Blackpool for fourteen years (reasons for this later – Part 2).



Now getting back to the subject, 'How I came to live in Malta', here are the leading factors: Everyone reading this has experienced painful bereavements of family, friends and even pets. In some cases, they come in lengthy intervals and in others one after another. My experience, still ongoing, was the latter. It started about ten years ago when my married brother died very suddenly, my father followed shortly after. Since then my mother, step-mother, three cousins, close aunts and uncles, friends and, almost two years ago, my only surviving brother also died suddenly.

To add to this, I was also given another jolt. Having competed in many events as a road / marathon runner, I developed severe wear and tear in my left hip, which required replacement. I underwent this

operation at Wrightington Hospital, Wigan. Everything appeared to be going well and as I was awaiting discharge, I developed a severe stabbing pain in my lungs, which spread to my chest. It was so severe that I picked up my mobile and phoned a friend to inform him that I was slipping away. The next thing I knew was that I was surrounded by doctors and nurses and inserted with tubes and needles. The prognosis was that it was not a heart attack nor stroke but a suspected blood clot. The scan showed that the suspected clot had fragmented and I was treated with warfarin for the next six months. Having been given a new lease of life and able to walk, swim, cycle and attend a gym, I knew I had to make changes, taking also into account my changed family situation.

Having visited Malta on various occasions previously, I decided to take the plunge, sell up and move out here. I have been here since 4<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Still early days but I read the Malta times seven days a week and am reasonably well-versed in Malta's very real problem areas. However, I find the Maltese people much easier to live with and the Island itself is not threatening in comparison to many other countries. Perhaps also, I am one of the few who enjoys hot climates and does not like feeling cold, which is advantageous for me. As the time goes on, I feel more integrated into Maltese society and trust I may be lead into contributing to it in one way or the other.

### Part 2...

Here are the main brief reasons why I never fully pursued a religious vocation. Firstly, I had many opportunities to preach and did so regularly. However, I was convicted that I was not fully practising what I was preaching. I also realised that many others were neither. Another major factor was that many churches and groups I was attending were so sure that their doctrines (beliefs) were correct, that everybody else was wrong and excluded from their group.

This disturbed me greatly, as to me, God is one and does not discriminate. In my mind, when true believers die they are not going to be allocated different slots in heaven. We will not be able to justify our prejudices, will we? How could we? At this stage in my life and seeing all the atrocities and injustices throughout the world, I see the

urgent need for a common God-fearing unity among believers in fighting the forces of evil, which scripture teaches us are all around. Please spend two or three minutes reading Ephesians 6: 10-20. Perhaps we do not take these verses as critically as we ought.

In conclusion, I will spend the remaining days of my life, be it many or few, respecting and not fault-finding others' road to salvation, while holding fast to my own life-long firm beliefs.

Sincerely,

*Ron Johnston*

P.S. As you may be reading this, the annual Keswick Convention is being held in Keswick, Cumbria, U.K. for three weeks. On entry into the mammoth marquee, which holds over 6000, the visitor is greeted with a slogan, 'All one in Christ'. All denominations worship together in peace and unity.

## Dates for your Diary

**Fri, 1 September** The new Church constitution comes into effect.

**Fri, 22 September** Junior Church Barbeque at Pretty Bay, 4pm.

## HUGS

*It's wondrous what a hug can do.  
A hug can cheer you when you're blue,  
A hug can say, "I love you so,"  
Or "Gee, I hate to see you go."*

*A hug is, "Welcome back again!"  
And "Great to see you!" or  
"Where've you been?"*

*A hug can soothe a small child's pain  
And bring a rainbow after rain.*

*The hug! There's just no doubt about it,  
We scarcely could survive without it.  
A hug delights and warms and charms,  
It must be why God gave us arms.*

*Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,  
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers,  
And chances are some favourite aunts  
Love them more than potted plants.*

*Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.  
Heads of state are not above them.  
A hug can break the language barrier,  
And make the dullest days seem merrier.*

*No need to fret about the store of 'em,  
The more you give, the more  
There are of them.*

*So stretch those arms without delc  
And give someone a hug today.*



**Submitted by Davina Mangion**

## Lectionary Bible Readings

August / September 2006

<i>August 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>August 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>August 20<sup>th</sup></i>
Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34: 9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6: 51-58
<i>August 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>September 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>September 10<sup>th</sup></i>
Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 56-69	Songs of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	Proverbs 22:1-28,9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10,(11-13) Mark 7:24-37
<i>September 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>September 24<sup>th</sup></i>	
Proverbs 1: 20-33 Psalm 19 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38	Proverbs 31: 10-31 Psalm 1 James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	

You may like to follow these readings at home in the week prior to the Sundays shown.

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by God's grace I shall do."*



Edward Everett Hale