

Mere coincidence.

The Rev. Robert Hindle was at one time the Minister of a Baptist Church in an outlying district of Manchester, and when in the pulpit one Sunday morning, it occurred to him that he had not seen Old John in his usual place for three Sundays. In a large church it is very difficult for a minister to keep an eye on all the individual members.

On the Monday he went to the house to make enquiries and was told that Old John went out three weeks ago and had not returned or been heard of since. The next Sunday came round and still no news of the gentleman, but a friend came up and said "I want you to give this (He handed him a Sovereign) to Old John, I fancy he needs it." Mr. Hindle demurred at this commission, telling the friend that he had tried but failed to trace the old man. The friend pressed the matter, however, saying that the Lord had definitely told him to pass the Sovereign on to Old John.

The following day Mr. Hindle had an appointment to visit a sick member on the other side of the city, but in the early morning received a telegram cancelling the arrangement.

He decided to go anyway on the Tuesday, and in a strange part of the city, while trying to find the road of his sick parishioner, he ran into Old John.

Old John's story was that a month ago he had gone to see his sister for the day, but while there fell ill. The sister fell ill too while looking after him, and both being very poor they got into financial straits and did not know what to do. Just casually the old man remarked: "I had a dream about you yesterday morning. I dreamt I saw you go to the door to receive a telegram and the thought came to me at once that God was going to use you to help us in our need."

Then Mr. Hindle told him of the telegram, but for which he certainly wouldn't have met him on that Tuesday morning, and he handed him the Sovereign which the friend had given him, under the distinct guidance of God.

Thus we see God working:

1. In the heart of the Minister on behalf of the old man.
2. In the heart of the friend who gave the sovereign
3. In the circumstances of the sick member who'd sent the telegram.
4. In the dream of the old man himself.

and all quite independent of each other.

Mere coincidence?

Thoughts from Pastor Sam

And so Theresa is May is the new PM.

The iron Lady of our day! She has swept aside the previous cabinet and selected her own cabinet making a clean break with the past. For those who thought that they were having a bad dream when they heard that Boris Johnson has become the Foreign Secretary, I have news for you! Wake up and smell the coffee! It is not a dream, though for Boris it sounds like a dream come true. This bad dream may progress into a nightmare if Donald Trump is elected the President of the United States.

And so it is that you & I find ourselves in the middle of 2016 wondering how on earth we got to where we are, especially if you prayed & thought that Britain would vote to remain in Europe.



The Bible makes it clear that the last days and the end times would be full of twists & turns and surprises. And yet some of us have still not recovered from the shock of the BRexit results only to be bamboozled with the news of Boris Johnson as Foreign Secretary! What next? What would you do if you suddenly found yourself driving down the motorway in the wrong direction? The worst thing you could do is to continue as if it is normal and that it does not matter. That would be suicidal. The sensible thing to do would be to stop and pullover and check your map or Sat Nav (Tom Tom, GPS etc.) for the next exit point. That way you can get off the motorway safely and then turn around and continue on your journey.

Life too is a journey. And the Bible says: "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God". Romans 3:23. In other words, the whole of humanity are driving down the motorway of life in the wrong direction! That is why the Gospel is good news for all of humanity.

Through His death on the cross, Jesus Christ offered himself as a way out or an exit point from a life destined for doom and condemnation. That is why the Bible says in John 3:16 that: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life".

When Christ offered Himself at Calvary, freedom from sin and bondage became a reality for those who believe in Him. The fact is that Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself so that you & I can have that freedom. That is the good news. The only way this country and dare I say this world can get out of this quagmire is by embracing the good news of the gospel. In fact the Bible makes it clear in 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” Brothers & Sisters, the impetus is on you & I (we are those called by His name) to humble ourselves and take this country, this continent & this world of ours to God in fervent prayer and call on Him to heal our land. What is done is done. We cannot keep looking back and over our shoulders and feeling sorry for ourselves. It is time for fervent prayer. This is what the Apostle Paul had to say.....

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

"The Bible consistently argues that the human race is not to a dead end. We were born to run. Not for medals, not for the adulation of the crowd, but to be torchbearers running home to God. We are being called heavenward and how we run our lives now is an indicator of who we run for.

Blessings to Y'all

Pastor Sam, Heather, Joshua & Andrew. ,



Birthday's

August	1 st	Nick McCowan
6 th		Ib Kakula
9 th		Roxanne Bovell
10 th		Sharon Mwanza
13 th		Bosedede Oladejo
15 th		Mary Osho
25 th		Rachel Emmanuel
28 th		Jordan Nicholls
31 st		Betty Westall.
September		
6 th		Xiomara Bovell
8 th		Joan Slater
13 th		Kwang-Hui Lee
20 th		Vicki Kent
22 nd		Glen Hamilton
24 th		Prisca Senkebe-Serunjogi
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28 th		David Oladejo
29 th		Sharon Bethel.



Prayer Board



Please remember to pray for our elderly folk and for those who can no longer attend the Sunday Service: David Page, June Moulden, and Ethel Sumner. You can use the Church Directory as a prayer guide.

A number of our members are in need of prayers for healing, comfort, strength and peace of mind at this time including Tony Harding, Patrick Osei, David Page and John Lane. Please pray for those who care for these loved ones day by day.



Our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are struggling with any kind of issues at this time, through either health or bereavement or sadness.

Should you be aware of any pastoral needs please let Gwen Davis know or any member of the Pastoral Care team.

(Heather, Sarah B, Glencia, Bosede,)



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



Half way through the budget year.

Our offering for the 6 months to the end of June 2016 totalled £32,144 which was an average of £5,357 per month, which exceeded our budgeted monthly figure of £5,250, so again thank you to everyone who has been giving. I know some people have had difficult times with job changes and other uncertainties so to be above our budget shows how other people who are in more fortunate situations have stepped up to the plate.

We once again received a substantial refund from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs for the tax paid on Gift Aid donations. This year's total was £12,691.25, about £200 more than last year which was only possible thanks to the commitment of those people who make their regular and other offerings in a way that I can identify the donation and make the tax claim. This figure amounts to around 12% of our yearly income so we would be rather lost without it. Again many thanks for this.

Our half year's income without the Gift Aid refund was £46,819, over half of our budget for the year which is £88,260, so again on the right side. God does not expect us to pay what we don't have so when our circumstances change and we don't have money to give, we should not give. But if we are earning then we do need to treat our gifts to God seriously. Expenses for the first half of the year have totalled £51,782 which is less than half our budget for the year. However it can be seen that this figure is higher than the income without the tax refund so highlights why we need the Gift Aid claim. Most areas of expense have been as expected.

Once again thanks for the commitment that people have shown and we can again give thanks to God for his generosity to us. We all need to keep praying that God continues to bless Tyndale and provide the resources needed for the work he wants us to do here.

Thanks
Steve

KIDZ CHURCH SUMMER 2016

Phew. Another Kidz Church term comes to a sticky end!

By that I mean we have cut, stuck, painted, acted, sung, danced, clapped, eaten and even prayed together while learning about God.

We have a very mixed age group at the moment and are benefiting from some very experienced and qualified help. Martha and Katherine have led art and craft activities and games. Katherine's M&M game was especially popular.

We have looked at Daniel in the Lion's den, Jonah and the last 2 weeks of this term our theme is The Lord's Prayer.

We have not taken Kidz Church on an outing this year but we are hoping they will all bring their families to the Pooh Sticks Challenge event on August Bank holiday.

One of our ongoing challenges is to ensure our children are kept safe at all times. As you will know we have updated our Safe to Grow policy and in September there will be some changes to ensure we are compliant. This will include all children to have a completed registration form and for ALL children in Kidz Church to be collected at the end of the service by a responsible adult.

We have also been very blessed by Yunia coming to volunteer as part of her Duke of Edinburgh scheme. It is a great blessing to see our young people being willing and growing in all areas of their lives. If you have a young person who may like to do this please make contact with one of the Kidz Church team.

As we have more and more children we would appreciate some more help. This may be with setting up for us or just coming in to help sit next to a child who struggles to hold scissors.

Or if you just want to spend a morning in Kidz Church and watch us in action please just let us know or just come on in.

The best things in life may be free, but the optional extras run up an enormous bill!

War does not determine who is right, but only who is left!

Politicians and nappies have one thing in common. They both should be changed often, and for the same reason!

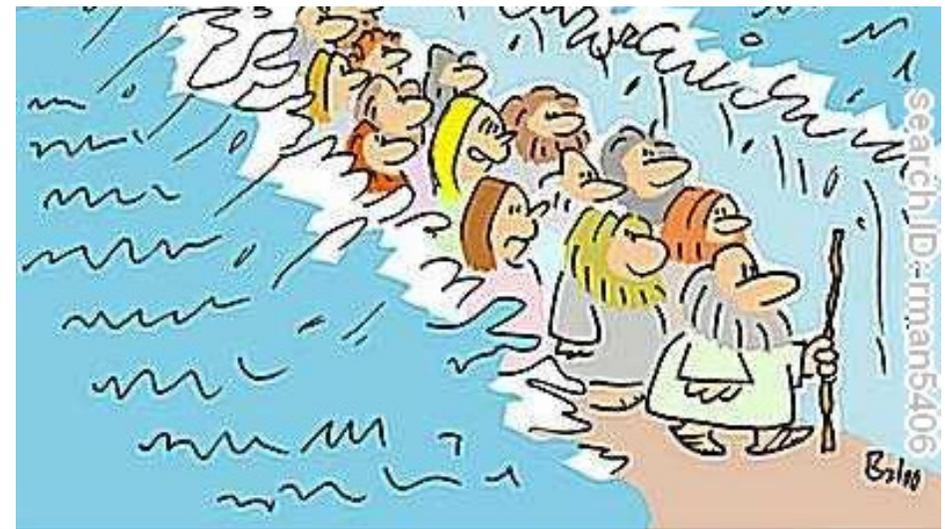
When I got my first universal remote control I thought to myself, "This changes everything!"

Whilst he remained silent I thought he was a fool.

When he spoke it removed all doubt!

A shinbone is a God given device for finding the edges of furniture in a darkened room.

Don't argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level, and beat you with his experience.



"Oh, ick! — I just stepped on a fish!"

Normans Notes.

“Oh Dear! Dear me! Cringe time! I got it wrong in public! I’ve used the mother’s name instead of the son’s! What a howler!”

I was sitting viewing the DVD of the sermon I preached at Tyndale on the 12th June, and realised that whilst trying to explain the second half of Ephesians chapter 2, I had a “senior moment”! What I had been trying to do was explain was that Abraham had two sons – the illegitimate Ishmael, and the legitimate Isaac. What I did however, was call Ishmael by his mother’s name, Hagar. I’d muddled mother’s name for that of the son! So sorry! Nobody else has mentioned it, but my apologies. Without the DVD I would not have known until reached heaven. Now I know that I can muddle names in public, I will never try and adlib again, but make sure I write down “names” in bold letters somewhere.

What a blessing it is that our Heavenly Father knows, but never muddles, our names! Even the hairs of our head are numbered – and for some of us that means He has to reduce the score daily! What a blessing to know that if Jesus is our Saviour that our names are also written in the “Lamb’s Book Of Life!” (Luke 10.20; Hebrews 12.23; Revelations 3.5.) Truly “A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.” Proverbs 22.1

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Recently I was asked “Why does God allow good people to be poor?” Please read my answer, and if you disagree, tell me.

My answer is that I am not God and therefore do not know the answer.

However there are a few things about poverty the Bible is very clear about.

In Matthew 26:11 Jesus states “The poor you will always have with you.”

1 Thessalonians 4:11 “You should mind your own business and work with your hands,

2 Thessalonians 3:10 “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

We need to put Scriptures like these alongside the well known and often recited Matthew 25:34-6 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.....For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Also we need to remember “when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” Matthew 6.3

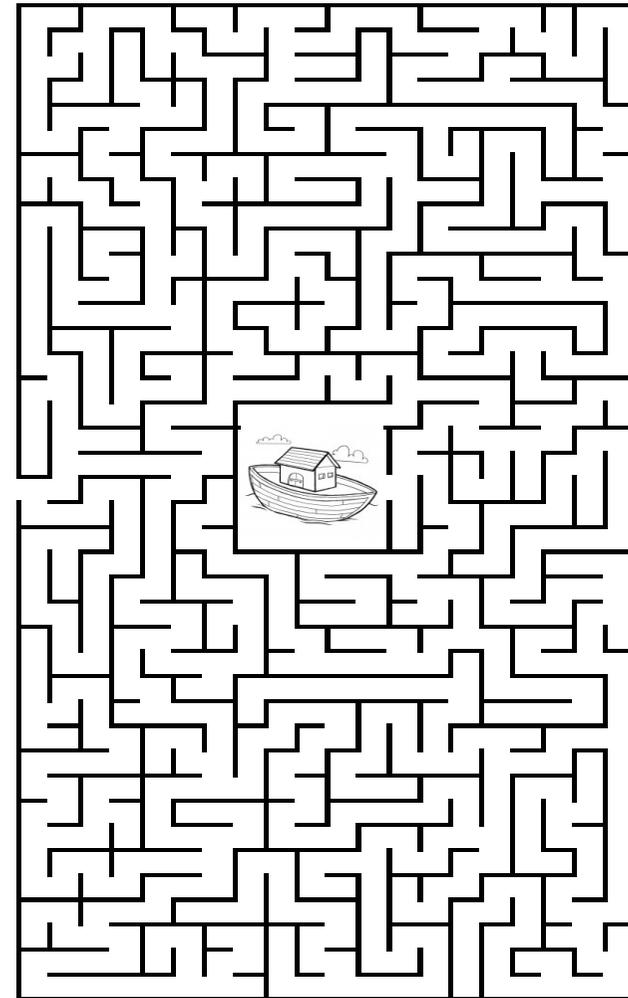
When I was a missionary in London I also learnt the hard way that it is much safer all around to give in kind and not in cash. What do you think?

See how our children are growing in their spiritual life as you adults are growing in yours.

I think you would agree we may have a little more practical fun!! Just be prepared to get a bit sticky!!!

Sara Wise

Find the way to Noah’s Ark.



Sunday Services

*(All services during August will be family services
Led by either Sam or Steve)*

July 24th	10:30 am Worship Service <i>Ephesians 5:21-33</i>
July 31st	10.30 am Worship Service. <i>Christmas in July</i>
August 7th	10.30 am Family Service.
August 14th	10.30 am Family Service.
August 21st	10.30 am Family Service.
August 28th	10.30 am Family Service led by Jeremy Hopkins
September 4th	10.30 am Worship Service Led by Steve Goss.
September 11th	10.30 am Worship Service Led by Michael Penny
September 18th	10.30 am Communion Service Led by Graham Fairbairn
September 25th	10.30 am Family Service.

Tuesday Fellowship 2.15 pm. All are welcome

July 26th
August 2nd
August 9th
August 16th

No Meeting.
Mary Ludlow
Rev. Sam Owoo
Members Afternoon



August 16th last meeting before Summer break, returning 4th October. The lunches will be continuing each Tuesday and Mary Ludlow will be running social afternoons through the summer.
All welcome.

Christmas in July

July 31st is the start of the 2016 Samaritan's Purse Christian Child appeal.
We start with Toiletries, soap, flannels, toothpaste/brushes.
From August 28th will be Stationery, colouring/writing books, pencils etc.
From September 25th we will collect Toys and Games.
On October 30th during our family service we will be packing the Shoe-boxes.
Anyone interested in helping with this, please speak to Maureen.