



Girlguiding UK



The Methodist Church 

Junior Section

The Junior Section is continuing to go from strength to strength and we have again been active in the latest Battalion competitions. In May we entered two teams into the Battalion quiz which was held at Charlemont, and we are pleased to be able to say that we won! The boys answered 10 rounds of general knowledge and specialist rounds of questions triumphing by three points over our closest rivals. Then, on June 4th we travelled to Tamworth to enter the figure marching competition. This was the first time we had entered this competition. It's a very difficult one for Junior Section boys as they have to march a set routine without commands and there is also a separate inspection competition on the same evening. We were very proud of the lads who entered and we came away with second place overall and joint winners in the inspection. We must say a big thank you to Ken who put the programme together for us. On a final note Camp is approaching and we are taking 14 JS boys away to North Wales. We hope the weather will be kind to us this year as we have many things planned. If anyone would like to bake us a cake that would be exceedingly nice!

Julie and Andrew

Annual Gift Day

Our Gift Day this year was on Sunday 10th May and I can report that the donations received amounted to a total of £1,453. This compares well with the 2008 Gift Day being within a few pounds of the total received on that occasion. If anyone still wishes to make a Gift Day donation then it is not too late, and on behalf of the Church I would like to thank everyone who generously gave.

At Wesley we have traditionally on Gift Day also received either a donation or a promise / pledge for the year from our Church organisations. I can report that we have to date received an amount of £995 from six organisations with a further six still to make their donations.

Ian P Collett
Church Treasurer



The deadline for items to be included in the August 2009 edition of Spotlight is Sunday 2nd August 2009.

Charity Shop – Barnado's

Some of you may remember Phil's Yellow Easter trousers, which were purchased from Barnardo's Shop on the High Street? Glenis, the manageress, has asked us if we can help them re-stock the shop by donating jumble and bric-a-brac; they are desperate for stock. You may bring your jumble up to Wesley, where we will have a supply of bags and Phil has kindly said he will take it up to Barnardo's for us. Please support this good cause. If you have any queries, please ask Liz Vaughan

Many thanks

1st West Bromwich Brownies Update

We have been swimming and are currently working on our First Aid badges.

We have played rounders at the park and we are looking forward to the Brownie day out at Weston Super Mare and our Animal Explorer day at Dudley Zoo.

We will be finishing off our summer term with a BBQ, and making fathers day presents!

Brownies*

MINISTERS LETTER

I can't believe that this is the last minister's letter of the year....wow time flies when you're enjoying yourself...and I have. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the hard work and the hours of time that you have given to the church. I hope you have received as much fulfilment as I have in the sharing of your gifts and talents. The church year is coming to an end and I want you all to take a "Sabbath". God took care to weave Sabbath rest right into the richly embroidered tapestry of his creation. God himself instituted rest into the heart of his creation.

Because we are not so wise anymore God needs to command us to take a Sabbath! Yet still most of us do a pretty sorry job at taking the concept of Sabbath very seriously. What Sabbath is really all about is not a "day off" to catch your breath, it's about completely re-orienting your thinking. Sabbath means entering into God's grace and God's story and God's rhythms. Truly to recognize Sabbath for what God intended is to change your life *every* day. To use the Sabbath as a launching pad for the same old destructive routines of busyness is to profane the Sabbath. The Sabbath is for transforming your mind.

Creation and Redemption are the two big themes of the Bible. Strikingly, *both* have something to do with Sabbath. The way we were made by God and the way we've been saved by God aim us in the direction of Sabbath. But if, as I just said, Sabbath is far more than just a day off, then what is it? What lies at the core of this and how could it affect our lives if we really both understood and practiced Sabbath?

We can begin by tying back into Creation and Redemption. Creation tells us that in the end as in the beginning (and so at every point in between) God alone is the Creator. Far from being some remote Deity who set the universe to spinning but then left it alone, we believe that God is still vitally close to his creation. He takes care of us. Because God alone is the sovereign maker and caretaker of everything, all that we can do is enter into a work God already has under control.

Since we are merely participating in God's larger creative work, we can be assured that when we leave off for a bit, we are not abandoning our work to mere idleness but we're leaving it in God's hands, where all our work is all the time anyway!

A similar point can be made about the Sabbath connection to Redemption, Grace means we can stop running, stop performing and know that we *still* are fully loved and accepted. Grace tells us that who we *are* in Christ is more important than what we *do* in life.

We each have a sacred identity. Stopping, resting, leaving matters in God's hands because we know they are always in God's hands anyway; pausing, pondering grace, just doing things which much of our world might chalk up as "wasting time"--these need to be the bright centre of our lives.

Sabbath recharges your batteries in the sense of mentally taking you out of that system which says work controls everything. Sabbath ties us back into Creation and Redemption by reminding us of our proper place in God's world.

As Christians, created in the image of God and now in Christ redeemed fully to bear that image once again, it's time to return to Sabbath as a wonderful gift.

People of God, remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. If you do, the Sabbath of God's grace will keep you holy, too. Amen.

Yours in Christ

Phil





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Family News

Congratulations to Olive and Frank on their 60th Diamond Anniversary on the 11th June!

Quotes

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world." -- Anne Frank

"A moment of choice is a moment of truth. It's the testing point of our character and competence." - Stephen Covey

"What you get by achieving your goal is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- Zig Ziglar

"Trust that still, small voice that says, This might work and I'll try it." -- Diane Mariechild

To everyone at the 5th West Bromwich Company Boys' Brigade

Thank you so much for inviting Mick to present the Awards last Friday this was an honour and privilege and greatly appreciated.

The presentation of so many awards proving the lads had worked very hard over the year to achieve their badges.

The fun of the sketches by each of the sections all went to make the evening very successful.

To see so much support from the parents of the lads involved in BB was good proving that the work and dedication of all Officers was very much appreciated.

Thank you for the flowers, these are still looking good and reminding us both of the evening we shared with you in a special way.

Mick and Carol Osborne

4th West Bromwich Rainbows

We started our year with a real bang by taking the Rainbows to see 'High School Musical on Ice', which was absolutely fantastic. On the journey home, the girls asked if we could go again the following week!! We also took the girls to the Pantomime, and over the Easter holiday we went to Cadbury World. Unfortunately the weather was awful all day, but luckily it didn't dampen our enthusiasm and we had a great time. The chocolate tasting was extremely yummy!

At the moment and over the past few weeks we have been working on a project called 'Changing the World'. This is linked to our centenary celebrations. We are trying to raise awareness and money for the charity 'Book Aid International'. The girls have been learning about life in Africa and doing many exciting African activities, including; tie dying, cooking, writing poetry and making jewellery. We are hoping to show you what we have been doing at the July parade service, and hope that you will support us and help us to raise money for people a lot less fortunate than ourselves.

We are looking forward to our centenary lunch party at the beginning of September, and are very excited as we are hoping to take the Rainbows to London in November; to Girl guiding headquarters for a Princess party, also to celebrate our special anniversary. What a thrilling time ahead!

Rebecca Lilly



SAFCO

SAFCO's May event was a "Western Evening". The Akrill was decorated in true Western style with "Wanted" posters adorning the walls, some with dubious pictures of our minister Phil and members of the SAFCO committee. After a hearty supper of bangers, mash with beans or peas (or both as I seem to remember some plates leaving the kitchen), followed by a light desert of jelly, complete with squirty cream with a strawberry on top, folk were then able to do a little bit of exercise by taking part in a Barn Dancing session led by Linda Adams. To give everyone a bit of a rest, everyone then joined in with a few campfire songs led by Jane and members of Girl Guiding West Bromwich. A fun evening was had by all and we are all now looking forward to the next events, both of which will have musical entertainment.

On June 17th, Ferndale School Choir will be visiting to sing to us and also some of the young folk of Wesley will be playing instruments for us; on July 15th it's the turn of the "Harmonics" from Warley Male Choir.



Tickets for both social evenings are available at the credit-crunch-busting price of £3.00 from Liz Vaughan. Be sure to get yours soon as the evenings are becoming very popular.

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- If you know of anybody who should receive a copy of Spotlight in the post please inform Ian Collett.
- If anybody would like a copy emailed to them please inform the editor.

Helen is running Race for Life!

I doubt many of you will remember me in my school days, I only started coming to Wesley when I was about 15, so you probably won't know that I was not a regular attender for PE lessons at school! Somehow I always managed to arrange to have a music lesson when I should have been at PE. Some of you may now know that for the last 3 years I have been a member of the gym at the Park Inn, West Bromwich, and have started to do a bit of running.

I will be taking part in the "Race for Life" in Sutton Park on Sunday 12th July and if anyone would like to sponsor me for this very worthy cause, I have put a sponsor form on the Wesley Noticeboard in the concourse; alternatively, if you have web access, you can sponsor me online at www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/helenparker40; the wonders of modern technology!

I am in training to run the race, and not walk, it's only 5k, which I have worked out takes me from home to Mom's or a few circuits from Stone Cross to All Saints and round the one-way system a couple of times! Photos of me running *may* be available after the event!

Many thanks for your support

Helen

Actual Court Conversations!

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to the deposition notice I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo or the occult?

A: We both do.

Q: Voodoo?

A: We do.

Q: You do?

A: Yes, voodoo.

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

Thank you for the Music

Music has always "played" a big part in our worship at Wesley and as we give thanks to God for our new organ we also give thanks for the people who help to provide the music for us. To Mick Osborne and Margaret Chambers who play our hymns for us week after week, where would we have been without them?, but especially for Helen Parker (aided and abetted by Cliff) whose musical talents have so enriched our life at Wesley.

In the service which Helen & Mick lead a while ago, based on music, Helen said that while you are singing you can't think about anything else. I for one wholeheartedly agree with that, my sanity has been saved on many occasions in choir practice (although Helen might say she lost hers)

My time at Wesley doesn't go back all that far, only about thirty years, so I can't remember some of the people I hear mentioned who have led the music in the past but I can certainly remember Ted Griffiths who was choir master when I joined. What a gentleman and a great musician. Also, of course, Alan Bidnell who introduced us to lots of different kinds of music and who will ever forget the circuit choirs he conducted, especially our manful (and womanful) rendition of the Messiah, I wouldn't have missed that for the world.

It is a wonder Dot Smith has any finger ends left the amount of time she spent at the piano playing for pantomimes and practices of all descriptions. I have never heard Kath Fieldhouse play the piano but she has wagged her baton and her finger at us while conducting for Ladies weekend to great effect. Ken Dunn and Michael Barrett with men's weekend and Kath Smith still has the scars from playing for their practices. To Iris Reynolds who jumps in willingly whenever she is asked. Lately, of course, our own Jenny Adams Barrett (to give her the full title) whose musical abilities both surprised and delighted Keith and I.

There must be many, many, more people who you can think of and give your thanks for.

So for everyone who has, does, or will we say.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC.

Linda Adams



Creative Puns

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum blown apart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said: 'No change yet.'
17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
18. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!
19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
20. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
21. A backward poet writes inverse.
22. In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
23. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

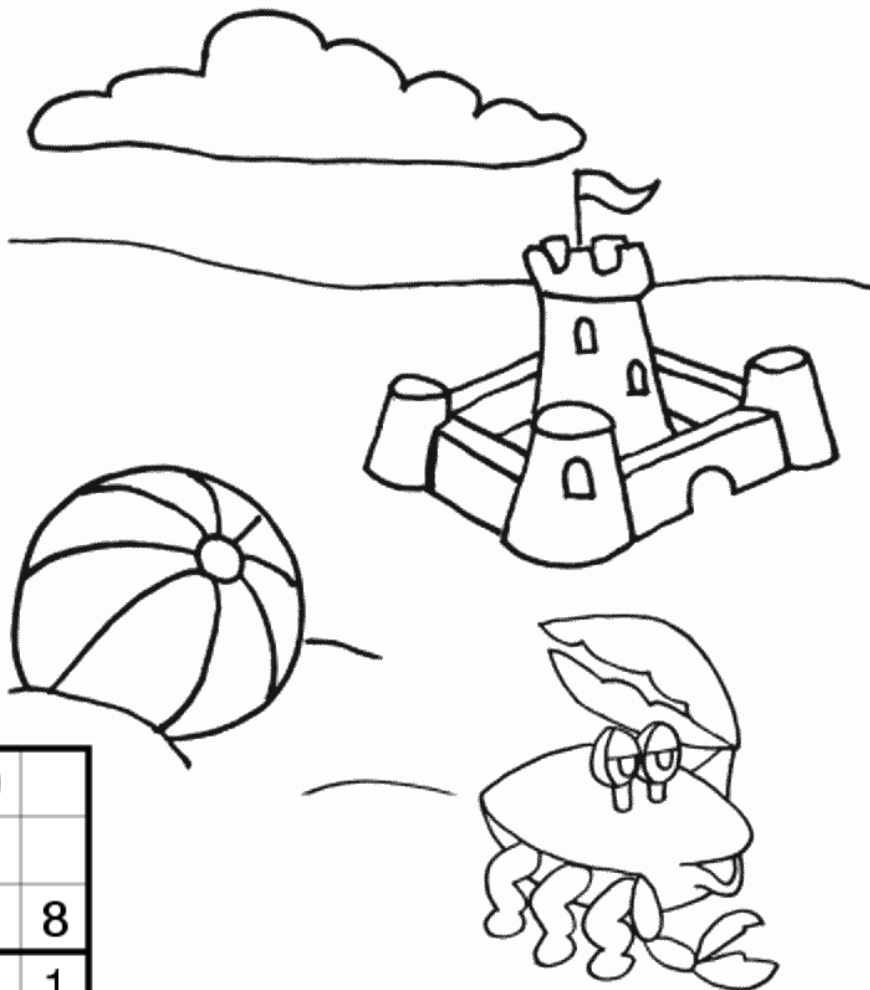


Fun and Games!

Answer to the April Su-Doku: -

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6	5	1	4	3	7	9	8	2
7	6	8	2	5	1	3	4	9
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Summer Themed Colouring In!



June Su-Doku Puzzle

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