

(Tony Delsink's message continued from page 2)

As married life continues, problems and tensions arise. If a couple denies this, then ..... time to confess! If a couple has a squabble, even if not in front of the children, the children will pick it up. If there is reconciliation between the parents after the children have gone to bed, the children will be confused the next morning by seeing formerly quarrelsome parents now in total harmony. It is necessary to tell the children and for each spouse to remember they haven't married an angel!

Into married life and **the wine runs out**. The couple are thrown back on the water of their own meagre provision. There will be good times and bad. Some are tempted to '**run out with the wine**' ~ a very selfish attitude. When they've taken from each other, they may begin to look elsewhere. Marriage is not easy. **When the wine runs out, that is when you get to know the true person**. A practical tip: talk about the things that irritate you ~ even the proverbial toothpaste tube ~ a major cause of dispute!

Take things to Abba (literally 'daddy') ~ our loving Dad in heaven.

Thank you, FatherTony for these words of wisdom.

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### *Mission Trip to Sri Lanka*

Mike and Ann are going to Sri Lanka with Bill and Sue in February, visiting Sanna's church in Colombo in the south and Leslie's church in the north. Please pray for us as this is new territory for us ('uncharted waters') and will almost certainly take us out of our comfort zones.

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### *Spearhead Ministries*

Tim (Grant) has sent through updates on Spearhead Mission trips, one of those being to Uganda and hopefully also Kenya: February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>. As Derek will be on the team, it will be good for us to get behind him in prayer. Current information on the visit as follows:  
This team will be working alongside churches reaching out into some of the poorest communities in Kampala and Kitale as well as encouraging believers in their faith. During the last trip people were saved, healed and added to the church. Conditions there can be quite hard and temperatures high, so this is not one for the faint-hearted. The team will be staying in hotels of varying standards. For more info go to: [www.spearhead.org.uk](http://www.spearhead.org.uk)

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### *Haiti Appeal*

It is very heartening to report that as a result of the special offering for Haiti taken up last Sunday, the sum of £316 was raised and sent off to Christian Aid for their work there. This is a great amount for a small gathering. Praise the Lord. Thank you everyone.

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## *The King's Church Swanage*

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*There are different kinds of gifts,  
but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service,  
but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working,  
but the same God works all of them in all men.*

*1 Corinthians 12: 4-6*

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
4pm: Informal gathering at the Salvation Army  
A warm welcome to Paul Szkiler.

### *For your diary:*

- **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm:** Breaking Bread. Bill and Sue Rice with us.
- **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am:** United Service at the United Reformed Church. **There will be no afternoon meeting at the Salvation Army.**
- **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 4pm:** Informal gathering at the Salvation Army.
- **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Ecumenical Lent House Groups start and continue for the following five weeks. Groups will be studying the York Course '*When I survey ....Christ's cross and ours.*'
- **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 4pm:** Informal gathering at the Salvation Army.
- **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, evening:** Mike Warnke in Swanage
- **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10,30am:** Mike Warnke at King's Church, Poole. We'll be joining folk there for morning worship.
- **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm:** 'Waiting on God': an afternoon of prayer to be led by Veronica at the Salvation Army.

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### *Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January*

It was cold in the Salvation Army hall ~ heating still not working. Coats, which had been taken off during the time of worship, were gradually put back on once people had sat down.

There was a time of prayer for those close to us suffering bereavement and those far away suffering all manner of deprivation, predominantly in Haiti. Thank you to all who gave towards the special appeal for Haiti.

It was really good to welcome Father Tony Delsink from the Catholic Church to be with us for the Pulpit Exchange. Apart from when Tony cracked a joke and there was cause for laughter, you could have heard a pin drop, such was everyone's attention to his message.

Tony read first from 1 Corinthians 12, verses 4-11 (see front cover). People too often want to be the same, but at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we have to recognise that there is UNITY WITH DIVERSITY. God has created us in his own image; he has given us freewill and has built creativity into our lives, resulting in diversity.

Tony moved on to John's Gospel chapter 2 verses 1-11: the marriage in Cana. He highlighted the progression and development in a marriage relationship from the day of the wedding through the honeymoon period and on into married life in terms of the flow of wine. At the wedding everyone is joyful and in celebratory mood. There are gifts and **the wine flows freely.**

Back from the honeymoon, married life starts in earnest. Still fresh in the couple's mind is the thought that their love was pre-ordained in heaven. **The wine still flows.** (Continued overleaf)

### *Dave Petto ~ a tribute*

The news of David's tragic and untimely death was a shock to all of us. The family have lost a much-loved husband, son, brother and uncle and we have all lost a dear friend. The church community in Swanage has lost a faithful and hard-working servant, who was always willing to lend a hand.

David came to Swanage in 1999, visiting his sister, Linda, and at King's Church met a lady called Elena Dunford. I'm not sure if it was love at first sight, but there was very soon an emotional attachment and David's visits to Swanage became more frequent! They married a year later at St. Mary's in a joint service with King's Church. It was through King's Church that David made a commitment to follow Christ and he was subsequently baptised in the sea, confessing his faith as a believer in the Lord Jesus.

Right from the start of his time in the church, David showed a true servant heart and would give a hand with practical jobs without waiting to be asked to do so. This calling was recognised by the church and before long he was appointed a deacon, in which role he served exceptionally well.

He was an example to us all in his kindness, gentleness and willing service. He was a great asset helping with the Tent Events at both Poole and Swanage, and never waited to be asked to do even the most menial and dirty of jobs. He just quietly got on with it. He was also a great help with Besom, shifting unwanted furniture etc to the store building and from there to homes and families in need.

David had specialist skills when it came to motor cars, and would gladly give advice and a free inspection of a prospective second-hand car, as well as helping to sort out any mechanical problems. He was an excellent and careful driver and was very helpful in giving lifts to those in need.

David will also be remembered for his quick Cockney humour (and occasional rhyming slang!) ~ always good-natured, never unkind.

David's life on this earth came to an untimely end, but I'm sure he will hear the words from his heavenly Master saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)

Mike

The service of thanksgiving for David's life is on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon at All Saints'.