

The Buzzard, the Bat and the Bumblebee

The Buzzard:

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The Bat:

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable, nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air... Then at once it takes off like a flash.

The Bumblebee:

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides at the bottom.... It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

People:

In many ways we are like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realising that all we have to do is look up. That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem. Just look up.

Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. But faith looks up.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

(Thanks, Olive for passing this on to us.)



The King's Church Swanage

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*I (Paul) pray that out of his (the Father's) glorious riches
he may strengthen you with power
through his Spirit in your inner being, so that
Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith.*

Ephesians 3:16

Sunday, November 29th 4pm
Informal gathering
at the Salvation Army

For your diary:

- **Sunday, December 6th, 4.00pm:** Informal gathering at the Salvation Army. Breaking of bread.
- **Monday, December 7th, 7.30pm:** Monday Night Praise and Worship at the Salvation Army.
- **Sunday, December 13th, 4:00pm:** Informal gathering at the Salvation Army, followed by a Christmas drink or snack at the Red Lion. Details to follow.
- **Friday, 18th December, 6.30-8.30pm:** Christmas Party for children aged 7-14. This is being organised by Tom Bullock, Children and Families Worker, at the Methodist Church. The invitation is to all children of this age, plus parents. Just let Tom know on 01929 421767 or e-mail: www.swanagemethodist.org.uk if you have children would like to go. There is a small charge of £1 each.
- **Saturday, December 19th, 7-10pm:** We've been invited to join King's Church, Poole for their Christmas Party. There will be a very good Chinese meal (cost £8), also music and fun. Let Mike and Ann know if you wish to go.
- **Sunday, December 20th, 10.30am:** We are joining King's Church, Poole for morning worship. Let Mike or Ann know if you need transport.
There will be **no** meeting at the Salvation Army that afternoon. Instead, come to the Town Carol Service at St. Mary's at 6.30pm. It is always a lovely occasion.
- **Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day:** King's Church will not be meeting that day but why not go along to one of the other Christmas Day services.

G.L.E.E.

Derek has given me dates of forthcoming visits to Abbeyfield & Cliff Top:
Sun. 6th Dec. 7pm: Cliff Top: Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band
Sun. 13th Dec. 6pm: Abbeyfield: Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band. Do remember Derek and Stuart in your prayers and join them if you can on these visits which are so much appreciated by the residents of the homes.

Swanage Christian Centre (the Old Stable)

Swanage Christian Centre is pleased to welcome Anna-Marie Morgan as the new Bookshop Manager from 1st Dec. Please drop in and meet her. There is also a 10% Discount Day on Saturday, 5th in conjunction with the Street Market. Christmas stock is going rapidly, so take this opportunity to complete your shopping.

Amnesty International

Greetings Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

This year, through Amnesty International, it has been decided to concentrate on two prisoners only. Their names, addresses and details will be displayed on the notice-board in the Old Stable during the first three weeks of December.

Please try to send a card or cards. Imagine how cheered and encouraged you would feel to know that someone cared about you and your plight.

Sunday, 22nd November

We were delighted to hear that people really entered into worship and it was an anointed time. It was good, also, to welcome some visitors, who enjoyed the fellowship.

Bill spoke on the love of God, reading Ephesians 3: 14-21, with verse 16 (quoted on front page) being a key verse. But we need to get revelation on all these verses. The love spoken of in this passage is agape love, powerful love. To love one another with God's love, we must be ready to lay down our lives for each other ~ see John 15: 12 and 13. We're not there yet! The love of Jesus holds us together and we need to know the love of Jesus, so that we can love each other.

We are to be *rooted and established* (grounded) *in love* (v17) ~ i.e. have a foundation of love. Roots are important. We need deep roots in the love of God. Without deep roots, we fall and without good roots there will be no growth.

1 John 4: 7-12 and 16: knowing God's love should change us. We can't always feel God's love, but like the sun, it's always there.

Someone in Bill's church had a prophetic word: 'The tide's gone out.' Bill was amazed at first but sought the Lord and realised it was right. How do we get the tide back? We show God we're thirsty. But are we thirsty? The water is available. John 7:37-38: Jesus said, "*If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.*" The onus is on us to drink in this living water.

(Thanks to Veronica for these notes.)

For your prayers

Do keep Hilde's mother in your prayers. She is due to go into the Marsden Hospital for surgery soon and this will be a critical time. Hilde also needs our prayers as she has many other family responsibilities and concerns.