



Our Messenger

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...lo I am with you always

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV)

“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch”

Luke 5:4

As I was meditating in preparation for the first Lord's Day of 2011 my mind went to the above words spoken by our Lord to some hitherto unknown fishermen as they were cleaning their nets one morning by the shore of The Sea of Galilee. We recognise them now as the first disciples to be called to follow Him. They are surely appropriate words for us all not only at the beginning of a new year but constantly.

We can all picture the scene as, in response to Jesus' command, the fishermen push off from the shoreline and make for the deeper waters of the lake. Do we appreciate what this means for us for the command comes to us as well. Like Peter and his friends as Christians we are to leave the shore zones in order to show our obedience and commitment to the Lord who has called us to serve and follow Him. As we move on into 2011, for we have left 2010 behind us now, let us join Peter and the others and let down our nets into deeper waters.

The term 'the deep' is very suggestive as it reminds us of a number of things.

THE DEEP TAKES US INTO THE UNKNOWN

Not one of us knows what the future holds whether in the short or long term. Because of that we often cling to the past or present. In other words we hold on to those things we are comfortable with and confident in. They give rise to the expression which is increasingly used very appropriately of 'our comfort zone'.

This should not however prevent us from

stepping outside of what we know and feel comfortable with. Rather, on the basis of who we know, we should be increasingly willing to 'launch out into the deep' and uncertain unknown all around us. Remember God holds the key to all unknown and this should make us glad. Friends let us leave our comfort zones this year and let down our nets outside. Who knows what a great catch of spiritual fish we might bring in!

THE DEEP IS A PLACE OF DANGER

None of us feel at ease in a vulnerable situation. We all shrink from danger but as pilgrims in this world we should not look for security and ease here. We are, to change the analogy, in a war zone as Christians and must not forget it. We must launch out into the 'deep', the hostile environment of the world if we are to catch souls for Christ. Sadly there are all too often nominal Christians inside our churches and to speak to them of their need of Christ can sometimes bring hostility. The danger is that we take it for granted that they are Christians forgetting that without fruit there is no evidence of real life within. So it may be that we have to speak and 'launch out into the deep' even at home. But then I ask what of the world all around us? Shall we not rise to the challenge and 'launch out into the deep and let down our nets' to catch men for Christ?

THE DEEP IS WHERE THE FISH ARE

Every fisherman likes to come home with a

good catch at the end of the day. He will not do so however if he only paddles in the shallows and at the edge. He must get out into deeper water to catch 'the big ones'! It is just the same for Christians and the church. All we will have to show for our labours will be small fry, and not much of that, if we remain in the shallows. It is in the deep water the fish are to be found. It is good to, indeed essential to pray, but we must also 'let down the net' if we are to be successful. How thrilling it is to 'let down the net' amongst the children, in the old folk's homes that we visit, on the doors and in the streets. Let us 'launch out into the deep' that we might be true 'fishers of men' for Christ.

THE DEEP LEADS TO THE OTHER SIDE

Although digressing slightly, when Jesus would go to the other side of the lake with His disciples, they had to 'launch out into the deep'. The deeper water had to be crossed with all its dangers and unknown in order to 'cross over'. We are too fond of paddling in the shallows of life like little children rather than stepping out in faith towards yonder distant shore

of heaven and glory. It is small wonder that we are so stunted and weak in our Christian life when we stay well within our comfort zones.

Will you 'launch out into the deep' with your hand in the hand of your Lord? Will you leave the shallows to be of greater usefulness to Him? It will bring glory to Him and be good for you.

THE DEEP DEEPENS OUR EXPERIENCE

It is by 'launching out into the deep' that we shall 'grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'. It is in the unknown that we launch out into the deep of faith. Move out from your comfort zone into the place of vulnerability and you will soon find yourself 'launching into the deep' of prayer in a more meaningful way. Go where the fish are and you will discover the wonder of the deep-sea fish that bring great glory to your Lord. Be like the mariners of Psalm 107:23 and go down to the sea to see the great wonders of the deep.

Pastor

Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters, they see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep. For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths; their soul melts because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet. So He guides them to their desired haven. Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:23-31

Diamonds are for ever

When a diamond is mined, it is most unattractive. Faced with the shape of the mined stone, the diamond cutter decides what size and shape of diamond is best because every stone is different. First, the rubbish has to be removed and then cutting and polishing has to be done before the beauty of the finished diamond is revealed. This is slow and highly skilled work. During the process a considerable weight loss occurs, perhaps even to half of the original weight of the mined stone. Where possible, everything that would spoil the beauty of the diamond must be removed.

The 'brilliant' cut is now regarded as the best shape to provide maximum brilliance. It consists of fifty-eight facets, each carefully polished to its exact shape and size on the lapidary's wheel. There are thirty-three such facets on the crown, and twenty-five below, on what is called the pavilion. The beauty of the diamond is made up of both reflections of light and what is called 'fire'—the flashes of the colours of the spectrum as the diamond is moved.

As the work proceeds, the material removed gets smaller and the polishing finer. Similarly, when believers reach maturity we would expect them to be past the stage where rough cutting has to be used. If, after many years of discipleship a believer does not reflect a little of the glory of Jesus, something has gone seriously wrong.

God is the divine lapidary. He uses the ups and downs of life as his tools to shape the saint so that he reflects more and more of the glory of Christ. There will be times when the process is painful. We need always to remember that the ultimate good towards which all things work for the believer (Romans 8:28) is not a trouble-free life, but conformity to Christ (v29).

Strange as it may seem to those with no experience of the help of the Spirit, this gradual process will not make the saint feel good about himself. On the contrary, blemishes of character will continue to be revealed, some of which he was formerly unaware. Indeed, such is the depth of depravity of the sinful nature, this will be the case right to the end of his life on earth.

In addition, as he grows in holiness, sin will become more serious to him. The fact that he will hate his sins more and more will ensure that he will be more conscious of them at the end of his journey than he was at the beginning. For this reason, he will never boast of his attainments. As the years go by, the tax-collector's words—'God have mercy on me, a sinner' (Luke 18: 13), will come even more readily to his lips. Before we became Christians, we were 'dead in trespasses and sins' (Ephesians 2:1), 'but God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ' (Ephesians 2:4-5). Now, in the strength God gives, we are enabled to cooperate with Him in our growth in holiness, something we could never do before.



Mission

Setback in Kawangware, Kenya



We were all saddened when we learnt of the serious fire in Kawangware just before Christmas. Damage to the church and ministry was extensive as Sukesh told us:

... all buildings except the toilet block at the back have been razed to the ground... it is a miracle that no one sustained injury of any kind at all because we are so close to hundreds of houses in the area... the fire, which was huge, was confined to our compound only and burnt itself out.

...Poor Ronald, who lives in the compound, lost everything in his house including his clothes, furniture and laptop which had the only copies of the Swahili translation of Let's Study Ephesians by Ferguson and Life in Christ by Donnelly.

...Apart from Ronald's things and the building itself we lost a lot of literature. All copies of our Christmas tracts and Pastors Training Courses have gone. There were not many Swahili

books since there have been large orders recently from western Kenya and from a place called Mwingi for Swahili books. But about half of the supply of John by Ryle which came through Mombasa recently were sadly destroyed. The newly developed children's library and pastors' library were also destroyed.

We praise God that the needs are being met and thank those from the church here for the generous gift we were able to send via Grace Baptist Mission.

An email received immediately before Christmas (23rd December) tells us:

...We are constructing a temporary structure made of a number of wooden poles supporting sheets of plastic overhead. It is the hot season here and we are not expecting rain so a cover over our heads is quite sufficient, we do not need "walls." A number of simple wooden benches and a simple wooden pulpit are being made and each week





we will have a hymn sheet consisting of English and Swahili hymns for the congregation to sing from (we always sing unaccompanied so music is not an issue) until we have supplies of hymn books.....

There will be two Sunday Schools before the morning service, the adults English, adults Swahili and teen-agers will be combined as we do not have room for them to meet separately, and there will be a class for younger children, two classes combined, under a tree in the compound. Ronald will teach the combined class this Sunday and then Lawrence takes over for Jan/Feb; Salome and Hope will teach the younger children.

...Sunday afternoon club and the mid-week meetings (Tues and Wed Bible

study, Wed prayer meeting and Friday evening service) will continue as usual. We are all agreed that it will take us at least three months to get back to "normal" and are happy to work with that time scale.

...The literature work will move to a rented office in Kawangware. Ronald and Jackie will remain in their flat for the time being. Jackie has been discharged and went with their twin daughters to their new flat which is almost fully furnished.

Please pray on for this situation and make sure you pick up Sukesh's prayer letters each week which will keep you up to date.



...there should be no schism in the body, but ... the members should have the same care for one another.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1Corinthians 12:25-26

Lo, I am with you always, even

This year we have before us a glorious statement made by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples as He was about to ascend back into heaven and His Father. As with all the promises and statements of God there are three things to consider about it. These great truths are not just there for us to name and claim as Christians. God is not careless in making them and we must not be carefree in receiving them. They are always given in a context which is vital to our understanding and enjoyment of them.

That context reveals the ground of the promise and its purpose and it is only when we grasp those two things that the promise becomes the blessing it is intended to be. Think about this wonderful statement of Jesus under three headings:

THE UNDERTAKING IS GROUNDED IN THE SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY OF THE LORD

An undertaking and promise is only as good as the one who makes it, for its fulfilment is dependent on his resources and ability to perform it. Furthermore his trustworthiness and integrity must be impeccable.

The speaker of these words is the risen Lord whose resources are infinite, ability is absolute and integrity is perfect. His credentials as the covenant undertaker are impeccable and perfect. Therefore we can with complete confidence say that He will fulfil His word. When He says *Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age* there can be no doubt but He will be with His disciples.

THE UNDERTAKING IS SET IN THE CONTEXT OF OBEDIENCE TO THE SOVEREIGN LORD

The promise is not made unconditionally but is contingent on the obedience of the disciples to the command given. Do not ignore the conjunction 'and'. Jesus says in effect as you go and do what I say lo, I am with you. Remember King Asa and the Lord's promise to him 'The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you' (2Chronicles 15:2). Obedience is crucial to the enjoyment of the promise. The immediate context is the great commission which is really a wonderful outline of what the Christian life is all about. It summarises the life of our Lord Himself who said very simply 'follow Me'

What a glorious and precious undertaking is therefore given to Christians for they are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Galilean fishermen had heard that call and immediately left all to do so (Mat 4:19); Matthew the tax collector had done the same (Matthew 9:9) as they all had (Matthew 10:1). With this recommission ringing in their ears and with the Saviour soon to return to glory they have the promise of His constant presence.

THE UNDERTAKING IS GIVEN FOR A TWOFOLD PURPOSE

We must dismiss the idea that God gives His promises and undertakings as some sort of panacea for life. They are not the Christian's comfort blanket but a robust and stirring encouragement to press on towards heaven.

First the undertaking is given to enable us to bring glory to God. A vital verse in this regard is 2Corinthians 1:20, 'all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us'. Our salvation is by grace alone so that it should be for the glory of God alone. Our salvation leads into a life that God has ordained for us to live for His glory alone. We are to be 'to the praise of His glory' (Ephesians 1:12). This leads immediately to the subsidiary purpose of God's undertakings.

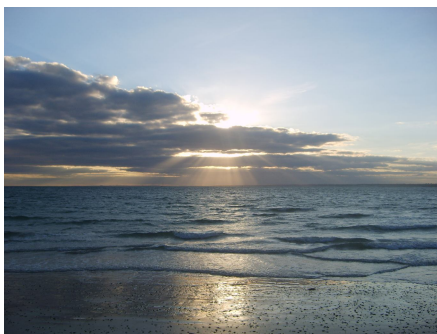
Second they are given to produce greater holiness in us. As Peter writes to the scattered Christians he reminds them of God's promises (2Peter 1:4) which are given so that through them they might become more Christ-like and less world-like – ie more holy. That holiness consists of a life lived with a well furnished faith as outlined in 2Peter 1:5-8 which is basically a life serving Him as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20. Such a calling can be daunting and even frightening. Hence the value of knowing that the Lord has undertaken to be constantly with us to help and enable us to obey Him. This does not take away our personal duty of obedience however but we are given a divine stimulus to help in our time of need. More briefly we turn to...

THE UNDERTAKING JESUS GIVES US.

Think about the Speaker. Jesus calls Himself 'The Light of the World' (John 9:5). He is there to shine on our path and direct our way. He is 'The Bread of life' (John 6:25) to nourish and strengthen us. Furthermore He is 'The True Vine' (John 15:1) to support us. Finally Jesus is 'The

Good Shepherd' (John 10:11-14) who will keep us every step of the way. Though sheep among wolves we have an utterly dependable Saviour who undertakes to do all that is needful. He is with us 'always' whether we perceive Him or not. We can only think in terms of the constant present with such words before us. Wherever we are and whatever is taking place the followers of Jesus can be absolutely confident that He is with them all the way through the age of this life and world's existence. What then? Will He abandon us when we leave this world behind us? Praise His dear name, no He will not. Our place will change and then instead of His being with us we shall be with Him in glory for ever.

Praise God that Jesus is with us all the while we are serving Him here and then we shall be with Him for ever and ever. Christian brother and sister do not give up but keep going with the Lord by your side until the day comes when you will be at His side in heaven.



Sunset over Totland Bay IOW

Ladies Fellowship Anniversary 2011

We enjoyed our 16th anniversary when we met in January to give thanks to God and to have God's Word brought to us by our brother Bush Hogg. He drew some lessons and encouragements from God's words to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy Ch 8. They were to remember that the Lord their God led them all the way (v2) and God's purpose, to do them good in the end (v16). Whatever we go through it is ultimately to bring us to that 'good land' (v7).

An anniversary reminds us that:

- ❖ There has been a beginning—v2 tells us who leads us
- ❖ There is a continuation each year
- ❖ There is an obligation to remember all the way (v2)

The Lord gives three double commands in this chapter:

- ❖ Observe the commands (v1) and be careful in so doing—'Beware' or 'be watchful' (v11)
- ❖ Remember that the Lord your God has led you—'do not forget Him'
- ❖ Consider in your heart (v5)—think and then 'say in your heart' (v17)—Note the progression which starts with 'thinking' and proceeds to 'saying'—Have we considered?

What they were to observe, remember and consider

- ❖ God initiated the journey and went with them (Num 33:1-2; Deut 2:1-3)—as Christians we were exhorted to consider that God started our journey to Calvary.
- ❖ God led them in the journey by the pillar of cloud and fire (Num 9:5ff)

- ❖ God sustained them in the journey by providing the manna (Ex 16) which contained all they needed—we have God's Word to lead and feed us through life
- ❖ God brought them to the end of the journey using Joshua after Moses had died (Josh 1&2)

Their motivation to observe, remember and consider and incentive to go on:

- ❖ Their destination (v7-9) which is a picture of heaven—the city built without hands which we are to think on
- ❖ A provision awaited them (v9)—we have a sufficient provision in the Bread of Heaven which is sufficient to sustain us now and a prepared heaven before us (John 14:20)
- ❖ Future contentment lay ahead (v10)—we should be content now in anticipation of the time that is coming when we shall be fully content and will appreciate all that God has done for us here (1Tim 6:6)
- ❖ A personal relationship with God will motivate us—is this God your God?—it was only those who trusted God that entered the 'good land'

These statements tell us:

- ❖ God was able to bring them through.
- ❖ God was able to bring them in.
- ❖ God was able to keep them in—so that they didn't ever come out

We were all encouraged that our unchanging God is able to bring us through and into heaven one day as we put our trust in Him.

Rachel

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You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 2 Timothy 2:3-4

I was fortunate to serve my 39 years in the RAF during comparative peace, unlike Service life today. One of the things that irked me as a young corporal in the RAF was the disparity of the accommodation and conditions for us 'erks' when on exercise compared with the 'elite' aircrew. More often than not, we had to slum it in tents close to the aircraft, which we took turns to guard, whilst the aircrew were bussed to the local town and booked into a hotel. All right, I concede that soldiers often had it even rougher than we did. No matter what our earthly status, as believers, like Timothy, we are to endure hardness (hardship) as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. There is no sneaking away to a plush hotel for us!

We must remain at the point of battle at all times. We must wear the body armour, *'Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil'* (Ephesians 6:11) and stay by our weapon, *'Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God'* (Ephesians 6:16-17) day and night. We are in God's Army now—don't you know there is a war on—*'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,*

against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places' (Ephesians 6:12). Stay in close communication with HQ *'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit'* (Ephesians 6:18), there is ample backup there *'The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them'* (Psalm 68:17). *'What about R&R?'* you might ask. There is all that we need to ensure we are fit and well for the battle: Rest: *'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'* (Matthew 11:28) and recuperation: *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint'* (Isaiah 40:31). There is, however, no room for frivolity or time wasting *'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour'* (1Peter 5:8). Though we failed the entrance examination *'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God'* (Romans 3:23), we are selected as soldiers *'...And hath raised us up together...'* (Ephesians 2:6).

We must not let our Commander down, not after all He has done for us. Don't be a civilian in uniform—be a good soldier.



BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL WIVELSFIELD

Bethel Chapel has had long associations with us here at Hailsham and good fellowship has always been encouraged and enjoyed.

Founded in the eighteenth century the Baptist Chapel has maintained a faithful witness for many years though sadly numbers attending are now low. However the work continues and the Word of God continues to be preached, though dependent on visiting speakers.

Looking back over the years since I have known our friends in Wivelsfield I, and our family, have many fond memories. Before coming to Hailsham we enjoyed the loving fellowship of the then Pastor, Reg Payne, and his wife, together with a special warmth of welcome from the church at that time. For us Bethel was an place of blessing during a time of change in our family's life.



Numbers are low now at Wivelsfield and I would encourage you to pray for these dear friends to be added to and built up. That particular part of Sussex has known much blessing over the years. I was recently reading the life story of William Romaine, a great preacher during the Great Awakening of the 18th Century. He often preached, as did other well known preachers such as 'Fletcher of Madeley', under the auspices of Selina Countess of Huntingdon in Wivelsfield. Her 'Ote Hall Chapel' is still used and stands about half a mile up the road from Bethel. What wonderful times they must have been when large congregations met to worship and praise God and many souls were converted to Christ. May the Lord in his mercy and grace grant a revival in the favoured county of Sussex.

Pastor



Services at Bethel are held as follows:

***Lord's Days
Morning worship 11.15am
Evening worship 6.30pm
Thursday evenings 7.00pm***

ELIJAH AT ZAREPHATH [2]

...Continued from our last issue

Elijah's seclusion in Zarephath teaches lessons which can only be described as 'PERPLEXING PROVIDENCES'. Four things surface as we look at the death of the widow's son 1Kings 17:17-24.

MAKING SENSE OF PERPLEXING PROVIDENCES

In the widow's confusion over God's dealings with her and her son she was on the verge of despair and lashed out at the prophet. Trying to make sense of the perplexing issues of life we need to remember that the God who sustains and blesses us, sometimes baffles us. God's word teaches us to expect this and that perplexing providences bring us face to face with God. Just as the widow's thoughts were turned to God and inward on her life so our trials call us to self-examination. Difficulties enable us to see ourselves as we really are. As the impurities come to the surface we must bring them to the cross and mortify them. It is thus we are purified and conformed to the image of His Son.

DON'T JUMP TO HASTY CONCLUSIONS IN PERPLEXING PROVIDENCES

The widow charged God and Elijah with evil intentions but was wrong to do so. We must not be quick to judge God by the outward for as many as He loves, He rebukes and chastens. Trials are tokens of God's loving commitment to transform us into the image of His Son. He purges good branches to bring forth more fruit. We may not understand why or how but God is working for our good. We must trust in the Lord in these providences.

RESPONDING TO DARK PROVIDENCES

God's servant Elijah prays and pleads the widow's anguish before God on her behalf. As he earnestly pleads for God's will to be done, for the first time in history, someone is raised from the dead. This is a prophetic display of God's power which points us to the Lord Jesus Christ as He rose from the dead. So called tragedies are not the final word but point to a greater reality that Christ has won the victory. The day is coming when the dead in Christ will arise and there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. 'The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed'. We must fix our eyes of faith on this and one day we shall prove that God has worked all things together for our good.

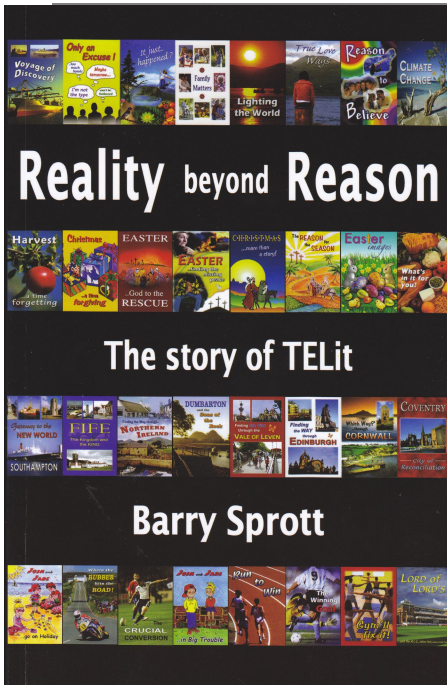
A POSITIVE OUTCOME v24

As God revealed His power against a dark backdrop Elijah and the widow learned how reliable He really is. He may seem to have forgotten His word but it is only apparent. God cares all the time and is working out His purposes for our good. Through this experience God taught and prepared Elijah to meet the priests on Mount Carmel. He learned the confidence and courage needed in this crucible of experience. In our difficult providences He may be preparing us for greater usefulness and exploits in the future. Be faithful in the present path 'for you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God you may receive the promise'.

Abridged from notes taken by Rachel Sayers at the Crawley Ladies' Conference in 2010

A book worth reading

A challenge worth taking to heart



It makes a fascinating and encouraging read to see how one man and his family have been directed by the Lord into a fruitful ministry.

We wish Barry well and encourage you to read his story for your own blessing. Why not get some of these folders for your own use among friends, neighbours and others? (See pastor for a catalogue)

Read the book and encourage yourself. It's available for you.

Pastor

A CHALLENGE TO PONDER...

'...in scattering divine literature we liberate thistledown laden with precious seed which, blown by the winds of the Spirit, floats over the world. The printed page never flinches; never shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise; it never tires; never grows disheartened; it travels cheaply, and requires no hired hall, it works while we sleep; it never loses its temper; it works long after we are dead.

The printed page is a visitor which gets inside the home and stays there; it always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is reading it; it always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back; and it is bait left permanently in the pool.

(DMP quoted in Reality beyond reason)

I am sure you will have seen the various Gospel Folders available to visitors in the various racks about the church. I have been using them for some years now in various ways and we have also taken them out on the doors with us as well as in the street ministry.

The founder of this particular ministry, Barry Sprott, has now written this book to tell the story of his journey to faith and into this wonderful work.

Based in Edinburgh TELit folders have now been used for about twenty years.

The Sunday School Page

We would like to take this opportunity as a Sunday School team to thank you again for your continued prayers for and interest in this work. To know that people are praying for the children and remembering us at the throne of God's grace is very encouraging. I would ask you to pray on and as you do so to seek God for two continued needs and desires in particular.

- ❖ The first may seem obvious but it is the most important and why we are engaged in this ministry – **the salvation of the souls of the children**. This will be for the glory of God, the extension of His kingdom, the eternal security of the children and for our mutual encouragement and blessing
- ❖ The second is that we may be strengthened with more workers – teachers and helpers. This will result in all probability, and most desirably, from people joining the church and covenanting themselves with us, so perhaps make this your first prayer and other things may follow. We desire to reach more children with the gospel, extend the work in God's will and purpose and so on.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Prize Giving Service – Sunday April 24th

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

In addition to those above please give thanks for God's goodness to us in 2010... for :-

- ❖ Protection
- ❖ Strength
- ❖ New children
- ❖ Sustaining the numbers (approx 14-16 per Sunday)

In 2011 may our good God continue to protect, strengthen us and provide new children and sustain but also add to the numbers.

The Sunday School Team



Hailsham Baptist Church

We extend a warm welcome
to you at all our services

Sunday

Prayer at 10.15am
Worship
11.00am and 6.30pm

Thursday

Bible Study and Prayer
7.30pm

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Sunday School

Sunday afternoon
3.00pm

Ladies Fellowship

2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings
10.15am

Coffee Morning and Drop In

Friday mornings between
10.00am and 12 noon

Tots Time

for mothers and toddlers
1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons
from 1.45pm

Men's Study group

On the last Saturday evening
of each month
Please contact Pastor for details