

Titanic family slept at the church

FREDERICK WORMALD, first saloon steward, from 5 Testwood Road, died on the sinking of the Titanic on 12th April 1912.

His wife and six children were put on the *Olympic* - the sister ship of the Titanic – to



New York to identify the body but American authorities refused to let them in the country. They were put back on board the *Olympic* and returned to Southampton. Passengers and crew on board were touched by the story and a collection was made with over £40 being presented to them.

More shocks were in store, for on arrival back in Southampton, when the family returned to their rented house, they found that during their six weeks absence the rapacious landlord had re-let number 5 Testwood Road to another family. Mrs Eustace next door in number 7 had stored most of their possessions in one of her upstairs rooms and other large pieces of furniture were stored in other neighbours houses and sheds. After spending the night in the **Berrywood Mission Hall** (now *Freemantle Baptist*) they found another empty house and moved in.

By this time the 'Titanic Disaster Fund' was operating and some of the money that had been flowing in was now being distributed and Mrs Wormald and her family were well looked after.

Brian Ticehurst



Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen, age 9



Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua, age 10

FREEMANTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Testwood Road, Southampton

Newsheet

Centenary Edition

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In 1911 . . .

- ❖ On June 22nd of this year George V was crowned
- ❖ The Parliament Act in Britain reduced the power of the House of Lords
- ❖ British MPs received a salary for the first time
- ❖ The first official flight with air mail took place in British India
- ❖ The Royal Liver Building in Liverpool was opened
- ❖ Delhi replaced Calcutta as the capital of India
- ❖ National Insurance in Britain was introduced
- ❖ The First British Official Secrets Act was passed

AND *Freemantle Baptist church* was opened.

Since then many things have changed, but there still remains a faithful church in Freemantle, Southampton, a faithful group of Christians who pray and worship together, laugh often, and care much for the area and the people who live nearby.

They serve a faithful God who is the same yesterday, today and for all time. It is good to know that in a world where things do not seem to last long, the love of God remains - always!



Linda Hayes

Happy 100th Birthday
Freemantle Baptist Church,
here's to the next 100 years!



We welcome you to our SERVICES 10.30am



Sun 6th NOVEMBER

Morning Worship* Linda Hayes

Subject: *Living with changed relationships*

Sun 13th

Remembrance Sunday*

Derek Redman



Sun 20th

CENTENARY SERVICES

10.30am and 6.00pm

Revd Jonathan Edwards

General Secretary Baptist Union for Great Britain



10.30am service includes **Communion**

Sun 27th

First Sunday in Advent Linda Hayes

Subject: *The God who comes*

followed by **Bring-and-Share Lunch**

* includes Junior Church

If you are visiting, we extend a very warm welcome to you



Light refreshments are served after the Sunday morning services. Please stay if you are able.

ANNIVERSARY TEA

Saturday 19th Nov, 4pm-6.30pm

RSVP to Anita by 12th please



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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays

Bubbles 1.00pm - 2.45pm

For babies and toddlers with parents and carers.

Livewires

3.30pm - 5pm

For Key Stage 1 children with their parents and carers



Thursdays

Home Group - 7.30pm

Fridays

Sure Start - 'Stay & Play'

10.00am-12 noon



Mon 31st October

Church hall,

From 5.30pm

ANGEL DELIGHT!

'Trick or Treaters' welcome!



PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sat 19th Nov, 8.30am

Church prayer room

THANK YOU

for your financial giving during October, a weekly average of £80



to Linda Hayes on 5th

and Zara Hill on 7th



To begin with they met in a house in Testwood Road and on 10th April 1911, the foundation stone of the church building was laid.

We know very little about the early days of the church except that the first superintendent was Arthur John Austin and that a key member of the church was Miss Aylward who "laboured in this cause" for many years. Her work is commemorated on the plaque on the Communion Table.

From that time onwards, the church has been salt and light to the community in a variety of ways. These have included Sunday services, a Sunday School (later Junior Church), mid-week Bible studies and prayer meetings, Ladies' Fellowship, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, youth groups, parent and toddler groups, social events and outreach projects. The style of these events and activities has changed over time to match the talents of the church members and the needs of the local community but God's message has remained the same.



As we go forward into the next century, we re-dedicate our work to God, asking Him to help us continue to faithfully be salt and light to a new generation.

Catherine Pickles

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 IN CELEBRATION of the centenary, Catherine has written a booklet entitled 'Salt and Light' that will soon be available. It explores the changes that have occurred, the people who have played a key part and the impact the church has had on the lives of its members and friends. We hope you will find the booklet interesting and informative.