

One Hundred Years

Many changes – same message

IN THE last hundred years Britain has seen 24 Prime Ministers, 5 monarchs, 2 world wars, the formation of the NHS, major advances in medicine and the invention of the radio, television, mobiles and the internet, to name but a few. The world then and the world now are very different places.



*King George V (1910-1936)
and Queen Mary*

But the events that have occurred in the last century, bear no comparison to what Christian writer Max Lucado calls history's 'Main Event'. When Christ died and rose again, He changed history forever - He changed the way we can have a relationship with God. This is wonderful news and across the whole of history, whatever else changes, this message never alters. Jesus called His followers to share the message, to be faithful to it, to stand firm and to stand out, to be salt and light: salt in a decaying world and light in a dark one.

And, on the corner of Testwood Road and Waterhouse Lane, a church was planted in 1911 to be that salt and light, to stand against the changes of time with the timeless message of Christ.



*Portland Baptist
about 1905*

The church was planted by members of Portland Baptist Church which stood in the centre of town on the site that is now Asda. They wanted to reach out to the area of Berrywood (later Millbrook and now Freemantle), especially to the dock workers.

Welcome aboard!

IT was great to formally welcome Philip Elson into the membership of our church family at the communion service on 23rd October.

We thank the Lord that Philip has joined us and pray that God will bless him as he worships and serves Him here.



*The new Fair Trade shop
in Eastleigh is now open!*
The **GRAND OPENING
EVENT** is on **Sat 5th Nov**
10am-12 noon
67b Cranbury Road,
Eastleigh SO50 5HB.

TALES FROM TIRANA

An evening to inform and inspire
the cluster to support

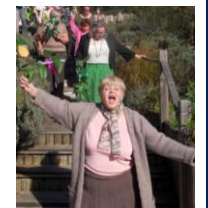
Gary Anderson our new
link missionary in Albania
at **Central Baptist Church**
on **Sat 27th Nov, 7.30-9.00pm**



Feast of Tabernacles



A GROUP of church folk went along to Shirley Warren Church on Saturday 15th October and re-enacted the Jewish harvest celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.



This joyous festival included making shelters in the garden out of branches and a procession around the grounds. (Above right)

It was when Jesus attended this festival that He said "Whoever believes in me ... rivers of living water will flow from within them". And also "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The following day we had our own celebration in the morning service when Linda Hayes and Rona White led our worship – we even managed to build a makeshift shelter at the back of the church, much to the delight of Leonardo and Clarissa! (Above left)

Jonathan Edwards writes ...

WHEN I was called to be General Secretary five years ago I made it clear that prayer would be my priority. Nothing has changed. I still see prayer as the absolute priority for our denomination.



General Secretary –
Baptist Union of Great Britain

Time and again it has been clear that the amazing creativity I have seen has been the result of prayer.

We have every reason to be confident in prayer because of the nature of our God. We live in challenging times and, humanly speaking, we can easily be robbed of confidence. But, not so if we keep our focus on God.

Here are some reasons why we can be confident of God:

HE IS A GOD OF FORGIVENESS - We need to come afresh to the foot of the Cross and remind ourselves that without God's forgiveness we are totally lost.

HE IS A GOD OF GENEROSITY - He wants to give his life to everyone through his Holy Spirit. We can rely on God's generosity.

HE IS A GOD OF HOPE – God does not always promise us an easy ride but he does promise to be with us. We do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future.

We can pray confidently because God is God and he will never fail us. I cannot wait to see what the future holds. I know that there will be many challenges, and many obstacles will be put in our way. But I am confident that God will continue to deal generously with us.

My prayer is that every church will reflect afresh on its prayer life this autumn, and will move forward in confident prayer.

Yours ever, in Christ

Prayer Focus



LORD, we offer our thanks and praise

- for those whose vision led to the beginnings of this church
- for those whose faithful service maintained the Church's life and worship
- for the worship which has been offered in this place
- for every activity which has helped faith to grow
- for all the love which has been shown in words and actions
- for moments of glory flashing through the routine of church life
- for all that we mean to each other and to You.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Let us pray for . . .

- Our Centenary Weekend and for friends who will be joining us
- Our City Councillors including our Freemantle councillors Michael Ball, Jeremy Moulton and Brian Parnell

also for friends and neighbours who live and work in:

- 6th Ampthill Road and Kingsley Road
- 13th English Road and Imperial Avenue
- 20th Foundry Lane School
- 27th Testwood Road and Millbrook Road (behind Testwood)

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD 'WATCH & PRAY'

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 5.30-6.15pm

Church prayer room

### HOME GROUP

- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Study: Isaiah 58 : 1-14 - *True Fasting*
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Study: Isaiah 61 : 1-11 - *Anointed Ministry*
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Meal together
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Study: Isaiah 65 :17-25 - *New Creation*



See Rona or Pearl if you would like to join us.