

Salt and Light

Catherine Pickles

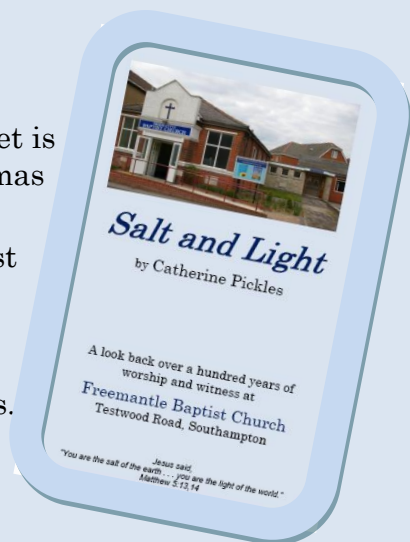
Freemantle's Centenary Booklet is still available for those Christmas stocking fillers.

This 48 page document is a first in Freemantle's history where Catherine has painstakingly spent many hours collecting information from many sources.

Hurry now to order your copy while stocks last! ONLY £2.00

... Catherine's account is riveting. I've digested most of it. Lots of things I never knew; other events/people I've been reminded of. Have emailed her some more reminiscences and anecdotes for the second edition ...

Norman Savage



FREEMANTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Testwood Road, Southampton

Newsheet

Christmas Edition

December 2011



Advent

n. 1 Arrival, esp, important one. 2 A~, season before Christ, beginning on 4th Sunday before it; coming of Christ; second coming of Christ.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!
So says the seasonal slogan of a local store which appeared at the beginning of October. Well, do you agree?

Does the thought of Christmas fill you with pleasure or dread, or a mixture of the two? Pleasure maybe, at the thought of being with family and friends, the presents, the food, and dread perhaps, at the thought of the effort, time, money and frayed nerves.

What a strange festival our society has invented - a celebration we don't want to think about and try to put off! What a far cry from the heart of it all!

The heart of it being the love of God seen in the birth of Jesus. In a Christian sense it is never too early for Christmas, never too soon to come to God.

We do invite you to join us this year to discover or rediscover, the best reason on earth for a celebration!



❖ What carol is heard in the desert? Camel ye faithful

❖ What game do cows like to play at Christmas parties? Moo-sical chairs

Knock, knock - Who's there?
Wenceslas - Wenceslas who?
Wenceslas bus home on Christmas Eve?

Why do
reindeers wear
fur coats?



Because they would look silly in plastic macs!

We welcome you to our
SERVICES



Sun 4th DECEMBER 10.30am

2nd Sunday in Advent*

Subject: *The God who speaks*

Sun 11th

3rd Sunday in Advent* 10.30am

Subject: *God's Chosen Servant*

includes **Communion**

Sun 18th

4th Sunday in Advent 10.30am

NATIVITY

Christmas Eve

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 5pm

Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 10am

New Year's Day

Morning Worship 10.30am

Subject: *tbc*

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.

LIVE WIRES COMMUNITY EVENT



Crafts - tea and mince pies

Wed 14th Dec - 3.30pm-5.30pm

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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

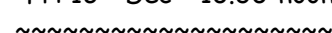
Sure Start - 'Stay & Play'

10.00am-12 noon

Day Service Nativity

*'Freemantle Community
Centre*

Fri 16th Dec - 10.30-noon



**PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Sat 17th Dec, 8.30am

Church prayer room

THANK YOU

for your financial giving
during November, a
weekly average of £68



to Liz
Bampton
on 20th

and

Steve Hayes on 23rd



Prayer Focus



LORD, how costly Christmas can be!

But for all the wrong reasons:

- Cards and cake, tinsel and trees,
- Driving and drink, parties and presents.

Show us the cost of a true Christmas:

- Love and listening, care and comfort,
- Help and healing, giving and gratitude,

In Jesus Name, Amen

Let us pray for . . .

- each individual who came to our Centenary tea and Services
- the leaders of our churches as they prepare and conduct worship during this Advent and Christmas period.

**also for friends and neighbours who
live and work in:**

- 4th Marchwood Road and Beech Road
- 11th Somerset Terrace and
Lakelands Drive
- 18th Foundry Lane
- 25th Hardy Close and Bangor Road
- 1st Waterhouse Lane

**NEIGHBOURHOOD
'WATCH & PRAY'**

Mondays

5th & 19th Dec

5.30-6.15pm

3 Testwood Road



Wednesday 14th December

Southampton Guildhall

7.30pm

Tickets £13.00 Concessions £9.00

In partnership with Above Bar Church and
Southampton Christian Network

HOME GROUP

If you would like to join us for our Bible Study and
fellowship evenings on a Thursday please see *Rona* or *Pearl*.

