

Former BB boy PATRICK now a missionary



OVER the Christmas period I spent an enjoyable time with Patrick Watmough, one of our former Boys' Brigade members back in the '80s.

Patrick is now a missionary, working in Hong Kong. At present he is carrying out further studies at the All Nations Christian College in Hertfordshire before returning to Hong Kong. Patrick is married to a Chinese girl and they have two children. He would be most grateful for our prayers and passes on his best wishes to any folk at Freemantle who might remember him.

Patrick is arranging for me to visit him shortly and this is just, yet another example, of a former member of our church family here being called to serve the Lord in other areas.

Malcolm Green

Basics Bank

BASICS BANK is part of *Southampton City Mission* who collect donated food and clothes and give them out to those in need from four venues around the city, on three days a week.



They use a referral voucher system so that all those they help are referred to them by other agencies, professionals and charities.

By bringing one tin or packet each week, the basket situated at the back of the church soon fills up and they are delivered to Above Bar Church, one of the collection points. *Thank you for your donations.*

Prayer Focus



LORD GOD, You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart, that so desiring you, we may seek and find you and so finding you, we may love you, and enjoy you for ever.

Alister McGrath

Let us pray for . . . our Shirley Police Service

- That they will be effective in administering justice, supporting victims, preventing and detecting crime
- That officers will be kept safe and will enforce the law with integrity especially in volatile situations.
- We ask that God will crush the forces of evil that are at work in the lives of individuals and communities which lead to addiction, despair, crime and disorder.

Liz Bampton's family - that they will know God's comfort and His peace.

also for friends and neighbours

who live and work in:

- 8th Blightmont Rd and Blightmont Cres.
- 15th Victory Rd, Square and Cres.
- 22nd Freshfield Rd and Square and Whitelaw Rd
- 29th Ampthill Rd and Kingsley Rd

**NEIGHBOURHOOD
'WATCH & PRAY'**

Mondays
6th and 20th Feb
5.30-6.15pm

 3 Testwood Road

HOME GROUP

We will be looking at the passages in greater depth from the previous Sunday Morning Service, held at Pearl's home. All welcome.

*See Pearl or Rona
if you would like to come.*

Text for 2012 is

**NEVER STOP
PRAYING**

1 Thessalonians
5:17

Memories of a good friend

ELIZABETH EMILY BAMPTON

20th December 1917 – 12th January 2012

TRIBUTES for the life of Elizabeth were read out by Roy Varney during the committal service at Crematorium on Thursday 26th January. They came from her eldest son David, the Salvation Army, Linda on behalf of the church here at Freemantle and Roy Varney. A large crowd came into the service to the music of Amazing Grace and left to What a friend we have in Jesus.



Betty Hill has happy memories:

‘Known to me as Liz for over fifty years, Liz was a really good friend. We did many catering occasions together - harvest suppers, parties, weddings, bazaars and jumble sales.

But my earliest memories are of the refreshments provided after singing carols round the district in the evenings two weeks leading up to Christmas.

We went out in a group from the church and met back at Liz’s house which was in Millbrook Road and then when she moved to the bottom of Waterhouse Lane. What a lovely welcome we had as the evenings were cold, so a nice cup of tea or coffee and mince pies and sausage rolls for us.

Well done Liz, we shall all miss you.’

Liz Bampton (right) with Malcolm Green in the stocks for yet another soaking! - June 1987



We partied to welcome in 2012

... AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

ON January 8th we rediscovered what we have always known about Freemantle Baptist Church, that we know how to have a good time.

Linda Hayes led our Covenant Service, assisted by Abraham who was possibly a puppet, but it was hard to realise he was not a real dog because he was certainly no dummy. To put the seal on our covenant, let’s all follow the key recommendation: “*NEVER STOP PRAYING*” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

After the service we thoroughly enjoyed our New Year’s lunch, which was delicious and varied. We thank those who so willingly prepared the food for us.

To complete our celebrations we exercised our brains and funny-bones with games, starting with a quiz which resulted in a very close finish between the two teams. The Treasure Hunt yielded such delights as a shopping list and a bunch of grass, treasure indeed! Then we ate chocolate in the only logical way, using knife and fork and wearing daft clothes.

Finally, pass-the-parcel, with delightful gifts alternating with jokes of the sort that result in a mixture of giggles and groans.

Anyone else who may have seen or heard us that day, would have concluded either that we’re all mad or, more correctly, that we really do know how to have good times!

Tony Hulse