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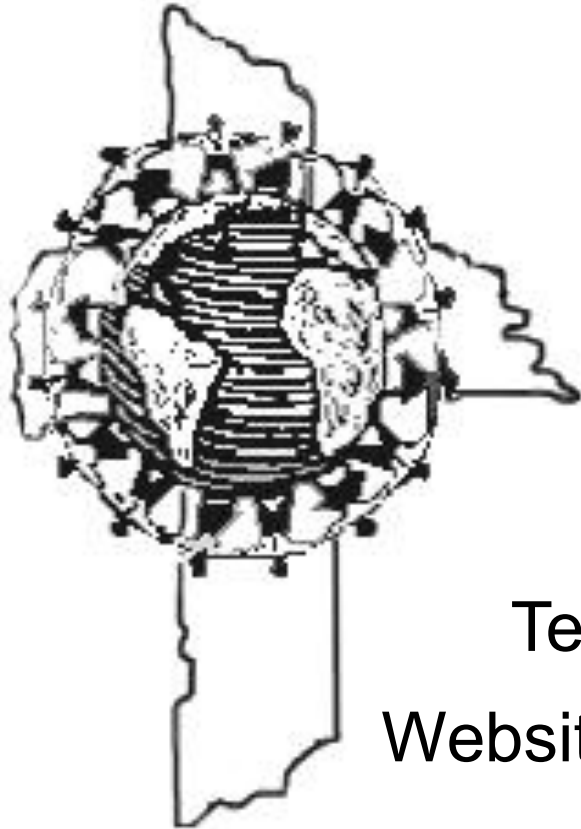
IDLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH



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## **AT A CROSSROAD**

A few weeks ago in her service, Gaynor spoke about a defining moment or crossroad in time that changed our path in life. A time when we could see God at work as we look back.

I have had several - some too personal to write about, but one really changed my life and revealed God's presence.

In late 2005 my family was going through a crisis. I prayed earnestly for God's guidance and opened the Bible, by chance, to Deuteronomy 30:4-5 -

"Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it."

I suddenly felt at peace and we put our efforts into coming over to Britain. At times we had to overcome many difficulties, even after we arrived here, but after 16 years we are all settled and our families are glad we are home.

Life, at times can prove to be very difficult, but if we trust God and seek His guidance He will show us the way forward.

## **Denise**

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## BMS Birthday Scheme

We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy  
Birthday

July

6th Shirley

9th Milton



Christine

Congratulations to Shirley on the occasion of her 90th Birthday.

We hope she has a good day and give thanks for her life of service to this Church and the other Churches where Arthur was Minister.

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The following poem is from a collection by Annie Lilley, John's mother

### Reaching out

If we reached out more often  
And took more time to care,  
If we looked more to others  
We could find more time to share.

If we took more time to listen  
And more time to understand,  
Stretched out a hand in friendship  
And touched another hand.

Our lives would be much brighter  
For kindness has a way  
Of paying back the giver,  
And brightening up our day.

Christine

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## Five short stories with lots of meaning.

1. Once, all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

***That is faith.***

2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

***That is trust.***

3. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

***That is confidence.***

4. We see the world suffering, but we still choose to have children.

***That is love.***

5. On an old man's T shirt was written a sentence: " I'm not 80 years old. I'm sweet sixteen with 64 years experience".

***That is attitude!***

## Rosemary

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### Interesting Anagrams

dormitory-----dirty room  
presbyterian-----best in prayer  
astronomer-----moon starrer  
eleven plus two-----twelve plus one  
the eyes-----they see  
the morse code-----here come dots  
slot machines-----cash lost in me  
election results-----lies, let's recount  
a decimal point-----I'm a dot in place

## Rosemary

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# NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
June	2	Allen Holmes <i>(Communion)</i>	Audrey	Eileen
	9	Paul Allen	Rosemary	Audrey
	16	Gaynor	Stephen	Denise
	23	Paul Severs	Eileen	Elizabeth
	30	Geoff Forder	Elizabeth	Doug
July	7	Gaynor <i>(Communion)</i>	Helen	Rosemary
	14	Allen Holmes	Doug	Helen
	21	Brian Gamble	Christine	Lesley
	28	Paul Severs	Audrey	Christine
August	4	Paul Allen <i>(Communion)</i>	Rosemary	Eileen

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
June	2	Rosemary	Roy and Dorothy
July	7	Helen	Mrs P Wagstaff
August	4	Christine	Christine and Rosemary

**IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE COVER**

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# QUIET ROOM

In this busy life it is often helpful to

## “Take Time Out”

be quiet for a few minutes and have time to think.

Please feel free to use our Quiet Room.

It is open whenever the building is in use.

**Use this quiet space  
and seek God’s presence.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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The next edition of the Messenger will be available on

**Sunday, 4th August, 2024**

Please let me have anything you would like to see in that edition by

**Sunday, 28th July, 2024**



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## Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed

A hymn for Pentecost.

“Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed” outlines the coming of the Holy Spirit and the effect this has on our lives and the lives of others.

1. Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed  
His tender last farewell,  
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed  
With us to dwell.

Before His death Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit.

John 14 v 16 - 17

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

2. He came in semblance of a dove,  
With sheltering wings outspread,  
The holy balm of peace and love  
On earth to shed.

When He appeared to the disciples after His resurrection Jesus told them to receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20 v 21 - 22

*Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

3. He came in tongues of living flame  
To teach, convince, subdue;  
All-pow'rful as the wind He came  
As viewless too.

This verse describes the coming of the Holy Spirit

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Acts 2 v 1 - 4

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

4. He came sweet influence to impart,  
A gracious, willing guest,  
While He can find one humble heart  
Wherein to rest.

Isaiah 57 v 15

*For thus says the high and lofty one  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the humble,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

As great as God is His Holy Spirit comes to all who are humble enough to receive Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

5. And His that gentle voice we hear,  
Soft as the breath of even,  
That checks each thought, that calms each fear,  
And speaks of heaven.

6. And every virtue we possess,  
And every conquest won,  
And every thought of holiness,  
Are His alone.

Verses 5 and 6 recall the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5.

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Galatians 5:22-23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

7. Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness, pitying, see;  
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,  
And worthier Thee.

Romans 5 v 5

*and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

1 Corinthians 3 v 16

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

The Holy Spirit comes into the lives of Christians filling us with the love of God.

“Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed” was written by Harriet Auber and probably first appeared in 1829 alongside some of her devotional poetry.

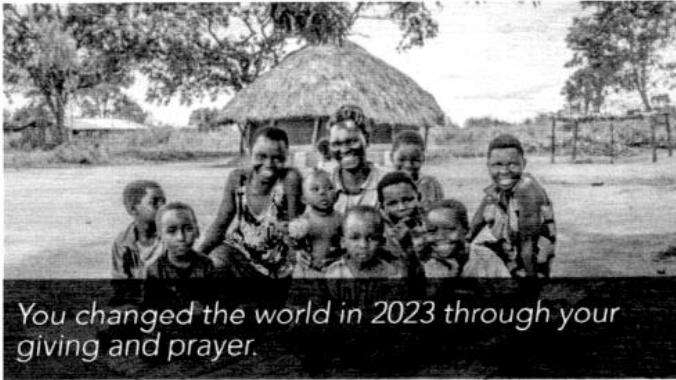
Harriet Auber was born in London in 1773 and spent most of her life in rural Hertfordshire where she died in 1862.

**Peter**



# WORLDNEWS

## 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW



*You changed the world in 2023 through your giving and prayer.*

### **From conflicts in Israel-Palestine to earthquakes in Nepal and Afghanistan, 2023 was marked by highs and lows.**

Despite these challenges, God has been faithful through it all, and the new year gives us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the BMS community. Here is a review of the most impactful events:

#### **Transformed Lives in Thailand**

The Thailand Spring Appeal saw remarkable generosity, leading to transformed lives in South Thailand. Success stories like Thew and Suree's food stall and Ajarn Arreat becoming a BMS-supported worker showed the power of your support. Five years ago, there were no believers in the region. Thanks to you there are now three blossoming churches!

#### **A Season of Change in Chad**

Guinebor II Hospital in Chad experienced significant changes with the departure of the Shrubsole, Chilvers and Spears families. Installation of new solar panels, partially funded by your generous giving, marked a shift towards sustainable energy sources.

### **Bringing Abundant Life in Uganda**

Support for Days of Plenty empowered farmers like Barbara to overcome challenges and secure a better future, increasing their income and allowing their children to go to school.

### **Women on the Frontline of Climate Justice**

COP28 highlighted the critical role of women in climate justice efforts globally. Your prayers for gender justice champions and activism against gender-based violence showed solidarity with those fighting for equality.

### **Hope Amid Disaster**

Despite conflicts and disasters, your generous giving and prayers provided crucial support to affected communities. Displaced Armenians and earthquake-stricken regions received aid, and your prayers are still making a difference in the Israel-Gaza conflict.

Thank you so much for the transformation you've brought to 2023. It would not be possible without you. Your support will help more people across the world hear the good news about Jesus!

See how your support  
has helped change  
the world.



# WEEKLY DIARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of Christian worship</b> <i>Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Well Connected Café</b> <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	<b>7.30pm - 9.30pm</b>	<b>W.I.</b> <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30am to 12 noon</b>	<b>Firm Roots Cancer Support Group</b> <i>First Tuesday in the month</i>
	<b>10.00am to 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Coffee drop in</b> <i>First &amp; third (&amp; fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	<b>11.00am to 12.45pm</b>	<b>“Memory Tree”</b> <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	<b>5.30pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b>
	<b>6.30pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Brownies and Rainbows</b> <i>School Term Times only</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3.00pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am &amp; 11.00am</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
	<b>1.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Guitar Class</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Art Club</b>

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