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“Let your light so shine before men, that they might see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

New Friends, Old Friends, Christ's Friends

David's article for the August edition of Inspire struck a chord with me not only because I am a keen walker, but also because David had noticed something that I had noticed – that God has been working in the life of this church, honouring your faithfulness and equipping his people here for moving forward in spiritual growth and active mission in the community. For many people, the past few years have been really challenging and many people are still facing great challenges, yet we never face these challenges on our own because the Bible encourages us to expect God to be at work among us to support, strengthen and equip us as we faithfully follow Jesus.

Having caught a few glimpses of what God has been doing among you, I feel privileged to be called to serve a church where there are so many gifted people who are committed to following Jesus and to living out their discipleship every day through prayer, worship, growing in faith, serving, caring and sharing faith. As part of the process of discerning whether I would become the minister of Belper Baptist Church, I was asked to submit a ministerial profile to the church's trustees, in which I was asked to explain my core theological convictions and how I apply them in ministry and mission. In response, I quoted four parts of the Bible which have shaped my life and ministry; I could have quoted more and I will no doubt share more with you as time goes by, but each of those four quotes from the Bible will be the focus of what I will write for Inspire in the next few months.

You might expect me to begin with John 3:16 – a verse which was one of my four quotes – but I will focus on that verse in a future edition. Instead, the first of my four Bible quotes which I will focus on is: *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'* (Luke 10:27) This was not Jesus speaking, but an expert in the law in conversation with Jesus who had asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus responded to the question by asking the expert in the law what was written there and how he read it, he responded by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 – the same verses that Jesus quoted in Matthew 22:37-39. Before giving the expert in the law some new insights into loving neighbours through the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus told him that he had answered correctly and that if he did this he would live.

Thinking about loving God and loving our neighbours led me on to thinking about friendship and so to John 15:9-17, in which Jesus spoke of having loved his disciples as he had been loved by God the Father, then encouraged them to remain in his love, to keep his commands and to love each other as he had loved them. In doing so, Jesus said that they were his friends if they did what he commanded and that he had chosen them and appointed them to go and bear fruit that would last.

Friendship with Jesus is the subject of hymns and songs like *What a friend we have in Jesus* by Joseph Medlicott Scriven and *Befriended* by Matt Redman, both of which encourage us to reflect on the outworking of our relationship with God through our faith in Christ our saviour. As I begin my time as this church's minister, it is good to know that I will be serving alongside many old friends and good to be able to look forward to making many new friends. As God continues to be at work among us, I am also very much looking forward to sharing with you in deepening in our friendships with Jesus and to seeing how God's plans for us will unfold. Together may we, with God's help, bear much fruit that will last.

God bless,

Robert Foster

Your Minister's Contact Details

There are a couple of ways in which you can get in touch with me:

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Email: minister@belperbaptist.org

As your $\frac{3}{4}$ -time minister, my working week will be flexible and I will be aiming to be on call every weekday unless I am on leave; do call me or email me on any weekday and, if I can't respond straight away, I will respond as soon as I can. In the other $\frac{1}{4}$ -time, I will sometimes be engaging in ministry in other ways – for example, in offering regular reflective supervision times for four other ministers and being supervised myself, as part of the team of chaplains working for the national charity Action for M.E. and, next summer, in co-leading a retreat for ministers who have served for around 10-12 years. I also anticipate being involved in EMBA events and conferences.

My rest day will be Saturday, so you are not likely to be able to get in touch with me on most Saturdays, though I will sometimes rearrange my rest days if there are Saturday church events which I will be attending.

Being a $\frac{3}{4}$ -time minister, there will be a number of Sundays when I will not be expected to be leading worship or preaching. Although I will be in church on most Sundays, I may sometimes be preaching elsewhere or doing other things so, if you had hoped to catch up with me on a Sunday and were not able to do so, please call me or email me, rather than trying to pass me a message through Liz or Hannah.



Induction Service

There will be a service at church on Saturday 10th September at 3pm to induct Robert Foster into the church as our new minister. This will be followed by light refreshments. Members of other local services and organisation have been invited and all are very welcome.

Befriended

Befriended, befriended by the King above all Kings
Surrendered, surrendered to the friend above all friends

Invited, invited deep into this mystery
Delighted, delighted by the wonders I have seen

This will be my story
This will be my song
You'll always be my Saviour
Jesus, You will always have my heart

Astounded, astounded that Your gospel beckoned me (beckoned me)
Surrounded, surrounded, but I've never been so free

This will be my story
This will be my song
You'll always be my Saviour
Jesus, You will always have my heart

Determined, determined now to live this life for You
You're so worthy, my greatest gift would be the least You're due

This will be my story
This will be my song
You'll always be my Saviour
Jesus, You will always have my heart

This will be my story
All You've done in me
This will be my song
You'll always be my Saviour
Jesus, You will always have my heart

You're so worthy, my greatest gift would be the least You're due
Jesus, You're so worthy, my greatest gift would be the least You're due
My greatest gift would be the least You're due

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnMquV1rIWQ>

Lyrics by Matt Redman, published under CCLI licence.

Safeguarding – Important Change to Note

The fellowship will understand that a key role in our approach to Safeguarding is that of the Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS). This is the person you should and must speak to if you have concerns about a safeguarding matter involving children, young people, or vulnerable adults. The DPS will determine what action needs to be taken, and whether specific matters need to be referred to other agencies.

Currently, Liz Foster is our DPS and is also the Safeguarding Trustee, that role being to ensure that Safeguarding policies and procedures are kept up to date and implemented in consultation with the DPS, and to report to the trustees and members on a regular basis as to whether there are any safeguarding issues and whether they are being dealt with appropriately. Confidentiality associated with the details of any cases is strictly maintained.

With Robert Foster becoming the Minister of the church with effect from 1 September 2022, the Leadership Team has had to make some adjustments to ensure that both roles are fulfilled. Advice from the EMBA Safeguarding Team is that Liz, as the wife of the Minister, should not continue as the DPS as it could in theory lead to a conflict of interest. Given that there are vacancies on the Leadership Team that may well be filled at the AGM in October, Jo Lambourne has agreed to act as DPS on a temporary basis. She will have the back up of expertise from Liz as necessary.

For the time being, any Safeguarding concerns should be immediately referred to Jo Lambourne and not to Liz Foster.

The appointment of Robert as Minister also means that Liz cannot continue as a trustee beyond 1 September 2022. We are very grateful for her service as a trustee and valuable member of the Leadership Team. As a temporary measure until the AGM, I will take on the role of Safeguarding trustee.

In a separate article in this edition of Inspire, the timetable for the nomination of elected trustees (Deacons) for appointments to take effect from the AGM in October is set out. In making nominations, Members are asked to consider the skills and experience in Safeguarding that might exist within the fellowship. Jo and I have agreed to take these roles on a temporary basis only.

David Harvey

Safeguarding Training - Saturday 15th October 2022

A reminder that we have arranged Safeguarding training to be held at Belper Baptist Church as shown below:

Level 2: Saturday 15 October 09.30am - 12.30pm

Trainer: Revd Elaine Burrows

Level 3: Saturday 15 October 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Trainer: Mr Alan Davies

If you work with the children/young people or have a Fellowship Link group, then the level 2 training is for you.

If you are a Trustee, Minister, or lead the Children's work then it's both the Level 2 and 3.

If you are unsure then please get in touch with me and I can help you decide!

Although I am no longer responsible for safeguarding as a Trustee, I have agreed with the Trustees to continue to arrange the day.

We are hosting this event so there will be a number of people from other EMBA churches joining us. If anyone is able to help with refreshments (tea/coffee) or welcoming on the day, please get in touch.

Many thanks

Liz Foster



Churches Together in Belper

The next Churches Together in Belper (CTiB) meeting is on 13th September at Our Lady's at 7pm. All are welcome.

The Town Council has been approached about making a Nativity Scene in the Memorial Gardens in the stable as has been done previously. Is anyone willing to help with the construction, preparation and installation of this? Please let me know.

In previous years, the Churches Together have distributed knitted angels at Christmas for people to take along with a Christian message. It was agreed at the last CTiB meeting that this would be done again for Christmas this year. If there are any knitters in the fellowship, please can you start knitting again as Christmas will be upon us very soon.

Jonny White

***Note from Editor: I do love it when I can include a knitting pattern in Inspire! (See next page)
There is a crochet version if anyone needs it - please message Jenny Lesley***





CHRISTMAS ANGEL

What you will need.

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)

Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (thats 3.25mm and 4mm))

Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)

Small amount of stuffing

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel.

If you want a place to start we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill.

And most of all have fun.

The Pattern

Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row

18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

Pattern is continued on the other side.



This angel is knitted in sparkly cream, with sparkly mohair wings.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL
www.christmasangel.net

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. Knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel - Wings

Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end
cast off

Option 2 (more advanced)

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

w&t = wrap & turn



Wings as they should look using option 2.

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times as necessary. Sew wings to the body.

Dates for your Diary – September

- Sunday 4th Morning Service: 10.30am – Leading & Preaching: Robert Foster
- Weds 7th Craft and Chat 9.30-11.30am
- Saturday 10th Induction Service: 3pm followed by refreshments.
- Sunday 11th Morning Service: 10.30am – Leading & Preaching: Robert Foster
- Weds 14th Craft and Chat 9.30 – 11.30am
- Sunday 18th Harvest & Communion Service :10.30am -Leading: Jonny White, Preaching: David Harvey
- Weds 21st Craft and Chat 9.30 – 11.30am
- Sunday 25th Morning Service: 10.30am – Leading: Julia Bell , Preaching: Robert Foster
- Weds 28th Craft and Chat 9.30 – 11.30am

Advance Notice – AGM in October

Time-table for the Nomination and appointment of the Leadership Team at the AGM

The AGM is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

At that meeting there will be an opportunity to appoint the Church Secretary and Church Treasurer (annual appointments that need to be nominated) and to appoint up to three new elected Charity Trustees so serve as Deacons (two for 3 years and one for the balance of Liz Fosters term 1 year). Jonny, Jo and Lorraine will continue as Trustees and Deacons.

To comply with the constitution, the timetable for nominations starts quite soon:

Nominations invited from 18 September 2022

Nominations close Sunday 2 October 2022

Details of the nomination process are available in the Church Handbook in the Members area of the website and will be communicated in detail as the process commences in September with advance formal notice being given on 11 September.

At this stage, Members are asked to note the dates, and to begin to think and pray about who God might be calling to be part of the Leadership Team. Elected Deacons serve as Deacons, who will normally bring practical skills to bear to enable the church to function as well as being spirit led individuals.

Raymond Lesley

Notices

Sunday Services:

Sunday services have resumed in the building but any who cannot come in person will also be able to join via Zoom using the details below:

You can join by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/3431622013>

... or using the Zoom app and meeting ID 3431622013

... or phone (0330) 0885830 and enter the meeting ID 3431622013 then #

The meeting password is 1893

Please pray during the week for those who are due to lead, preach and cover the technical aspects of the service. Also please pray for all those who lead the online children's work before, during and after the service.

Prayer Meetings

There will be daily prayer meetings at 7.30am every weekday morning and 9am on weekends and bank holidays – using the following Zoom details: Meeting ID: 899 0084 1018 / Password: 1893

Church Directory

The church directory is being refreshed and the aim is to publish this during September. If you wish to amend, change or add an entry please contact Raymond Lesley as soon as possible.

Food and Community Hub:

We have **many gaps** so if you are shopping in the near future and could donate one of these items we would be very grateful:

Tinned Potatoes and Packets of Mash

Tinned Fruit

Steamed Puddings

Rice pudding

Tinned Meat Meals e.g: curry, chilli

Fray Bentos style pies

Vegetarian Meals

Corned Beef/Cooked Ham, Hotdog
sausages

Toilet Rolls, in smaller packs preferably

Tea, Coffee

Sugar

Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant etc.

Wrapped cake bars and biscuits

UHT Milk

Cat and dog food