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100 – Not Out!

About 100 years ago, C T Studd, a former England cricketer wrote **"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."**

He was in poor health, and at a time of life when people think about retirement. Yet he left home to start new churches among a people who hadn't yet heard about Jesus. It is the highest job and the greatest calling in the the world. And so WEC International was born.

It was a joy to be present to celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness recently at Bulstrode, the beautiful home of WEC International in Gerrards Cross.. There was much joy, lots of tears, as we witnessed again something of all God has done for us as a fellowship during the past 100 years.

I sat there thinking, 'If only walls could talk..' I reflected back on some of the amazing stories that had been told in that building, of God at work in the world, as His people moved on playing their part in completing the Great Commission God had given His church, "Go you into all the world and preach the gospel, and lo, I am with you always.' He had certainly kept His word to us.

The love was tangible. The joy was inexpressible. The praise was irrepressible. Prayer poured out like a full river bursting in a waterfall. Some of the "oldies" told their stories, of leaving school at fourteen and yet clinic building and church planting in Guinea Bissau. Dr Helen Roseveare, the well-known Christian author, talked of what was in the WEC DNA.

She remembered as a teenager, half an hour after becoming a Christian, Dr. Scroggie writing in her New Testament, . 'That I might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death.....' Her books illustrate how God had really burnt these lessons into her experience. We all bowed in adoration, at His loving hands on our lives shaping us into an instrument He could use in His purposes.

The youngsters were not outdone! One girl shared how she and her husband would be leaving shortly for Congo, the land Dr Helen had served in. A team heading for one of the most populous Asian nations gave a practical

visual illustration of the vast number of yet unreached peoples groups there. Another British/Asian girl shared how God had worked in her life, bringing her to Him. He has since brought members of her family to Himself too She now reaches out to thousands through the ministry of Radio Worldwide. Jeremy Ellis, who has worked in Central Asia shared on the vital role prayer plays in fulfilling the Great Commission. John Baggs, present leader of WEC International UK, spoke on moving on with God.

Fun things were enjoyed too. A DVD of the early Life of C T Studd. A game of cricket on the lawn, and hundreds of wonderful cup cakes, so tastefully arranged and consumed!

A memorable end to the whole event was the
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releasing of 100 balloons bearing the Aaronic blessing, 'The Lord bless you and keep you..... ' and giving a contact number. At the same time prayer was going up for our own needy nation, as we gathered in clusters watching the balloons go up into the skies.

We came away realising the job's not done yet. But God hasn't finished with us either. We are here, 100 hundred years later, ready for all He has for us in fulfilling that final commission and longing of Jesus.

Real-life books can be bought about these experiences. If you are interested please contact Mary Pritchard.

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From the Editor

Who is the magazine for? I've been asked this quite a few times over the years. My answer is that the magazine aims to provide an interesting read for church family members, but if a magazine were to be picked up and read by someone outside of church, I hope they would also find it a good read. And my prayer would be that they would find something that really spoke to them in it, something that made them want to find out more.

As well as editing the magazine, I'm also part of the church's web team. Under the direction of Nick Gowers, we are currently reviewing our web site. And as before, a similar question arises. **Who is the web site for?** And the answer to that is almost the opposite to the previous question. It's full of information for people who don't come to Holy Trinity, but also with lots to interest church family members if they visit.

And now in addition, to service and activity times and information and all the other things on the web, we have arranged for you to be able to listen to sermons online. You may have missed a service or want to listen again and reflect on the teaching. Now you can, from the comfort of your own home. We've had some very encouraging feedback so far, just from people who happened upon it when visiting the site.

So, why not try it out for yourself? We'd love to hear your feedback. www.holytrinity.org.uk

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A 21st Century Fairy Story

Editor's note. Bob is a regular at Open Door, but a while ago he was absent from one of his usual sessions. A fellow member of Open Door emailed Bob to check he was okay. The following is his reply.

Glad to hear from you. I was about the master's business today.

I was recently asked by a local Parkinson's group to speak on my experience of caring for someone who suffers with this and who also has a painful back condition. I was to speak at a conference on Parkinson's and muscular/ skeletal well-being. The event was at West Bromwich Golf Club. The Lord gave me a story to tell and I shared this beforehand with Pastor Zinger of Beeches Rd who then prayed for me. Despite this, I struggled to prepare for the event and didn't really feel it was coming together. On the day itself, due to problems with the handover to the carer I arrived 15 minutes late to discover I was scheduled to speak for 20 minutes in just over an hour's time following the main speaker, Prof Clarke and a back pain consultant. The other speakers did their Power Point presentations and then it was my turn. I had been asked to speak about Pauline's back pain for 10 minutes and to give a carer's perspective.

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Len's Life

We reach the next stage in Len's life as he reaches a very unhappy and unsettling time..

Met, married and daughter within one year. I should have been happy and probably was at the time. In 1959, the first supermarket arrived in our little town. From that time, our business lost half of its customers, so in 1961 we decided to sell up as the shop was no longer viable.

With the proceeds of the sale of the property, I was able to buy my first house outright and completely furnished it. This period also saw the birth of my eldest son. Regretfully, my then wife was not satisfied with the house which we had, so we ended up buying a four bedroomed house with the aid of a smallish, by today's standards, mortgage. It was whilst here that things started to go wrong for the first time. My wife decided to try her luck with someone else and as my daughter now describes it, the beginning of an array of "uncles" for my children.

I had recently started a new job and found life almost impossible. The result was that my two children went to live with my sister-in-law and I sold up everything and moved back with my parents. My wife later decided that she wanted to start afresh and so, being the person I was, I agreed. We had to start all over again and bought a newly built flat and had to start again with new furniture. This was the beginning of the end. Our second son was born in 1967 and I hoped that this would cease my wife's wandering.

However, this turned out to be wishful thinking and she started an affair with someone from the other side of the estate. Because of her spending habits, I was working two jobs. By now manager of a small Gas Showroom and in my off time on the forecourt of two petrol stations. I had one day a month off. In the end, my wife walked out one night to be with her boyfriend and that was the end of the marriage. My three children were then split between my wife and her mother as I was trying to pay off the debts and was working non stop.

The divorce finally went through and my ex wife was given custody with me having access to the

children. This access was never granted as excuses abounded as to why I could not see my children. By this time I was in another relationship with the person who became my second wife.

Although I was paying voluntary maintenance, my ex took me to court, but she ended up worse off, as the Judge cut the amount which I had been paying. She had remarried by now and she and her new husband applied to adopt my three children. Our mortgage had been in joint names and I was "persuaded" about the adoption by my ex refusing to sign over her interest in the flat unless I agreed to the adoption. The grounds for the adoption were that I took no interest in my children, which was contested by my solicitor. However, to avoid a tug of war over the children, I agreed for the adoption to go ahead. This, regretfully many years later, I found was not what I should have done.

More of my new relationship and how my family life developed next time.

Every Blessing, Len



Is it that time already?

Dust off the **Christmas** wrapping paper, get those empty shoeboxes out of the loft and start filling them with gifts for a child who may otherwise receive nothing this Christmas! Holy Trinity will be a collection point for boxes again this year, so check out the notice sheet for updates nearer the time. Thanks to caring people like you, children in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of **Christmas** through Operation Christmas Child since 1990. This year, we want to ensure that many more children have the opportunity to receive a gift.

And talking of **Christmas**, a date for your diary. The Old Hill lights will be turned on at 5 pm on Saturday 30th November. Look forward to seeing you there.



COFFEE TIME WITH DAVE



The Times They are a Changing

With harvest time just around the corner, we know that change is on the way. We have had a big change in our church with the arrival of our new vicar and his family; they have brought freshness and excitement. But when we turn our attention to Jesus we find that whatever the season or time He was always changing people and the change was 100% for the better.

First a quick look at the gospels. We see people being called, given new names, healing, new teaching styles and even new teaching. The unique part of the gospel, though, is our Lord changeth not! He always wants us to seek Him, to love Him and to receive from Him. I believe if we obey Him, then our lives will change drastically. Blessings have to flow. He so desires to

Living the Dream!

There is someone in our congregation who when asked if he is ok replies "Yeah Living the dream!" I must admit that sinfully there have been times when this has wound me up and I have thought "I'm glad you are – because I am not!"

But ...God recently reminded me of a conversation I had at least ten years ago with a youth worker colleague over a game of pool. Nikki asked me what I would really like to do and I replied – "go to Bible College".

On 24th September I will be going to Queens Bible College to train to be a Licensed Lay Minister. It will be a two year course. I would appreciate your prayers and I thank all those who have supported me on what seems like a very long journey to get here. Thank you Lord that now I will be able to say "I'm living the dream!" **Melissa**



bless our hands that they will produce fruit for Him. He so wants to bless our feet so that they walk in His kingdom. This autumn time, if you get the chance please do pick some fruit. He is the fruit of life and the giver of marvellous things.

Dave Portman

Sunday

The clock strikes again
The dawn calls and then
I hear the bells ring
I hear the birds sing
Sunday still begins...

Praise God for His blessings
And also for all His testing
Before you were born
Before the daily storm
Sunday still begins...

Walking down the long lane
Trying again to forget the pain
Wondering if you're still sane
And what, if anything, you have gained
Sunday still begins...

And so the day ends
I hope that with all your friends
You have tried to make amends
And thank God for all that He sends
Sunday still begins...

Nigel Goodwin: Artist/Poet/Songwriter/
Photographer:

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THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone who attended the two sessions on "Quiet Time" led by Yvonne Binder, I'd like to say a big thank you to Yvonne for her Spirit-filled guidance, wisdom and skilful delivery.



EmploymentPlus^{UK}

Employment Plus Local (E+ Local):

'Work for All' was a corner stone of William Booth's social programme. Even today, independent evidence demonstrates that good, worthwhile work is important to physical, mental and spiritual health. The Salvation Army's belief is that every individual is important to God and helping people to discover self worth through work, not only improves their self confidence & motivation, but helps contribute to their own, their family's and their community's welfare.



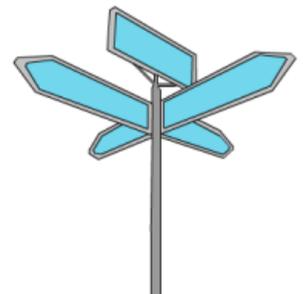
As a leading provider within the voluntary sector, with roots into community and a powerful motivation to work 'with heart to God and hand to man', The Salvation Army has an opportunity to provide a bridge between unemployed people and the local labour market.

Employment Plus Local is a Corps led initiative providing a local centre where unemployed people can find information and guidance on their journey into employment, within a supportive environment. Attending an E+ Local is entirely voluntary and is available to any unemployed person who is looking

for work. People may attend/join at any time when the E+ Local is open.

Our vision is to work together with local Salvation Army Churches and Community Centres. The primary activities at an E+ Local are to provide back-to-work support and would include:

- Local facilities conducive to learning
- Provision of computers & internet facilities to assist both in job search and to support the government's digital strategy
- A focus on looking for employment and gain the support needed to help find work
- Access to information and guidance on accessing training opportunities to acquire new skills or improve existing ones.
- Resources and advice to apply for jobs, including help in completing job application forms, CV writing and interview techniques
- A variety of courses e.g confidence building, employability & budgeting skills through e-learning
- A point of reference and an address for homeless jobseekers
- Links with local businesses, training providers & employment agencies
- Chaplaincy services on request
- A warm, relaxed atmosphere with tea, coffee & biscuits
- A place to meet, to share job hunting tips & ideas, exchange skills, find jobs and share experiences



Many more E+ Locals are being rolled out across the country, providing not only that ever needed resource to the local community, but also a superb foundation for further Employment Plus work. For further information please contact **The Salvation Army Employment Plus** on 0800 652 4276 or email: employmentplus@salvationarmy.org.uk

I am alive on God's Great Dance Floor!

Eileen – What a joy to attend New Wine for a few days (without sounding greedy I wanted more). Batteries were definitely all charged. Also love and fellowship shared with Anita, Berice, Mel, Julie, Carlisle and Debbie warmed my heart. Thanks to Yvonne for coffee and love. I give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for this amazing opportunity.

Berice – To sum up New Wine, it was the meeting of others in singing, praying eating food with friends. It was AWESOME! (Woop Woop)

Anita -You may have heard an unusual noise about the church recently it's a sort of "Woop, Woop". Well in case you're uncertain, it's the sound of great joy in our Lord and fun experienced by many at New Wine 2013. It was a privilege to be out of the world for just a few days and really experience Christian Fellowship at its best. It was lovely to sit around the breakfast table with Eileen, Berice, Mel, Julie, Carlisle and Debbie.

Julie – Wow what an experience. It was the first chance I'd had to go but it certainly will not be the last. A wonderful opportunity to meet and worship with hundreds of other Christians. There was some amazing teaching and a powerful sense of the Holy Spirit all around the site. Come along in 2014... you won't be disappointed!

Debbie – God always GETS me at New Wine. Every year I seem wrecked in His Presence. I love how He "never changes", but He's "new every morning!" Beloved, muddy, Shepton Mallet is THE place to be in the summer! So many amazing speakers, worship leaders, resources, and people from all over the country who come together JUST to worship God! "I feel alive, I come alive. I

am alive on God's great dance floor!"

Carlisle - I came alive on God's great dance floor, and what a feeling it was! New Wine was amazing. The feeling of being in such a massive place among so many people who love the Lord is astounding. I will definitely be back. The worship, the teaching, the atmosphere, even the camping. I will definitely be back. So should you.



Melissa – If you want to go to New Wine – you don't have to camp! We stayed at a pub just up the road and went there for our teas and some sleep in between the lively chatting! The time with the Lord and with other brothers and sisters is amazing. There is fantastic worship, seminars, talks, prayer sessions, conversations and much more. It was good to hear God confirming things applicable to my current journey with Him. It was good to sing songs that I had sung many years ago – what a faithful God He is. If you want to join the gang for two nights next year let me know as we will have to think about booking the rooms early. We are not an exclusive ladies group either – Men are allowed if they dare. Woop Woop let's party on God's great dance floor together.

BOOKING FOR NEXT YEAR IS NOW
OPEN—www.new-wine.org/summer

Am I that old?

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old? Well, listen to this. My name is Alice and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dental diploma, which bore his full name.

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We are here to take the love of Jesus in actions and words to all people

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For details of Services and Regular Activities at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, see back cover.

Christians in Sport

The Great Sporting Challenge

One of the things I love about sport is that there is always a challenge involved. In the premier league vast sums of money are spent to try and improve on the previous season. For Arsenal it meant buying one of the best players in the world. For Chelsea, they brought back one of the best managers in the world. For Real Madrid, they bought the most expensive player in the world. And all this, for us the spectators, it makes the game so exciting. For each individual in sport the challenge is always to improve on one's fitness. At whatever level one plays fitness is paramount. How about us? What should our challenge be? It has to include Jesus in our lives. Perhaps for us the word is not challenge, but pilgrimage. We try to live our lives as Jesus would want us to. He came to give us a wonderful life. Let us journey with Him day by day with all the challenges that face us and take them on that pathway of a pilgrimage walking with the Master.

Dave Portman

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Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my secondary school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park Secondary School.

"Yes, yes I did." he beamed with pride.

"When did you leave to go to college?" I asked.

"1965. Why do you ask?" he said.

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then the ugly, bald, wrinkled, fat, grey haired, old man asked. "What did you teach?"



Services and Regular Activities
During holiday times, please check with group leaders which
weekday activities are taking place.

Sunday Services

1st Sunday

10:45 a.m. Family Service
 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

2nd Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship* and
 Holy Communion
 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

4th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
 6:30 p.m. Hungry for God

5th Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

*With Junior church, young people's groups
 and FROGGIES for pre school children.

Tuesday

1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Tots Are Us
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bell ringing

Wednesday

9 - 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

Thursday

9.00—11.30 a.m. Coffee and
 Crafts (Addenbrook Court)
 11:30 a.m. Midweek worship fol-
 lowed by lunch
 7.15—8.45 p.m. TNT youth group

Friday

9 – 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

Saturday

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Every weekday

8:30 and 11 a.m. Prayer
 8.30 a.m.– 1 p.m. Open Door

Marriage and Baptism enquiries

Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

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I introduced my role and experience and related Pauline's story . This gave me the opportunity to tell our "Cinderella" story. Comorbidity is two or more serious conditions complicating the treatment and prognosis of another underlying condition. The wicked stepmother and ugly sisters in this story are Parkinson's, back problems and now mental illness. I said they were all ugly but can present a different image. I am Cinderella not in rags but often run ragged. The Fairy Godmother is the NHS. She can and does do marvellous things for which we are thankful but she has limits. We experience the clock striking 12 citing our experience of the pain

management consultant admitting he cannot control the pain.

Sad as the story is, in our case being Christians, it ends with a happy ever after not due to a Prince Charming but the Prince of Peace who helps us now and as we look forward to a glorious pain free future.

I finished by pleading for the application of the Aristotle quote " The whole is greater than the sum of parts" so making the patient and carer the hub of the process.

I received the loudest applause and several Christians made themselves known to me afterwards, expressing their appreciation. Others also congratulated me.

I trust this encourages you brother.

Bob Adams