



Link Up!

As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Luke 9: 57-60

Introducing.....

Rev Colin Pavitt our proposed new moderator. Colin was born and brought up in our area, attending Ferndown United Church (Baptist/URC Partnership). His early work life was in construction. He trained for Baptist Ministry at Bristol Baptist College before applying to work overseas with B.M.S. World Mission with his wife Marcia in the area of Church Planting. They served first in Angola and later in Brazil and speak fluent Portuguese. On completion of their work in Brazil they returned to the UK and took a Pastorate at Brunswick Baptist Church which they led for 20 years, until retiring recently and returning to live in our area and worship once again at Ferndown United Church. The Deacons had a very productive meeting with Colin on 22nd June when he described his strengths as lying in the areas of envisioning and motivating people to mission, and conflict resolution. He is very willing to come and chair deacons and church meetings, help us to discern the way forward with regard to future ministry, give us other general advice, and to come and take occasional services for us to get to know Longfleet better. We have booked him to come and take our service on Sunday 14th August when you will all get a chance to meet him.

As you know we will be holding a very brief Church Members' Meeting next Sunday (10th July) to officially appoint Colin as our Moderator on the Deacons recommendation.

Some of you may know that last Saturday, my daughter – Georgia, was ordained. It was a very special time for us. Lots of family and friends came along – two of whom you may recognise in the photo. It was good to catch up with Brian and Anne and they asked me to pass on their love and greetings.

Brian is celebrating his tenth anniversary at South Harrow Baptist Church and Anne is as busy as ever – leading worship and running a women's house / prayer group at their church, as well as being a Non Executive Director of Baptist Insurance and Chair of its Grant Committee. She is also involved with the Fair Trade Toy Business.



Georgia's Ordination Service was at Southwark Cathedral, and it was easy to find yourself caught up with the beautiful music and splendour of the occasion, but of course, the 'trimmings' were just part of something much more significant. Here are just two of the promises which each Ordinand had to make:

Our new B.M.S. Mission Partners

Brian & Jackie Chilvers and Melanie & Tom Spears with their two children Masie (7) & Rosa (5)

We have now been allocated two new mission partners in the field of Healthcare. Both the couples work at Guinebor Hospital in the country of Chad. The Spiers family come from Southampton and the Chilvers from Frome in Somerset, so both have home links not very far from us. There is a bit more information about them on the Mission board at the back of the church and also attached with this newsletter is a copy of their latest Update letters.

Other Notices

Just to remind everyone that there is no morning service at Longfleet on Sunday 31st July when we will be joining with Parkstone Baptist Church at Loch Road for their service which starts at 10.30am. We want to try and get everyone there who wants to come. So, if you need a lift to get there, please sign the list on the vestibule notice board saying which area you need a lift from. If you have spare seats in your car, please sign the list to say how many you can take with you. Then we'll try to link up people with spaces to people who need lifts.

'Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scriptures and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?'

'Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?'

To each question the Ordinand responded with the words:

'By the help of God, I will.'

The following day, Dave and I attended Georgia's new church – St John's, Waterloo, where their Reverend –Canon Giles Goddard drew attention to the declarations Georgia had made at her ordination. He emphasised the fact that God is uncompromising towards His people who seek to follow Him. His call is serious as we can see for ourselves in these verses of Luke's gospel.

And, beneath the grandeur of an Ordination Service we can realise our own calling, to live in accordance with Christ's Spirit and to tell the story of the love of God as shown through Jesus. It seems a difficult ask in a world where love is debased and the Church is forced to the edge of society, but if we acknowledge that we are not doing it in our own strength, then that changes everything.

So, let's take our call seriously and in whatever our situation, let us make our own declaration:

'With the help of God, I will.'

Carri Hall

LADIES CONTACT GROUP are having a visit from Ella Perseedos of Ukraine Christian Ministries on **Tuesday 12th July at 7.00pm.**

Ella will be sharing up to date news about the work UCM is doing in war torn Ukraine. We shall be taking up an offering at this meeting which will be going to enable the work to continue.

Every little helps, they say and just £8 could feed one person for a whole week.

We have decided to make this an **open evening** to which **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Please come and give your support.