



FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELISTS AND MINISTERS

By Grace - Through Faith (Eph.2:8)

May 2020 Newsletter

Greetings dear friends in the Lord.

Just touching base to see how you all are doing. Praying that the Lord is indeed blessing you all during this hard time.

It is good that He gives us new and challenging things to do for Him, when the thing we do, out of duty, become restricted.

The Lord has both blessed Brenda and myself in reaching out in, what is to us, new forms of witness for His glory. Among these is the texting, every morning, with a Bible thought, to those who were somewhat on the fringe of the Church at Combe

Down. And holding a weekly phone conference call with those older ones who don't do on-line. The wonderful thing is that people who do not come to our Chapel join in the-phone in meeting.

We praise God that, thus far, none of our members have caught the virus and have goodish health.

How are things going in your Churches? What news of the way God is using you all?

*How wonderful is the loving Lord,
How sweet His providential Word,
To children that believe!
Your very hairs are number'd all;
Not one by force or chance can fall
Without your Father's leave.
(John Berridge)*

God bless you all.
Colin Ryan.



God bless to all, hope that you are all ok and keeping well.

We are all ok. To be honest I am hoping that we may be able to open up for private prayer soon. I believe the government is discussing possible options this week. It looks as though worship services will not commence until July.

We have a men and ladies 'whatsapp' group so we can keep in contact with the fellowship. We record a Sunday message for the website, but it's not like meeting in fellowship. You don't realise how much you miss Church and meeting together. Many are not online, so regular phoning etc.

Many of our fellowship are elderly and some shielding, so it looks as though it may be some time until church gets back to normal (or a new normal).

Praying for our leaders at this time, hopefully we will see some seeking the Lord and some people turning to God. Please let us know any prayer requests.

Kind regards to all, Richard Hardy.



Hi.

Whatever age we may be, we have never lived in such difficult times as the present time.

The Coronasvirus has fogged its way across the world. Our lives have been affected and disrupted. Yet in all this changing situation we continue to serve our Lord and Saviour who never changes and he continues to add to his church each day and the Kingdom is extended.

LOOKUP IN LOCKDOWN

On the Hunslet Church Facebook page a daily article appears with praise and prayer requests covering family and friends.

Our gospel witness ministry is also regular with a short posting each morning based on "The Twelve" looking at each apostle and the many truths from them in their day and sharing it in our present day.

Truth is timeless. In the present darkness covering the world in general the glorious gospel light is so needy and necessary.

THE STILL SMALL VOICE IS HEARD IN OUR SOLITUDE

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. Mark 9:2

Some people thrive in the solitude. In the gentle quietness the strength of peace can feed the soul. It is in that place the Lord often speaks to his people with a still small voice. He fills the space with his love and our hearts with encouragement. He reigns in the solitude.

SCRIPTURE SAYS IT SUCCINCTLY

Dorothy and I use the Blue Line Bible Reading each day and from each days Bible Reading I create a Phonto display of some salient truth for our Facebook witness. The Lord uses his Word to speak to people around the world. As I write this letter for FEM the displays are been selected from the Book of Ezra.

SHADE IN SUNSHINE

Most days there is work to do in the gardens around our house. Essential to this happening is the setting up of the garden table and chairs along with the sunshade canopy. This enables me to study what little jobs need doing. Long planning sessions along this line leave me feeling like a coiled spring! Enjoyment is experienced with the colour filling the garden from seeds collected, given as gifts or bought.

Love it when the beautiful Red Kites are flying and gliding high in the sky or the little birds feed or use the bird bath.

Next job is fitting a new gutter and fall pipes to the garage roof. This will direct rainwater into the water container. Waiting for materials, now on order from the specialist supplier. "In your patience possess ye your souls." Luke 21:19

**Keep safe.
Keep trusting the Lord.
Frank and Dorothy Rowley.**



Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).

They say this is the new normal. Normal stopped at Adam. Everything since then has been far from normal, but one day the Lord will return to reign as King of Kings, and then everything will be returned to normality.

They say this is the new normal. Was it normal before the deadly disease that escaped from a Chinese laboratory? Normal for the world was an ever changing morality, not upwards to purity, but downwards to deeper levels of depravity. No wonder the Lord has to return to clean up this mess!

They say this is the new normal. It's been many a year that the church of Christ has functioned normally. Watchman Nee, in his book entitled, *The Normal Christian Life*, sought to explain what spiritual normality is all about, that sadly precious few achieve. Instead of places of worship, our churches are social clubs for entertainment.

They say that this is the new normal. Watch how this new normal progresses ever nearer to the system prophesied in Revelation. We are a step closer to a cashless society. See how easy it is for our churches to be closed down and our witness curtailed? While I believe that this pandemic is not a fulfilment of the prophecies of Revelation, it is an indicator of how a one world government and church can easily be set up. Thankfully the true Church will not be on Earth when the Antichrist system is formed.

While we are looking forward to getting back to real fellowship, I hope it is not a return to the normal of the past. I hope complacency, lukewarmness, shallowness, and worldliness will be replaced by a new normal. Normal Christians standing firm in the Lord and His Word. A new normal that refuses to hanker for the normality of the past, but will instead press forward and reach higher for the cause of Christ.

God forbid that we should remain subnormal!

**Every blessing.
Gary Hall.**



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