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Our Vision

Otley Parish Church
is:

***“A Place
for Everyone,
with Christ
at the Centre”***

Our vision as a church
is to see the healing,
grace and salvation of
God come to the town
of Otley and beyond!
We believe that with
Christ at the centre of
our personal, family
and church life, we will
see his Kingdom come
in the world around us.

All are welcome!

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DEAR FRIENDS

Letter from Aaron



For many of us, summer brings a change of pace. Schools break up, families head off on holiday, routines are interrupted, and perhaps there is opportunity for a little more rest. Even if you're not going away, there is something about the longer days that invites us to slow down, take stock, and lift our eyes from the busyness of life.

The Bible reminds us that our lives are lived in seasons. *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The writer of Ecclesiastes goes on to describe the changing seasons of human experience: birth and death, weeping and laughing, planting and harvesting, mourning and dancing. Life is not static. It moves. There are times of abundance and times of waiting. Times of celebration and times of sorrow.

As we enter the summer months, perhaps this is a good opportunity to ask ourselves a simple question: *What season am I in?*

Across our church family, the answers will be different. Some are enjoying the excitement of new beginnings. Others are adjusting to retirement or becoming grandparents. Some are caring for ageing parents, navigating illness, grieving the loss of someone they love, or wondering what the future holds. Others may feel that, after years of faithful prayer and service, they are beginning to see fruit from seeds planted long ago. No two stories are exactly alike, because God meets each of us personally and faithfully in the particular season we are living.

For some, this may genuinely be a season of rest. If so, receive it with gratitude. Rest is not laziness; it is one of God's good gifts. Jesus himself invited his disciples to "come away... and rest a while."

For others, however, this may not feel like a season of rest at all.

You may be walking through a season of trial or testing. Perhaps the Lord is pruning things from your life that no longer bear fruit, painful though that process may be. Or perhaps this is a season of harvest, where after years of faithful sowing you are beginning to see signs of God's blessing.

One of the temptations we all face is comparing our season with someone else's. We wonder why life seems easier for them, or why they appear to be flourishing while we are struggling. But God does not ask us to live someone else's season. He simply calls us to walk faithfully with him in the one he has given us.

The promise of Scripture is not that every season will be easy, but that we never walk through any season alone.

The Lord is our Shepherd in every season.

He leads us beside still waters when we are weary. He walks with us through the darkest valley when we are afraid. He prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies. He restores our souls. Whether we are planting or harvesting, rejoicing or grieving,

resting or persevering, he is with us.

Perhaps that's the most important question to ask this summer. Not simply, "Where am I going on holiday?" but "Lord, what season am I in, and how are you inviting me to trust you here?"

Whatever your answer may be, take heart. Seasons do not last forever. The God who leads us into each season is also the God who faithfully brings us through it.

May this summer be an opportunity to notice his presence afresh, to receive whatever he is doing in your life, and to discover again the quiet confidence of those familiar words: *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

AARON KENNEDY – Vicar at Otley Parish Church



IN THE HOT SEAT

Hello Jean, and thank you so much for joining us here “In the Hot Seat”. Many of us know you by sight but may not really know much about you, so it will be lovely to read more about you now.

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Bradford on 13th June 1949. I grew up there – initially in the Bradford Moor district and later in Allerton.

Where did you go to school?

I went to Thornbury Infant School, and later to Bradford Girls' Grammar School.

Did you go to College or University? If so, where?

I went to Aberdeen University which I really enjoyed.

When and where did you meet your husband, Allan?

After University I met up with an old school friend when a friend of theirs was with them. That friend was Allan. We got engaged in June 1974 and then married in March 1975.

What was your occupation and where did you work?

I worked for many years at Leeds General Infirmary.

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

I have one sister who is 2½ years older than me. She lives in Bingley, so we have always been able to visit her and her family.

How many children do you have, what are their names and how old they?

Allan and I have 2 children, Kate who is 48 and Stephen who is 46. Kate and her husband Chris have 2 children - Rosie who is 19 and Fin, who is 16. Stephen and his wife Laura also have 2 children - Carys who is 13 and Thomas who is 11. We are very fortunate that both families live here in Otley.

Why did you come to live here in Otley?

After our marriage we initially lived in Alwoodley, Leeds, as it was easy for me to get to the LGI and for Allan to get to Harrogate. After five years we moved to Otley, partly as houses in Otley at that time were a lot cheaper than in north Leeds and partly as it was on a bus route for Allan's parents to come from Bradford.

When did you become a Christian?

I had always gone to Sunday School at St Clements in Bradford Moor and gradually became a more committed Christian in my teens helped by a youth group at Bradford Cathedral and a visit to a Billy Graham meeting.

Did you worship anywhere before coming to Otley Parish Church? How long have you been coming here?

I had attended a Church of Scotland in Aberdeen, and when we lived in Leeds, we went to a Methodist church. When we came to Otley we planned to try the different churches, but when we came to Otley Parish Church the welcome we received from Harold Simpson meant we never tried the others! It also helped because Rev Desmond Kendrick, the vicar here at that time had also been the vicar at St Clements whilst I was growing up. So, we have stayed here, so far for 46 years.

Are you involved in any way here at OPC?

I help at Sunday Club, and with our Youth Group and Rascals.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture? If so, what is it?

I enjoy Psalm 139 as I find the knowledge that God knows me through and through very comforting. I also enjoy Psalm 121, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills...'

Do you have a favourite Christian hymn or song?

I really enjoy the hymns and songs which we sing at our Activate service each month, especially 'My Lighthouse' and

'These are the Days of Elijah'.
'Love Divine' is also a favourite.

Do you like classical music? Do you have a favourite piece?

As anyone who has been sitting next to me in church will know, I enjoy singing but I'm not at all musical!

What about modern songs or music – anything in particular?

I can sing along to some popular songs, but music isn't really a big part of my life.

Do you have a favourite part of Yorkshire that you like to visit?

Fountains Abbey is a favourite and regular haunt of ours. For a 70th birthday treat Allan and I stayed a weekend there in a holiday let, and having the free run of the grounds when the site was closed was very special.

Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you've not been before, regardless of expense?

No, not really. We love our holidays which are mainly in this country exploring different areas, especially the Scottish and Northumberland coasts.

A book you enjoyed reading – Christian or general? Any special reason?

I do enjoy reading mainly biographies and light fiction and have many favourites which I re-read but a special one doesn't come to mind.

Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

I enjoy sewing and knitting. I learnt to do patchwork after I retired and find it a very relaxing hobby.

What would be your favourite meal – 2 or even 3 courses?

My favourite meal is sausages and clapsnot (a combination of mashed potatoes, swede and sweet potatoes) washed down with a glass of red wine, followed by ice cream with toffee sauce.

If you were to spend a whole year on a desert island *on your own*, what luxury would you take with you?

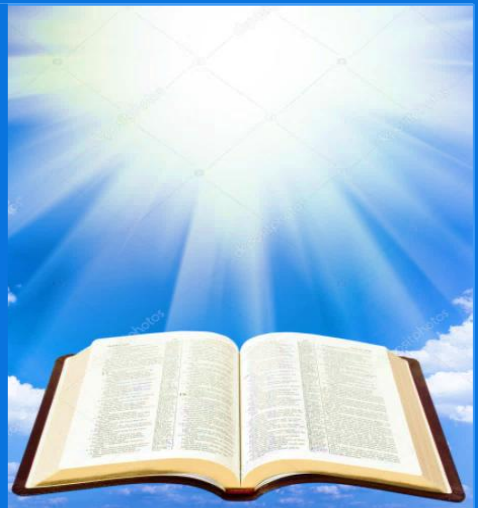
Lots of family photos.

Which one word best describes your life right now?

Happy.

My Favourite Bible Verse

Barry Milner



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to Him
and he will make your paths straight.
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)*

When our In Touch editor asked me to come up with my favourite bible verse I found it a daunting prospect - a little like asking, 'who is your favourite child?'

This couplet from Proverbs came to mind (probably after reading them in 'SACRED').

Trust in the Lord is all we need, and we are reminded to have humility and not hubris. In our modern scientific world, we pretend we know so much, but in reality, we know so little.

Verse 6 comes with a wonderful promise that if we acknowledge Him, all will be well with us.



FAMILY NEWS

AT OTLEY PARISH CHURCH



*Left to right: Barry Milner, Aaron Kennedy, Tom Raper
at the Visitation Service on 4th June
at St Matthew's Church, Chapel Allerton, Leeds*

EACH YEAR after their annual election at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Churchwardens are required to attend one of several 'Visitation Services' held across the Archdeaconry of Leeds.

This is a form of Evening Prayer, during which the Churchwardens listen to a sermon from the Archdeacon and respond to what is known as 'The Archdeacon's Charge' by declaring their willingness to discharge their duty to 'further the mission of God and his purposes in the world'.

They are then formally admitted by the Archdeacon to serve in their respective parishes.



Sarah McCormack

Sarah celebrated her 45th birthday on 20th June. She was born in Leeds in 1981. She is here with her children - Violet who will be 10-years-old on 29th July, and Johnny who will be 7-years-old on 8th August. Sarah is our Church Administrator.

Pentecost Sunday



A lovely picture created by Sophie and Phoebe Bonnett at the Youth Group meeting on Pentecost Sunday morning



Sophie (14) Phoebe (12)

Our Youth Leader Rachel Wilson writes: It was great to act out and discuss the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with our OPC young people. I was touched to be given this thoughtful and prayerful picture by Sophie and Phoebe describing key characteristics of the Holy Spirit. We are so blessed by our young people. Thank you to all the volunteers, leaders and helpers, who make it possible for Maria's youth work to continue and thrive.



*Happy
Birthday!*

ELIZA PARK

celebrated her 7th birthday on 5th May 2026



HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY PAULINE!

**Pauline Coultas celebrated her 89th birthday on 29th May.
She was born in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, in 1937.**

MARGARET PARKIN WALKS FOR PARKINSON'S UK NURSE APPEAL



I have just had another birthday!

I was born in 1941 and will leave it to you to work out my age! I decided to do my bit to pay back for some of the care and treatment that my son has received since he was diagnosed with Parkinson's 11 years ago.

So, on Sunday 19th July I will be taking part in the **Walk for Parkinson's** event to be held at Temple Newsam in Leeds. I will only be attempting to cover one mile of the course but with my trusty rollator walker for support and with my granddaughter Alex alongside for company, I hope to make a good donation to Parkinson's UK Nurse Appeal – a vital resource for this, and as yet an incurable condition.

If you would like to help by donating, please use the link below, or you can give me some cash directly if that suits you better.

Thank you very much in advance.

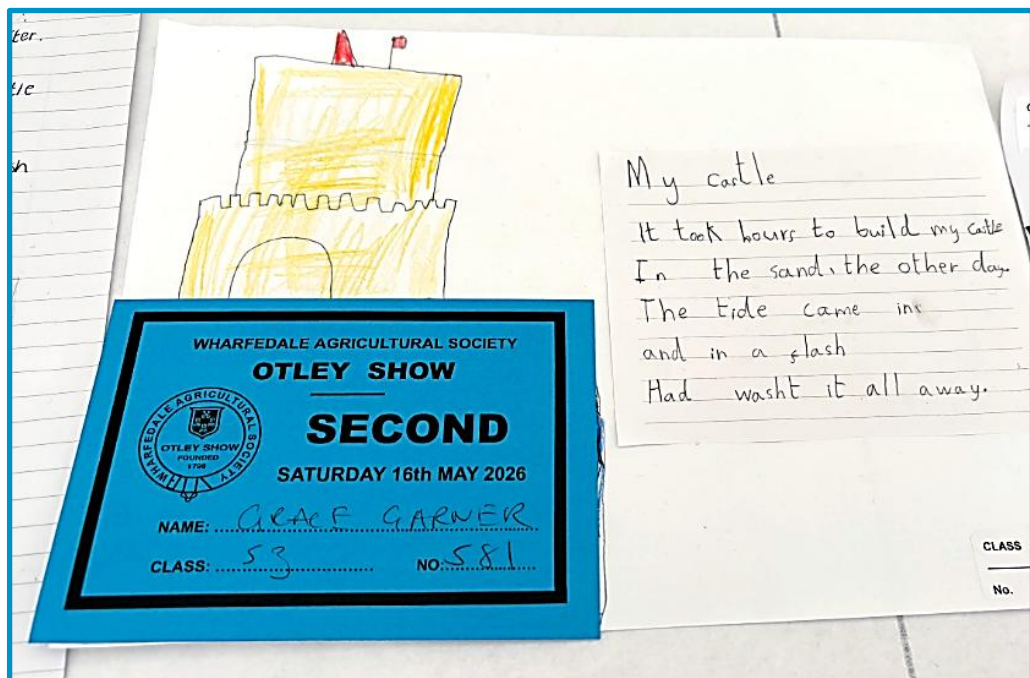
Margaret Parkin

Parkinson's UK - Margaret Parkin

THE OTLEY



At Otley Show this year, 5-year-old Grace, daughter of Emily Garner, won 2nd prize in the under 7s handwriting class. She had to copy out a poem and draw a picture.

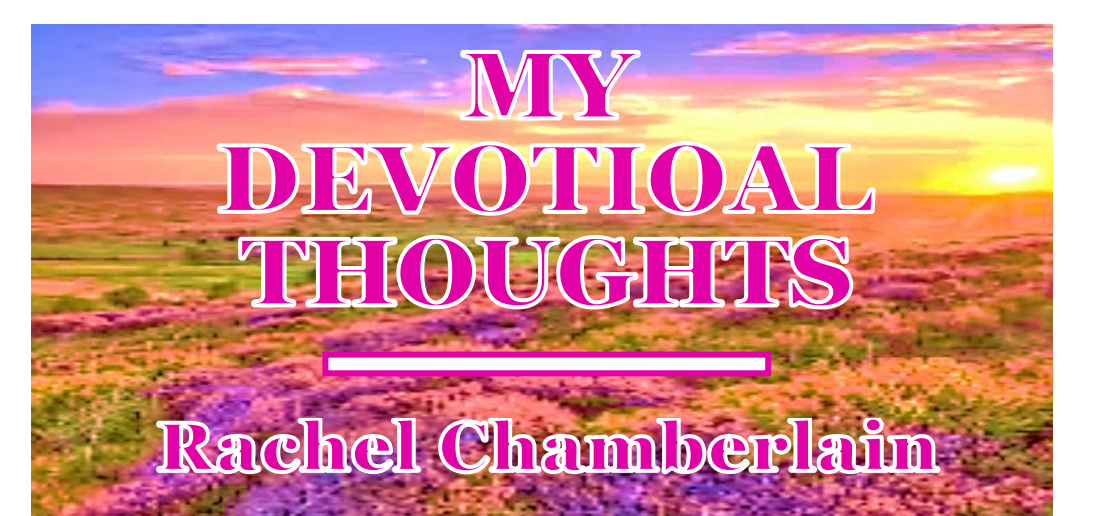


SHOW 2026

Phoebe Pettinger won a 1st prize for a playground model that she made at Otley show. She's 10-years-old.



Connie Pettinger won a 1st prize at Otley show for her lovely decoration of biscuits. She's 6-years-old.



MY DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Rachel Chamberlain

MY VERSE

Ephesians 1:3 English Standard Version

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

MY THOUGHTS

Paul starts with a brief introduction to his letter to the Ephesians describing the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. He emphasises that we are blessed not only in Christ but with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus. Paul uses the word God and Father to state the unity between the two persons who are one. The emphasis is on spiritual blessings which we receive in the heavenly places. It's also a wonderful reminder that in Him all believers are provided with everything needed for life and Godliness. This greeting frames the entire letter that Paul writes. The exaltation being of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ deserving the praise and glory. Paul uses the term 'heavenly places' as it refers to the invisible, supernatural realm where God rules and where Christians' true spiritual identity exists.

MY PRAYER

Lord, thank you for blessing us with spiritual blessings from heaven, which I don't deserve but You have given them to me which I praise you for. Thank you that whatever situation I find myself in, I can always remind myself that I am always blessed by you. Amen

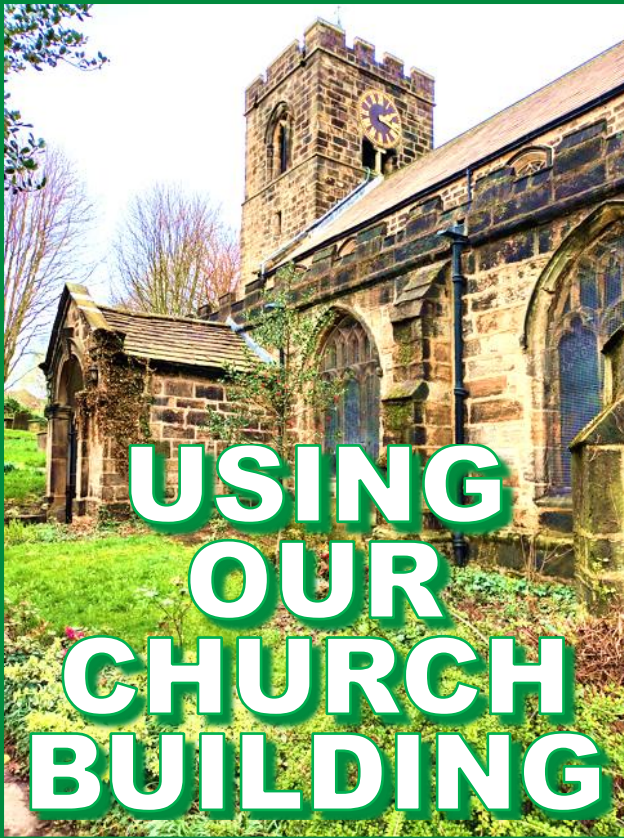


A casual churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote, "I've gone to church morning and evening for 30 years now, and in that time, I've heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons."

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I have been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked 25,000 meals... but for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals! However, I do know that they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



OUR church building is a very busy place! There is a footfall of people entering the church of about 45,000 each year.

Why do we have so many? We have Sunday and midweek services and lots of church groups, including the Alpha Course, Baby & Little Rascals, Open House and the Church Choir for rehearsals. Then there are people who pop in during the day when the church is open to have a look around, or to say a prayer. And then there are the events which are held in the building, often filling it to maximum capacity. These events include musical performances (choral societies, school choirs, folk musicians), festivals (music, coffee, Christmas Tree), exhibitions (recently the Otley Camera Club), various meetings, school and nursery events (nativity performances, end of term services), barn dances – lots



An example of the help needed for an event in the church which was our Autumn Fayre last year. It needed lots of chair and table moving in preparation for the start, and again afterwards in readiness for Sunday!

of events!! On average there are probably a couple of large events every month. Everything that happens is a great way for people to see our building and engage with what we do, and maybe learn a bit about Christianity and prayer and enable us to serve the wider community, plus give the church some rental income.

However, 'hosting' the events needs input from our church community – liaising with groups, furniture moving, putting up and taking down the staging, letting people in, locking up the church when they leave, etc, etc, etc! As we all know, 'many hands make light work'.

Currently, the bulk of all this work falls on very few people, primarily the Churchwardens and a few of the Assistant Churchwardens. We'd love to expand the team! Please have a chat with one of us if you'd like to help out. It needn't be much - even just moving chairs once or twice a year would be very helpful.

Thanks!

Tom Raper & Barry Milner (Churchwardens)

What's Your Favourite Hymn?



“Calon Lân (A Pure Heart)”

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus,
Aur y byd na'i berlau mân:
Gofyn wyf am galon hapus,
Calon onest calon lân.

*Calon lân yn llawn daloni
Tecach yw na'r lili dios:
Dim ond calon lân all ganu,
Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

I don't ask for a luxurious life,
The world's gold or its fine pearls:
I ask for a happy heart,
An honest heart, a pure heart.

*A pure heart full of goodness
Is fairer than the pretty lily:
None but a pure heart can sing,
Sing in the day and sing in the night.*

If I wished for worldly wealth,
It would swiftly go to seed;
The riches of a virtuous, pure heart
Will bear eternal profit.

Evening and morning, my wish
Rising to heaven on the wing of song
For God, for the sake of my Saviour,
To give me a pure heart.

Written by: Daniel James in 1891

To listen to Calon Lân, click on the link below:

[Calon Lân](#)

or do a Google search for: Calon Lan 6 Nations 2014

MARY HUBY

tells us why this is her favourite hymn

I have always loved the Welsh hymn Calon Lân. Calon Lân means a pure or clean heart. Even though I have listened to it many times it still gives me goosebumps when I hear it. This is partly because of my upbringing in Mid Wales, but also because the melody and words are so expressive.

In Wales Calon Lân is almost a second national anthem. It is sung at concerts, eisteddfods, and sporting events, especially rugby matches. It has been performed by famous names like Bryn Terfel, Katherine Jenkins, Only Boys Aloud (on Britain's Got Talent), Cerys Matthews and, of course, it is a favourite of Welsh male voice choirs.

Even though the hymn has become somewhat secularised, the words clearly express an important spiritual meaning, i.e. that a pure heart (calon lân), an honest heart (calon onest), a happy heart (calon hapus), are worth more than all the world's riches or luxury. Riches fade but a clean heart lasts for eternity. With a heart full of goodness (llawn daoni) one can sing to God, day and night (canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos).

When I sang this as a child, not being a Welsh speaker, I didn't really

understand the Welsh words, but I loved the sound and feel of them. I think the gently undulating melody of the verse is reminiscent of the Welsh hills and valleys, and the rousing chorus feels like it is rising to heaven.

The words were written in the 1890s by Daniel James, a tin-plate worker from near Swansea and a working-class poet. Daniel was a faithful chapelgoer but apparently had a weakness for a pint or two. The words of Calon Lân were rumoured to have been written on the back of a cigarette packet in the local hotel! The beautiful tune was written by another local man, John Hughes, who originated from Pembrokeshire.

Calon Lân became a very popular hymn during the Welsh Revival of 1904/05. It expressed the spiritual longing and deep desire for personal transformation felt by those caught up in that powerful move of the Holy Spirit.

Although there are English translations the hymn is always sung in the original Welsh.

I hope you might take the opportunity to listen to Calon Lân. See the link at the foot of the previous page for a lovely version sung by a big crowd of Welsh people of all ages.

PRAYER IDEAS *for* **EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS**

John Simkins

Introduction

Church history shows us that there have been times when a sense of the need to pray has come upon the 'wider church' and the outcomes are well recorded. These have been the most effective when 'ordinary' Christians have taken up God's call: 'people movements'.

In recent years, again, there has been a strong emphasis on the need for the church to rediscover prayer.

Prayer is something for all Christians to be engaged in, and a normative part of their life.

My hope in writing this is to encourage every Christian to embrace prayer as a natural part of daily life; knowing 'God with us' and praying for others we connect with.

I first wrote this in 2013 in response to a request from a leaders' training programme in Devon to speak on prayer. We were about to move from Exeter to Yorkshire. For several years we had been involved in connecting with Christians in the city and helping to steer some united prayer. This is what shaped the substance of what follows, together with some editing after helpful comments from others.

John Simkins
Otley Parish Church

Prayer Ideas for Everyday Christians
is a book of eleven chapters
each of which will feature in future editions of *In Touch*



9. Prayer as engaging with God's heart

Intercession

There are one or two words in Greek which may be translated 'intercession' - the idea of approaching God to make a petition on behalf of another.

Hebrews 7:25 says, '*Christ is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to **intercede** for them*'.

I guess most Christians do pray for others and not just their own needs.

Romans 8:26–27 shows us that the Holy Spirit is active in Christians in this way:

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself **intercedes** for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit **intercedes** for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

IDENTIFICATION

Here are a couple of Biblical examples of intercession which in some way reflect the attitude of Christ in his intercession on the cross:

- ❖ In Daniel 9 he prays for his own people as though he himself is in the same need of confession as they:
We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened.
- ❖ Moses, in Exodus chapters 32 to 34 repeatedly refuses to reject his own people and pleads with God on their behalf. He considers himself part of (identifies with) them and brings their cause to God in prayer.

ARTICULATION FOR THE VOICELESS

There are, as we have seen, times when we *do not know **what** we ought to pray for* [Romans 8]. However, there are those who:

- ❖ Don't even know **that** they can pray.
- ❖ Are too oppressed to rise beyond their immediate distress:
They did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage. [Exodus 6:9 NKJV]
- ❖ Are too rebellious to consider praying for themselves.

In some ways this is the highest form of prayer. It participates in the attitude of Christ as he cried out for us - the helpless, hopeless, and rebellious - on the cross. Perhaps we could say he cried out **as us**, representatively taking **us** on his heart.

It might help to ponder this thought, for there will be times when God calls you and moves you to speak out on behalf of others at the *throne of grace* [Hebrews 4:16] as though you were them.

INTERCEDING TOGETHER – THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

*Jesus said: I tell you that **if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.***
For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.
[Matthew 18:19-20]

Perhaps the highest of this high form of prayer is when it is corporate and we are united; God's people taking things to heart together. This is very

powerful. This also challenges us to think beyond our individuality and congregations.

Here is the well-known example in Solomon's day, reminding us that God wants *people* to pray and repent together in order to see change in the *land*:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. [2 Chronicles 7:14]

Making mention

*On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. **You who remind the LORD** (***You who put the LORD in remembrance**), take no rest for yourselves, and give him no rest.*

[Isaiah 62:6 NASV – *bracketed is from ESV rendering]

REMINDING GOD

The word here relates to one used, for example, in Exodus 12:14 and 13:9 of a *memorial* event – something to be imprinted in the mind and constantly present as a reminder. So, here is an activity of prayer where we persist – don't give up – and also don't give God much peace! Perhaps we might think of ourselves repeatedly saying to God "Lord, take a look at this!" There are examples of this in Paul's writings, for example:

*Without ceasing I **make mention** of you always in my prayers.*

[Romans 1:9 NKJV]

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, **making mention** of you in my prayers.*

[Ephesians 1:16 NKJV]

One might ask whether God, who says and knows all things and the hearts of all people, really needs us to tell him anything! My belief is that he has granted to his people the dignity, responsibility and necessity of being involved in his purposes. He has committed himself to our involvement.

REMINDING OURSELVES

Sometimes a matter is so important and alive to us that we need no memos or 'to-do notes'. Sometimes, and commonly, we do need to discipline ourselves.

For this:

- ❖ Some people like bits of paper and prayer letters/diaries.
- ❖ Some prefer the technological world!

I like a bit of both!

We can be quite innovative in the way we remind ourselves to remind God and keep an issue prayerfully alive. My wife and I have an email folder in which we save things of ongoing importance. Sometimes we will put a daily entry onto our joint mobile phones' calendar when a particular season of prayer is needed. We have people who contact us weekly with a short email. We regard it as quite legitimate to take that email for an immediate prayer response even if we don't think about it all the time. I'm sure that each of us can find ways for ourselves once we grasp the principle. To use the colloquial phrase – 'where there's a will there's a way!'

REMINDING OTHERS

Paul was not afraid to ask for prayer, and he felt that communication was important. Clearly, in a very information overloaded world we will each need to select what we feel we should engage with as individuals or communities.

More of
'9. Prayer as engaging with God's heart'
will feature in the September edition
of In Touch.

Keep in touch with...

IN TOUCH

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in YOUR monthly Church magazine.

Yes, it is yours!

Please do let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can make **IN TOUCH** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about contributing to our popular series of **In the Hot Seat** or **My Favourite Bible Verse** or **An Event that Changed My Life** or **My Devotional Thoughts** or **My Favourite Hymn** or **How I Found My Faith**?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or...

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries, or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in the next edition of **IN TOUCH** we must hear from you no later than:

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WHO ARE WE?

OTLEY PARISH CHURCH – the oldest building in Otley – is at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship and significant family and community events. *“There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all.”*

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, joys and sorrows of life. We'd love you to share the journey with us.

We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ and in service to our local community.

Join us in worshipping God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; learn with us what it is to be 21st century disciples following Jesus and help us, with the other churches in the town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.



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