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Hello & welcome to GOOD LIFE MAGAZINE!

'Welcome again to the fourth issue of our network magazine; 'Goodlife'!

We hope it will be an encouragement to you as you hear of God's dealings with people across the country in a real & dynamic fashion.

The level of supernatural activity within the network of 40+ Filling Station meetings seems to be picking up pace. We have seen healings, bad relationships fixed, forgiveness breaking out and new people recognising Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

As one well known Church leader, Rev Mark Bailey of Holy Trinity, Cheltenham, said to me at a meeting in the summer, "I really think God is behind the Filling Station idea. I remember in the early days when people first started with Alpha, not knowing it would become the worldwide phenomena that it now is. I believe that the Filling Station is the next thing that God is using to re-evangelise and change the rural parts of this country! There is clearly His favour on this movement and much good spiritual fruit is appearing through the Filling Station meetings"

We on the Filling Station team are fully committed to helping you create an arena, through these monthly celebration meetings, within which God can be known, Jesus honoured and the Holy Spirit experienced first hand.'

God bless you this winter season!

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Latest News



3 FRENCH FILLING STATION MEETINGS NOW IN OPERATION

There are now three Filling Stations in operation in France; in Poitou-Charentes, Vendee North, and on the coast at Vendee West. All three meetings take place in the second week of each month so that visiting speakers can attend each meeting. The Filling Station trust is working with the teams of these three meetings to provide quality English speaking teachers and pastors across the year. Chris Taylor, one of the team in Vendee North said, "We are really thrilled about what the Lord is doing through our meetings. We just want more of the same!"



YORKSHIRE EMBRACES THE FILLING STATION

The first meeting in Yorkshire opened in May this year at Thornborough Hall, in Leyburn, North Yorkshire. Some seventy guests were present and the host team were delighted with the event. A lady was healed of a chronic medical condition and several visitors reported having 'experienced the love of God' in a fresh way during the evening. Other groups in the county are considering starting local Filling Station meetings.



SWITZERLAND HAS A FILLING STATION

The first Filling Station in Switzerland opened in Lugano in the south of the country in October. Started as a result of a 'chance' meeting between the Filling Station Director, Richard Fothergill, and a leading Swiss based Church leader, the Rev Richard Davis, formerly of the International Protestant Church, Zurich, the new meeting has burst into life on the shores of Lake Lugano. Taking place in English, the Filling Station meeting hopes to attract many nationalities that live and work in this town of some 55,000 people. Richard Davis described the discovery of the Filling Station network and model of meetings as, "quite clearly God's idea for us, here, now!"



CHURCH LEADERS ENDORSE THE FILLING STATION

An increasing number of senior Church leaders are endorsing the Filling Station model of local renewal & evangelism. Many see the meetings as a great way to build local communities while others see it as an authentic way of presenting the gospel to an increasingly secular society. One leading Anglican, the Rev Paul Perkin, Rector of St.Mark's Church, Battersea Rise, London, said this; "Many of us will have heard about the Filling Station and how an increasing number of people are being affected by the Lord through it's network of meetings. Young and old, inside & outside the Church, these meetings are permeating the countryside with faith. It is so evidently a work of God as the fruit is clear to see!"



JOINT MEETINGS TAKING PLACE.

Several local Filling Stations that are in the same vicinity are choosing to meet together for 'one off' joint meetings, often focussing on a particular event or respected speaker. The Beckington & Priston Mill meetings did exactly this in June with a joint meeting that attracted some 180 people. The leader of Holy Trinity Church, Cheltenham, Rev Mark Bailey, came and spoke about 'keeping on in the Christian life.' A band made up of members from both FS meetings led some excellent worship and all concerned pronounced the evening a great success.



ROADSIDE CONFUSION

One of our recently opened meetings in southern England had a visit from the police. They had appeared after having seen the Filling Station road signs directing guests to the local meeting. They thought the Filling Station was selling illegal 'red' diesel and had come to make an arrest! The FS team prayed for the local 'Bobbies' and sent them on their way.



WHAT IS THE FILLING STATION?

The Filling Station is a contemporary vehicle for bringing Christian renewal and evangelism to the UK.

Our Biblical mandate is from Psalm 114: 8 'Who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.' We see the 'pools' described here as places of deep spiritual refreshment for the existing church bringing water into the hard dry areas. The 'hard rock into springs' represents the new spiritual life that occurs through evangelism.

HOW DOES THE FILLING STATION WORK?

Using monthly mid-week evening 'celebration' meetings held in non-church venues we have seen Christian communities grow in depth and numbers where a Filling Station has been opened. We offer high quality speakers and teachers, contemporary worship and powerful, accessible prayer ministry. Within meetings personal testimonies, led group prayer and networking also takes place.

Our mid-week meetings are designed to be overtly spiritual but presented in a manner that those outside the existing church would feel comfortable in experiencing. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and aim to be short, sharp and focused in character. We find many people meet God through them and their faith is built up.

The Filling Station is not a new independent church movement, rather a model of how existing churches can work together to bring new spiritual life to their areas and in the process bring many people to faith in Jesus Christ. One of our fundamental principles is to promote Christian unity. As it says in Psalm 133: 1 'How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ... for there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.'

The Filling Station Trust has been set up to facilitate any local group wishing to start a meeting in their part of the world. We can provide human and practical resources, guidance on how to establish a successful local meeting, liaison with your local clergy, background prayer support, prayer ministry training workshops plus tried & tested speakers for meetings.

Testimonies



Jules de Jongh

Voice Artist.

Downland FS, Berkshire.

March 2013

'At our very first Filling Station meeting, I was standing in the stillness just after the Bible teaching part of the evening and God spoke to me, "the first word of knowledge is for you" He said. Seconds later, Richard Fothergill, the speaker that night, said, "The first word I have is for someone called Jules". That confirmation alone was a gift. He spoke of me growing closer to God this year, greener pastures, provision, career success and general favour from God.

The very next day I had a huge audition. I went in buzzing that this was to be 'God's will' but when it came to performing, I really let the side down. Normally I love auditioning; a time to show off with permission but this one went really badly. In the end I kept holding on to the word given to me that night and thought, "Okay, maybe the next one will be the one God told me about." A week and a half later my agent called, I got the job! The biggest contract of my career and a direct response to prayer, very specific prayer. Not in my strength, totally in His. I'm just amazed.'

Max Oakley

Priston FS, Somerset.

May 2013.

In May I went to the Filling Station at Priston, Paul Skelton was speaking, and during the evening a 'word of knowledge' was given for people with knee problems. That was me! The people nearest to me prayed for my knee to be healed. For over a year I have had to wear a sports knee strap then at Christmas I stopped running altogether because my knee just kept feeling painful. It felt like it was going to give out and my kneecap was unstable. After prayer, Paul asked me how my knee was and I explained that unless I ran on it I couldn't say so he suggested I tried running on it! I was up for the challenge, so I went to a nearby grassy area and ran around it enough times to be sure that there was a change. What was amazing was that my knee stayed stable and pain free during the whole run! I have now done a few short runs and I no longer wear a knee strap. I am very thankful to God for the significant improvement and healing I have received and for the way he is still transforming my life. The best bit though, is how God has shown me, through my own experiences, that healing isn't just something we read about; it's something we can receive now, today! My view of God's healing power and the ability to heal has been completely changed.

Bob & Sandie Kerr

Stirling & Chef Boutonne,
France FS.

2012

'We have a house in a small village in Western France called Chef Boutonne. We also live in Stirling in Scotland. When in France, we heard about a new Christian meeting going on in our area in English and wanted to find out more. We were amazed to discover it was taking place each month in our very own village! Our habit is to return home to Stirling when we can so we were amazed to discover an e-mail waiting for us when we came back north last summer from our minister, Rev Alistair Cowper, asking if we would be interested in coming to hear a chap from England, called Richard Fothergill, share his vision for meetings called, the 'Filling Station!' We met with about twenty others in the Church to hear about the Filling Station idea & how these meetings work. We were thrilled to be able to tell our friends there what a good idea they are and that we had been to one. They are a great place to pray, worship, have some teaching and generally get spiritually re-charged!'



Lynn & Alan Gledhill

Vendee North FS, France
& Yorkshire

March 2013

'We met Don Latham, speaker at that month's Filling Station meeting in France, and he helped us to pray together along with our friend Andrew for the sale of our house. Then just a few days later we did just that! Now we are happily back in Yorkshire living with my mother and we get the keys to our new house very soon!

At that meeting Don gave us both a New Testament to read and advised us to talk with the Lord. I am really happy to say that we have read the book cover to cover and we pray regularly together and give thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened to us. We joined the church in Roberttown, where we feel so welcomed and have made many new friends, which is wonderful.

We were baptised during the summer and confirmed in September. We have so much to give thanks for and we want to say thank you to you all at the Filling Station, as you were there for us just when we needed you. You re-introduced us to the Lord and he has made such a difference to our lives, praise be to God.'

Alasdair Black, the leader of Stirling Baptist Church taught at the Sunday morning Holy Communion. Many people from Churches in the Stirling area joined the conference.



'The sung worship was skilfully led by the Lossiemouth Filling Station worship team who had travelled 160miles to be at the conference.'



'Many described how they almost felt the tangible presence of God during sung worship over the two days.'



'Well known and respected Scottish church leader, Kenny Borthwick, spoke at the Sunday night main meeting and inspired many. For many years Kenny has been involved with the 'Clan Gathering' Christian holiday week, held in Scotland, each summer.'



'The Allan Park South, Church of Scotland church, opened their doors to host the Filling Station renewal weekend. Their minister, the Rev Alistair Cowper, was delighted with the event. Alistair and many of his congregation are involved with the local Stirling Filling Station meeting which has been in operation since September 2012.'



'Over 250 people gathered in Stirling, Scotland for the first ever, Filling Station Renewal conference. Two days of prayer, worship, teaching and encouragement.'



'A joint service of Holy Communion was celebrated on the Sunday morning. Seven different denominations were represented by their ordained church leaders: Church of Scotland, Episcopalian, Baptist, Free Evangelical, Anglican (Church of Uganda), Pentecostal and house church.'



'High quality teaching and workshops were on offer and many people were impacted positively.'



'A lot of prayer took place over the weekend as the Christian community called out to God for Scotland and the UK.'



'Seminars were on offer covering a variety of topics such as, 'The gift of prophecy', 'How to read the Bible effectively', 'How to pray', 'Leading sung worship', 'Running Alpha Courses' and 'Local renewal. How the Filling Station can help.'

'Bishop Sandy Millar, former leader of Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London and a Scot by birth, led a seminar and main teaching session on the Saturday of the conference.'



SCOTTISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE

PARTYING WITH GOD!

September 7th & 8th 2013 saw the first ever Filling Station 'Renewal Weekend' conference, which was held in Stirling, Scotland. Some 250 people met up to celebrate the goodness of God and pray for Britain & the world. The four main sessions over the weekend saw inspirational teaching given by; Bishop Sandy Millar, formerly of Holy Trinity Brompton, London. The Rev Kenny Borthwick, of Westerhailes, Edinburgh, a much respected Scottish church leader. The Rev Alasdair Black, leader of the large Stirling Baptist Church, and the Rev Richard Fothergill, head of the Filling Station network. Seminars were offered over the weekend by the leaders of Alpha Scotland, the Glasgow Prophetic Centre, the Filling Station Trust and the worship team from Lossiemouth Filling Station. A joint Holy Communion service was celebrated on the Sunday morning. The conference venue's minister, Rev Alistair Cowper, presided, ably assisted by nine other ordained ministers representing seven different Christian denominations.

Everyone present was awed by the sense of God's Holy Spirit present in the meetings! The sung worship was of a high quality and well led by the team. Throughout the weekend reports were given of healings taking place, physical & emotional. Broken relationships were restored, new friendships started. Faith was raised for all who were present. One elderly delegate to the weekend summed it up for many when she said; 'this is marvellous! It feels like a real touch of heaven on earth!'

The Filling Station Trust hope to host more 'Renewal Weekends' like this in Scotland and other parts of the UK in the years ahead.



KIDS COMMENT ON... MARRIAGE

HUMOUR

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHOM YOU WILL MARRY?



"you got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. like, if you like sports, she should like sports, and she should keep the crisps & dip coming!"

alan 10

WHAT DO YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?



"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough."

Lynnette 8

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK WELL?



'Tell him there is a lot of chocolate & pizza in the house and that is OK to sleep when it's not dark. My dad does it all the time.'

Elaina 8

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

'Twenty-three is best. Because you will have known the person FOREVER by then'

Camille 10

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A FIRST DATE WASN'T WORKING OUT SO WELL?

'I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in the all dead columns.'

Craig 9



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOTHER & FATHER HAVE IN COMMON?

'Both don't want to have more kids.'

Lori 8



Ricky 10



'We celebrate with our sister publication, **'thislife'** which has now reached a print run of 10,000 copies! Produced quarterly in Cape Town, South Africa, **'thislife'** was the inspiration behind the Filling Station network producing 'Goodlife' magazine. Both magazines are packed full of stimulating discussion topics, news, recipes, fun and stories of what God is doing amongst us! If you are going to Cape Town be sure to pick up a copy – like us, it's free and can be found at all good Churches in the city!'



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GIVING

A few thoughts from **Don Latham**

Jesus says 'Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' Luke 6:38. So when WE give of the resources we have He gives back in an overflowing measure. The key truth is that our giving is in response to the wonderful love and grace we have been shown by God in the gift of Jesus Christ to be our Saviour – 'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.'
2 Corinthians 8:9

Paul teaches that our giving is in response to grace received and should be marked by rich generosity; that giving is a privilege and an essential part of the offering of our selves to God - and is a true test of the sincerity of our love. He encourages generosity and cheerfulness not reluctance or compulsion. He promises that if we look to God to supply our needs (Phil 4:19), we will always have the freedom to be generous in our giving.

Our Christian giving is personal, needs to be planned, should be proportionate to our income and at times sacrificial. Although our attitude should always be joyful, we can never out give God.

Some Christians give a tithe as a basis for their giving and have found it a real blessing but Jesus condemns the Jewish religious leaders for taking tithing to legalistically ridiculous levels, while ignoring Gods wider demand for holy living (Matt 23:23) Outside the gospels, the practice of tithing is only mentioned elsewhere in the letter to the

Hebrews, where it is given as an example of what is being swept away by the 'new covenant.'

The New Testament way is stewardship and the principles of Christian giving are set out clearly in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9. It is out of thankfulness and sincerity that we give as we are able so that all needs are met and the Kingdom of God can be extended. Every Christian needs a vision of the lost, dying without Christ. We can then give joyfully and help generate more spiritual growth. We shall have to give an account to God for our stewardship of Kingdom resources.

I was once directed to give a specific sum to a man not knowing that he had an outstanding energy bill that he could not pay. The gift was for that amount! Within two years God had given back to us 100 times what we gave that day. The key is to give as the Holy Spirit directs you.



Winter Baking Recipes

With the winter's nights drawing in and the heating going back on, there are those afternoons when you just want to eat indulgent, luxurious treats. Listed below are a couple of decadent old favourites you can get stuck into...

INGREDIENTS

COOKIE

150g butter
300g caster sugar
3 tsp vanilla essence
3 eggs
300g plain flour
300g milk/plain chocolate chips

BROWNIE

25g butter
25g light muscovado sugar
50g-slivered almonds
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

Cookies

Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4. This works best if you do it in 3 separate batches! Beat together the butter and sugar until creamy and then add and beat in the vanilla essence, egg and flour. Stir in the chocolate chips and simply lay them onto a greased tray and leave to cook for 15-20mins. Once cooked leave on a cooling rack until completely cooled.

Brownies

Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4. This works best if you do it in 3 separate batches! Melt the butter and chocolate together in a microwave. When melted fully leave them until they have reached room temperature. Whisk the eggs and sugar together until light and fluffy. Fold in the melted chocolate/butter into the sugar and eggs mixture, and then sift in the flour, baking powder and cocoa. Fold until fudgy. Lay out into a greased tray and bake for approximately 30 mins or until top is slightly cracked. When complete leave to cool fully on a cooling rack. Using whipped cream secure all of the layers of brownie and cookie together and top with Maltesers. We used a heart tray so it looked prettier!



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Raphe Palmer

Raphe was born in Wales and then moved to USA aged one, for two years, after which he returned to UK before going to boarding school aged 8 for ten years. In later life he spent three months in Poland in 1970 with Sue Ryder Homes when and where "Solidarity" started the collapse of communism. After University, he hit the work place (see below) culminating with five years as Manager of Finance at Ellet Ministries, Pierrepont. Raphe is now running own small business at home and is the director of a new charity called Free Bible Images, which is 'translating' the Bible into pictures. Raphe married Julia in 1986 and they have three sons in their early twenties. Diversions include cycling, skiing, tennis, sailing, photography, DIY, art, travel and the "Church".

GL: *So Raphe, tell us about your career in finance. It's obviously a profession that has garnered a lot of attention in the press recently, mostly negative. How did you get in to finance and what drew you to it?*

RP: I was always interested in money and I went to University to read Engineering and Economics although I briefly abandoned economics to become a Chartered Civil Engineer, designing and building bridges, dams etc. The lack of financial focus in that industry called me back to finance and, after doing an MBA, I joined the City where I brought the two skills together to finance major engineering projects and equipment. The projects were mostly in Asia and I had a fascinating but challenging twenty-two years.

GL: *What was it that had always interested you in money/finance?*

RP: When I was interviewed for University, the Economics professor asked me "What is money?" Somewhat blown away by this question, it came to me (I'm not sure how!) and I replied, "It is energy." Subsequently I realised how true that is and I guess that was the attraction.

GL: *Was your faith ever-present or was it something that developed before, during or after your career in the city?*

RP: I was a Christian from birth, my parents both being firm believers. Aged 8, I once accidentally, answered the phone at home with the start of the Lord's prayer! My faith then ebbed & flowed until two years after Julia and I married, when He said, enough is enough, and He called me back. I was already in the City and my renewed faith presented some challenges especially in one bank that was clearly a stronghold for Free Masonry.

GL: *Tell us about the challenges in that particular bank? Did those challenges direct your professional journey alongside your spiritual one?*

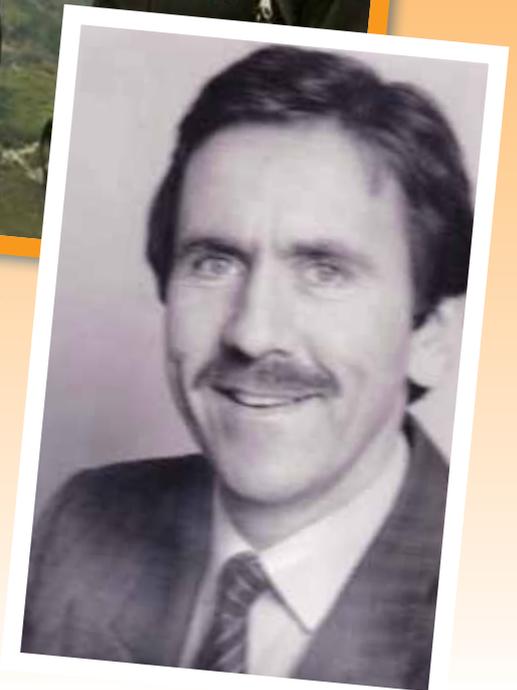
RP: The bank had an active Christian fellowship and when I put myself forward to help lead, I knew life might change and it did. One after another all the leaders left the bank – no coincidence – the enemy was clearly at work there. Thankfully God was there for me and He opened a new door for me in a miraculous way.



“What is Money? It is energy.”



The Palmer boys (L-R) Ben, Sam and Jono



GL: How do you think the finance industry has changed since you worked in it?

RP: Hard to tell as my sector has been pretty immune to all the failings that we hear about currently. When I hear of the cavalier way that some banks have lent money, I am amazed as I cannot recall that at any bank I worked for. Indeed none of them have needed any bail-outs. Whenever we needed the bank to fund a project, we had to make a water tight case to the 'Credit Committee'. It was more like being grilled by a school headmaster with no stone left unturned. Such a culture militates against casual lending, which was a major cause of the 'credit crunch', although I'm sure the occasional one slipped through the net.

GL: Do you think the finance industry needs to change, and if so, how?

RP: Yes, a most fundamental one is the need to separate wholesale and retail banking. It is clearly wrong that a retail bank, underwritten by the Government, should be able to pass funds to a wholesale affiliate that can then gamble them in the market, keeping the big profits but passing big losses to the Government.

GL: Can you give us some examples of situations where you really had to lean on your faith at work?

RP: I remember one instance where I was sharing a desk with a colleague, who drew the short straw one day, and he was allocated Nigeria. On a trip there, his plane fell out of the sky and I shall never forget his funeral on a bleak day in Suffolk. Otherwise, thankfully, no.

“I knew my life might change and it did.”

GL: Does the church need to act more responsibly in how it is perceived in handling money, particularly with the current examples of what some would call 'questionable' investment?

RP: Perception is important but it is more important that our heart is right. If, day to day, the Church handles money with integrity then when our actions are seen they will be shown to be Godly.

From that point on, the Church will be, and will be perceived to be, a responsible user of money.

GL: Does the church need to act more responsibly in how it is perceived to GL: Do you believe the church can do more to support/influence the financial institutions?

RP: On a macro level, the Church should always challenge unethical behaviour while on a micro level individual Christians can infiltrate institutions and be salt and light. Or even take them by storm like Ken Costa!

GL: How would you describe your financial career in three words?

RP: Challenging, fun and exhausting!

QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS

- Favourite Film: The North West Frontier
- Favourite Book: The Bible
- Favourite Food: Rack of lamb
- Favourite Place: Corconne
- Favourite Sport: Skiing
- Favourite Colour: Purple
- Favourite Smell: Freshly baked bread

CHRISTMAS CORNER



The festive season is rapidly approaching, as it always does. We are preparing ourselves for the inevitable organisation issues ('How can we possibly fit twelve around that table?') but also, more importantly we get excited about seeing our friends and family, we think about how we can give, not just materially, but with our attitudes and behaviours. When it comes to the festive season a new year follows on, a fresh start and for some perhaps a time for change. In this section we've included two short pieces, one is a little light hearted while the other is more contemplative.

The Gift Nobody Wanted

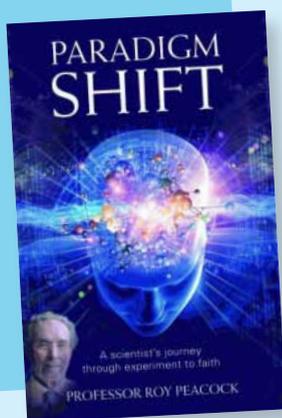
We've all been there. Almost twelve months have passed since we were last there, you know and I know what's coming; the unwanted gift. The family is all gathered, perhaps over-fed or perhaps waiting in anticipation of the glorious meal to come. Either way, you are about to be called the name of a sibling who doesn't exist and with the best grateful attitude you can muster, wait to see what hides behind the questionable wrapping technique of your gift giver.

Okay, so that may be a little dramatic. Although I'm sure it's not uncommon in thousands of households across the country over the Christmas period. You could almost get Allan Ahlberg to write you a book called *The Gift Nobody Wanted* and for each person it would be a different object that would offend their senses. It could be yet more socks, a horrendous Christmas jumper (a la Colin Firth in 'Love Actually'), a music album of questionable rhythm.

Or it could even be the cryptic gift which no-one understands and everybody present (including the gift buyer) works hard to work out the meaning of this enigma that sits in your hands surrounded by remnants of sellotape and wrapping paper that depicts some jolly little penguins on ice-skates. Or are you one of those lucky people who on Christmas day receives seven repeats of the same book and a biscuit tin.

What I'm gently poking fun at here is that it happens. Many of us are very lucky to receive a vast array of gifts at Christmas time and very often; some of those gifts are not to our taste. So what can we do with these? Listed to the right are a few serious, and not so serious, suggestions of what to do with them. You can decide which is which.

BOOK REVIEW



Paradigm Shift

Professor Roy Peacock

In the 1990's I used to cringe when I heard the expression 'Paradigm Shift' as it was a scientific term which had been adopted and abused by management consultants, advertising agencies and others to hyperbolise even the smallest change in a consumer

product or an organisation's structure. My heart sank a little when I saw the title of this book but my spirits soon lifted when I learnt that the author is an eminent scientist who is genuinely qualified to use the expression and that "Paradigm Shift appropriately describes his sudden transformation from atheist to believer, preacher and healer." Roy Peacock was so committed to the scientific approach that he saw his wife Elizabeth's conversion as an opportunity, - experiment even -, to gather empirical evidence before making his own commitment. Once he had concluded that the case for God's existence was irrefutable he put his faith and commitment in God above his career as a brilliant aerodynamicist working both in the aviation industry and academia. Whenever he sits on a plane he can look at parts of the engine and think to himself 'I did that' but also wistfully note that his discipleship had carried significant cost to his career and his family life.

Having become a Christian with a an ever deepening prayer life and knowledge of the Bible, Roy Peacock provides a long and varied catalogue of healing and other miraculous events he participated in or witnessed. I found the structure of the book a little strange: at first chronological then suddenly and frequently switching back and forth between

different locations and time periods. It was disappointing how little we get to know about his wife. He is clearly deeply in love with her but after her own Christian re-birth, we read little of her and yet she must have played a huge part in the author's spiritual, academic and industrial life. I would have loved to have heard more about the later follow up of those healed through Roy's prayers over the years. I am humbled to be reviewing a book by a man of such towering faith, intellect and practical ability. Professor Peacock tells us that Christian books have inspired him throughout his life and many other people will similarly regard his own memoir in the years to come.

Reviewer: Paul Fry



Author Roy Peacock

What does New Year mean to you?



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Beth



Chris

We ask three generations of the Stanfield family from Wimbourne in Dorset, what's exciting about the New Year for them...

Daughter

I always think of New Year as the next thing to look forward to after Christmas. I love Christmas so much, so it's good that the excitement doesn't just stop straight away, once it's over. I get to see my Gran and Granddad, my aunts, uncles and cousins, it's an excuse to put on a nice dress and it's also one of the only times a year we get to go to a Ceilidh and then go sledding at 1 o'clock in the morning! In a way New Year is a lot like any other day of the year. But I suppose it's a chance to stop for a moment and think about the last 365 days I have had and the next 365 days that are about to follow, which is something I would never usually do otherwise. I never make New Year's resolutions, because I know I wouldn't keep them, but I do love thinking about what might happen this year and then the next New Year thinking back to whether any of my thoughts came true. God is a part of my life every single day, which includes New Year, so I do thank God for what he's done for me and try to get myself focused on him. However I pray that I do that every day not just on January 1st.

Mother

My first thoughts of 'What new year means to me' are... holidays! School's out for two of my girls, the other two home from university and my husband off work. I love that. It means leaving my house and friends in the deep south of England to go up to extended family and friends in Scotland. Family tradition states Christmas with my side of the family and New Year with my husband's. Being Scottish New Year always includes a ceilidh! When I was younger I always saw New Year as a new beginning, a new adventure with God, a chance to put the old behind and start again. Though now, a good few years on, I see every day as a new beginning, a new adventure with God, a chance to ask for forgiveness and start again. So in one sense I have reduced New Year to "just another day". However, it does feel different and seems like making more of a commitment, saying to God "here I am, help me to stay moldable and in Your hands, to be fashioned and used by You for Your glory" on the 1st of January than on any other day. I know it shouldn't but it does! I thank God for another New Year.

Grandmother

New! What does it mean? Something never tried before, like walking across driven snow, a whole new year ahead and I don't know what it holds for me. I want to pray that I shall cope with all the new situations and be aware of God walking with me. When the New Year comes I feel glad that the hours of daylight will gradually lengthen, because the days before Christmas are always dark and gloomy. I also want to thank God for the amazing life I have led - for a loving husband, and wonderful family and friends in lots of places.

There is no point in making resolutions - I can never persist in keeping them; and I don't want to recite my aches and pains either. Another New Year joy for me is to see the family together and watch them enjoying each other, both at home and at the Ceilidh in our Church Hall. It is always an added bonus to have snow. God's mercies are new every morning and His love never ceases.



1) Door-stop; anything that weights 3kg or over will keep your doors open for the masses.

2) Operation Christmas Child; a chance to make a real difference to a child who is less privileged than most. OCC send over 1 million shoe-boxes each year filled with many gifts to numerous different countries. www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

3) The Gift Drawer; many of the most-organised people in my life have one of these and they always seem to be very useful. Any repeat gifts or perhaps gifts you weren't sure about can be 'recycled' and passed on to others at another occasion. Just make sure they don't go back to the original gift-giver! You never know, it may become a 'hot-potato' and do the rounds.

4) eBay; now that may seem cold. However, between letting something gather dust or selling it we know which is the more appealing option. If you're feeling guilty, you can always split the sale price with a donation to charity and there is now even an option to donate the whole sale to charity directly on eBay.

5) Donate; similar to OCC we live in a society saturated by many great charity shops. Perhaps your local Oxfam, Cancer Research or any other charity, could benefit from selling your gift?

6) Swap; check with friends and family (not the ones who bought the gift!) if they have any unwanted gifts and have a swap meet. Alternatively, you can swap some items anonymously online www.swap.com

7) Be creative; gifts don't have to be what they say on the box. That jumper we mentioned earlier? Turn it into a cushion. (Bridget Jones would be pleased!)

INTERNATIONAL FILLING STATIONS

CHEF BOUTONNE

DEUX SEVRES, FRANCE

Every 2nd Thursday

Venue: The Little Stone Church, 14b Ave de l'Hotel de Ville, 791100 Chef Boutonne, Deux Sevres, Poitou-Charentes, France.

Administrator: Mike Willis
michael.willis@sfr.fr
+033 (0)549 879816

VENDÉE NORTH

ST.PIERRE DU CHEMIN, FRANCE

Every 2nd Wednesday

Venue: St.Pierre du Chemin, Vendée, France.

Administrator: Chris Taylor
christopher.taylor85@orange.fr
+033 (0)251 507559

VENDÉE WEST

ST. GILLES CROIX DE VIE, FRANCE

Every 2nd Tuesday

Venue: Espace de Notre Dame de la Vie, Rue Gautté, St. Gilles Croix de Vie, 85800, Vendée, France.

Administrator: Roger & Beri Fray
fraylesnot@sfr.fr
+033 (0)2513 32781

British Filling Station Locations Overleaf

VAAIWATER

LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA

Meetings as announced

Venue: Various locations around Vaalwater, Waterberg, Limpopo. See website.

Administrator: Shane Dowinton
horizonranch.shane@yahoo.co.uk
+027 (0)734302827

LUGANO

6926 MONTAGNOLA, SWITZERLAND

3rd Thursday

Venue: TASIC campus, Via Collina d'Oro 15, 6926 Montagnola, Lugano.

Administrator: Richard Davis
revrad1@me.com
+041 (0)44 422 85 59

Several other locations are at various stages of enquiry about setting up a Filling Station meeting. Look at the website: thefillingstation.org.uk for the latest updates.

LOCATIONS

International Filling Stations on p11

1 LOSSIEMOUTH MORAYSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Every 2nd Saturday
Venue: The Warehouse Theatre, Commerce Street, Lossiemouth, IV31 6TW
Administrator: Elizabeth Brooks elizabeth.brooks@uhi.ac.uk 07772800315

2 TWO RIVERS FS ABERDEENSHIRE

Every 4th Saturday
Venue: Millbank Hall, Sauchen, Alford, Aberdeenshire. AB51 7SA
Administrator: Alan Law alan.law56@btopenworld.com 07500863114

3 CALLANDER PERTHSHIRE

TBA
Venue: 'Brig o' Turk Tearoom', Glen Finglas Road, Brig o' Turk, Callander, FK17 8HT.
Administrator: Robert & Cathy Scott ccc777@btinternet.com 01877 330055

4 STIRLING STIRLINGSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Every 2nd Tuesday
Venue: Café Nero, King Street, Stirling, FK8 1AY
Administrator: Alistair Cowper alistaircowper@talktalk.net 07791524504

5 WINDERMERE CUMBRIA

Every 4th Thursday
Venue: The Lamplighter Hotel, High St, Windermere, Cumbria. LA23 1AF.
Administrator: Judith Cobban judiththeleencobban@gmail.com 07584079607

6 WENSLEYDALE FS YORKSHIRE

Every 2nd Friday
Venue: Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn, N.Yorks. DL8 5AB.
Administrator: Mike Hirst mikehirst3@gmail.com 01969 667841

7 FURNESS VALE DERBYSHIRE

Every 3rd Tuesday
Venue: Furness Vale Community Centre Yeardsley Lane, Furrn's Vale, SK23 7PN.
Administrator: Gordon & Val Taylor gordontaylor@talktalk.net 01663 741071

8 DERBYSHIRE DALES FS DERBYSHIRE

Every 2nd Saturday
Venue: The Village Hall, Main Street, Calver, Derbyshire. S32 3XR
Administrator: Mike Gilbert rector@eyamchurch.org 0794709295

9 NORTH NORFOLK NORFOLK

Every 4th Monday
Venue: The village hall, Swanton Novers, Near Holt, Norfolk, NR24 2RB.
Administrator: John Pugh-Smith john.pugh-smith@39essex.com 07785 716272

10 WAVENEY VALLEY FS SUFFOLK

Every 3rd Thursday
Venue: Various locations in the Waveney valley area. See website.
Administrator: Sean Drake seandwd76@gmail.com 07983484440

11 STRATFORD ST.MARY SUFFOLK

Every 1st Wednesday
Venue: The Parish Room, Upper Street, Stratford St Mary, CO7 6JH
Administrator: Rosalind Paul rosalind.paul@yahoo.co.uk 01473 310677

13 WITNEY OXFORDSHIRE

Every 2nd Wednesday
Venue: 'Open Doors', Cotswold Business Park, Range Road, Witney, OX29 OYB.
Administrator: John Hughes johnandannie@gmail.com 07817465996

14 CIRENCESTER GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Every 3rd Wednesday
Venue: Royal Agricultural College, Stroud Road, Cirencester, G17 6JS.
Administrator: Jill Kingston kingsjill50@gmail.com 07798830287

15 BREDON HILL FS WORCESTERSHIRE

Every 1st Friday
Venue: Shaw Green barn, Cotton's Lane, Ashton under Hill, WR11 7SS
Administrator: Liz Smith smith@shawgreenfarm.co.uk 01386 881336

17 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE FS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Every 4th Wednesday
Venue: The village hall, Toghill Lane, Doynton, S.Gloucestershire, BS30 5SY
Administrator: Sara Layen sara@layenread.myzen.co.uk 0117 303 9095

18 STANFORD-IN-THE VALE OXFORDSHIRE

Every 2nd Wednesday
Venue: Mill Farm, A417, Stanford-in-the Vale, Oxon. OSN7 8NP.
Administrator: Chris Weatherall chris_mel6467@tiscali.co.uk 07775 564131

19 ABINGDON OXFORDSHIRE

Every 3rd Thursday
Venue: Manor Prep School, Farringdon Rd. Shippon, Abingdon. OX13 6LN
Administrator: Neil Rowe neil.rowe.nsch@gmail.com 0798026212134

16 WYE VALLEY FS MONMOUTHSHIRE

Every 2nd Friday
Venue: The Millenium hall, Holmfilded Drive, Llandogo, Monmouthshire. NP25 4PL.
Administrator: Claire Wall claire@cwmcarvan.com

26 BURNHAM-ON-SEA SOMERSET

Every 3rd Tuesday
Venue: The village hall, Parsonage Road, Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea. TA8 2NL.
Administrator: Roger Harvey sales@villageurban.co.uk 01278 788219

22 PRISTON MILL SOMERSET

Every 3rd Tuesday
Venue: Priston Mill, Priston, NE Somerset, BA2 9QE.
Administrator: Nicky King pristonfillingstation3@gmail.com 07834236964

32 WESTWARD-HO! DEVON

Every 3rd Friday
Venue: The Church Centre, Nelson Drive, Westward Ho! EX39 1LQ
Administrator: Jess Marchbank jesskrc@hotmail.com 07769895853

35 YELVERTON DEVON

Every 4th Friday
Venue: Yelverton Golf Club, Golf Links Road, Yelverton, PL20 6BN.
Administrator: Diana Wood woodonthemoors@googlemail.com 01822 854877

36 TEIGN FS DEVON

Every 2nd Friday
Venue: Shaldon Primary School, Shaldon, Nr Teignmouth. TQ14 0DD.
Administrator: Mary & Jim Townsend townsend@madasafish.com 01626 770986

27 CHEW MAGNA SOMERSET

Every 4th Thursday
Venue: Old School Room, 7 South Parade, Chew Magna, BS40 8SH.
Administrator: Charles Roberts chewrector@gmail.com 01275 332199

33 WIVELISCOMBE SOMERSET

Every 4th Tuesday
Venue: Wiveliscombe school, North Street, Wiveliscombe. TA4 2LA.
Administrator: John Osborne john@choice2.net 07535777809

28 BECKINGTON SOMERSET

Every 2nd Thursday
Venue: Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, BA11 6SJ
Administrator: Amanda Gilmer, amanda@gilmer.co.uk 01373 8318748 / 07736 240374

34 MIDDLEZOY SOMERSET

Every 4th Sunday
Venue: The Methodist Chapel, Church Road, Middlezoy TA7 0PA.
Administrator: Keith Powell jill.powell3@googlemail.com 01823 698999

20 HENLEY-ON-THAMES OXFORDSHIRE

Every 1st Wednesday
Venue: Badgemore Golf Club, Badgemore, Henley on Thames, Oxon. RG9 4NR.
Administrator: Maggie Atkinson ex.atkinson@btinternet.com 07875203409

23 MARLBOROUGH WILTSHIRE

Every 3rd Wednesday
Venue: St Peter's Primary School, The Parade, Marlborough, SN8 1LQ
Administrator: Helen Stokes hcstokes@gmail.com 01672 516592

12 GREAT OUSE BEDFORDSHIRE

Every 3rd Monday
Venue: Moggerhanger Pk, Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire, MK44 3RW
Administrator: Sarah Burles gofillingstation@gmail.com 07717202001

25 BASINGSTOKE HAMPSHIRE

Every 4th Wednesday
Venue: London Street URC Church, London St, Basingstoke. RG21 7NU.
Administrator: Shirley Felton shirleyfelton1@gmail.com 01256 781492

37 PURBECK FS DORSET

Every 2nd Thursday
Venue: Bovington Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset. BH20 6JG.
Administrator: Dot Palmer-Fry mikendot10@gmail.com 01305 853158

21 LATIMER BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Infrequently – as advertised
Venue: The Barn, Latimer Park, Latimer, Chesham, HP5 1TU
Administrator: James Ray james.ray@restorehopelatimer.org 01494 765555

24 DOWNLAND FS BERKSHIRE

Every 2nd Thursday
Venue: The village hall, Newbury Rd, Hampstead Norreys, W.Berks.
Administrator: Gilly Hudson thetwiglets@yahoo.com 01635 578 525 07544 306 888

30 GODALMING SURREY

Every 1st Friday
Venue: The Barn, Borough Farm, Milford, Surrey. GU8 5JY.
Administrator: Caroline Chrispin carolinechrispin@googlemail.com 01483 810585

29 FARNHAM SURREY

Every 2nd Friday
Venue: The Museum of Farnham, The Garden Room, 38 West Street, Farnham, GU9 7DX
Administrator: Raphe Palmer raphe_palmer@tiscali.co.uk 07770833772

31 STELLING MINNIS KENT

Every 3rd Tuesday
Venue: Stelling Minnis Primary School, Stelling Minnis, Kent, CT4 6DU.
Administrator: Nick & Heather Ratcliffe ratcliffe.owl@btinternet.com 01227 738537

