

Who Moved the Stone?

This the title of a book written by Frank Morison who set out to discredit the person of Jesus Christ. Frank was an agnostic when he began his book and started his task by trying to undermine the eye witness accounts of what we call holy week, Good Friday to Easter Sunday. His examination of the evidence is quite detailed - he truly leaves no stone unturned as he follows the case through to its conclusion. From the trial before the Sanhedrin (with disagreeing witnesses and confused evidence) through to Jesus appearing before Pontius Pilate, he highlights the mystery of the prisoner and the vehemence of the case against him: 'We do not get rid of the mystery of Christ when we bring Him to the Roman bar; we increase it tenfold.'



Carefully considering the various possible reasons for the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, as well as the motives of those who may have wished to

have removed the body of Jesus, he is quite certain that the tomb was empty because of resurrection. 'The vacant tomb itself must have been the final and unanswerable objective witness.' As a result of writing the book Frank became a Christian! The book is still in print.

If the tomb was empty and Jesus had come back to life.....what does that mean

for us?

Come to church and find out.

Happy Easter.....Alleluia He is Risen,
He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Easter at Christ Church & Holy Trinity

Christ Church Walton Breck

Maundy Thursday 28th March 7.30pm
'The Drama Begins!'
Holy Communion and the Washing of Feet

Good Friday 29th March 11am
'The Key to Life?'
An act of Worship for all Ages

Easter Sunday 31st March
11am 'A Cracking Day?'
Holy Communion for all Ages
(including painting an Easter egg)
6.30pm An informal gathering around the Lord's Table

Holy Trinity Walton Breck

Good Friday 29th March 11am
An act of Worship for all Ages

Easter Sunday 31st March
11am Holy Communion for all Ages



An Easter Message

I love Easter Day. We often have family or friends staying. I'm usually up early and once I hear others stirring I put on a CD (at a moderate volume!) and play "Jesus Christ is risen today, Allelujah!"

I love that hymn that rings out a melody full of hope. It puts a song into my heart and fills the house with the music of faith and causes the pigeons loitering under the eaves of Bishop's Lodge to fly off into the trees.

The sight of the birds taking flight also speaks to me of the Resurrection. There will come a time for us all to depart this mortal coil and find our rest in God's heaven. Like a homing pigeon with that mysterious inner programme that drives it homeward so our souls have in their DNA a deep mystical instinct to find their rest in God. Throughout life there are moments when we get a taste or a glimpse of that union with the divine – when worshipping, or praying or through silence or in nature or listening to music or a poem or

hearing someone else's story. These are intimations of what is to come when one day the soul set free from all distractions finds perfect rest in God's presence.

This isn't just wishful thinking about some pie in the sky when we die. It is founded on fact. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Turn to the end of any one of the four Gospels and read the story of the disciples, depressed by the killing of Jesus, discovering his grave empty then meeting him face to face, not just a ghost or an illusion, but visible, audible and tangible, a spiritual body that they could see, hear and touch.

This is God's sign to the world that death is not the end. As Pope John 23rd wrote, "Death, like birth, is only a transformation, another birth". Easter is God's invitation to put our hand into his and to follow Jesus through the door of death out of the land of the dying and into the world of the truly alive.

As I step down in August from being Bishop of Liverpool it is my heart's

desire that we let our lives be loved by God. The Gospels tell us "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life".

God's desire is for us to trust him throughout our life for forgiveness of the past and for all that lies in the future.

This prayer I often pray and with it I wish you a Happy Easter.

*"O Lord Jesus Christ
who hast created and redeemed me
and hast brought me
unto that which now I am.
Thou knowest what thou
wouldst do with me
Do with me according to thy will
For thy tender mercy's sake".*



The Rt. Rev. James Jones,
Bishop of Liverpool



We are still Child Friendly!

We have again been given the 'Child Friendly Award' by the Diocese of Liverpool. This is the second time and reflects our commitment to working with children in good and meaningful ways with the right safeguards in place. Sue Mitchell who assessed Christ Church wrote.... "There are so many good things happening at Christ Church. It goes without saying that I have awarded the Church the Child Friendly Church Award for a further three years, it is well deserved."



The award also highlights the quality of those who undertake this work both within our uniformed and non-uniformed organizations, our holidays clubs [see advert for this summer] and schools' projects. This year we will be offering 'Thank Goodness Christmas is Over' to all our local schools.

For details of our groups please to go to our web page www.christchurchwb.org.uk or contact us on our office number 0151 264 8006

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volunteer at the Debt Advice Centre please contact
Helen Purcell or Linda Parle on 0151 264 8006.



Free Holiday Club for Children Aged 5-11
Christ Church Walton Breck
Monday 29th July—Friday 2nd August
10am-12.30pm



Encountering God in Work

By Helen Purcell

Helen is the Parish Administrator for Christ Church & Holy Trinity and this is her story of how she encounters God while at work. In the next few editions of the

Walton Breck News we will be asking others to tell us their stories of how they encounter God. Editor

When I was asked to write this article I found it quite difficult to work out what encountering God in work really meant. Not because I thought I wouldn't encounter Him at work, after all I spend most of my time there and if God has got something to say to me He's not going to wait until I'm having a day off.

After some further thought I decided to have a look in the dictionary and see what the definition of encountering was, it said :-

Encountering - To come upon or meet casually or unexpectedly .

Even though when I read this definition I didn't feel that I casually came across God or met him unexpectedly now and then - He is more of a constant presence in my life- there are times when I am aware that God has prompted the decisions that I've made and the actions that I've taken or He is in the events that go on around me and these moments can happen unexpectedly.

I know that I don't have what could be considered a 'normal' office job, there is definitely a lot of variety in the things I do but I like it that way. Being in a place where there is always something going on has its benefits but sometimes in the busyness of a working day and especially when things are particularly busy and I am also having to deal with the needs of others, frustration can set in. It can be hard to see God at these times, but he is there, He is the encounter with that inner voice that's telling me to "JUST STOP!" It would be easy to just carry on and blindly keep on going but

when it stops me in my tracks I know that it's time to pause, acknowledge who is in control and start again from a calmer perspective.

I think it can be easier to see God in the actions of others rather than yourself, in the things that go on around us. I see this in the people who give time to help in the many things that take place during the week, in the relieved faces of the people who have been to the Debt Advice Centre, the relationships made with the people who arrive week in week out for 'Scouse' or the gratitude of someone who has come to the door in need of food, even though all you have given them is a few tins that most of us probably have in the back of our cupboard and never use.

I have no control over the people I may come into contact with at work . They could be new visitors or the same people over and over again, some in need, some not. In some situations it's not easy to do things the way God would like us to do them and to deal with people the way He would want us to respond and sometimes I know that my initial reaction may not be the right one, especially when I feel or think that I am being manipulated for their own ends, but if I encounter God at these times He will be compelling me to do what I can and maybe to do things differently to the way I had originally thought, this is sometimes difficult to do but worth it in the end. This is my encounter with God in the struggles I sometimes have of being the person God wants me to be but His Spirit dwelling in me, is helping me in that work.

You may think it's easy for me to talk about how I encounter God at work as I work in a church but God doesn't live in churches, we don't just meet him at 11 o'clock on a Sunday morning, He is with us all the time and is as much with you in your workplace as with me. He will also have things He wants to say to you so perhaps we should all expect that unexpected encounter.

Kelvin & Louise



Two sheep in Uganda have been named Kelvin & Louise, [my daughter].

I had found some money [dollars] left over from our visit to Uganda so I

decided to send them to Judith, who was our guide whilst we were there and became a good friend. Judith has decided to undertake a theological degree in order to help train others, to help pay the fees she asked if she could buy two sheep which she could use to generate income [not for roast lamb] and asked if she could name them after us. Well, what could I say?



Welcome to Our New Neighbours



It's good to finally see Hartnup Street coming back to life as new residents move back in to the street. More people will be arriving shortly. The bungalow to the left is Sylvia and Les's new home. Both seem happy.

We wish God's blessing on all as they begin to settle into their new homes



Happy Birthday Father Willis

JESUS LOVES ME (SENIOR VERSION!!)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight be growing dim,
Still he bids me trust in Him.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh so slow,
With my hand on his I'll go
On through life, let come what
may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

CHORUS

When the nights are dark and
long, in my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

CHORUS

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been
won,
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

CHORUS

I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love him every day.

CHORUS



It is not every day you hear anybody saying that it is the birthday of a musical instrument, but this year sees the 150th birthday of our Henry Willis pipe organ in Holy Trinity Church. Last year we had the organ put on the national pipe organ register. It is now a grade one listed instrument. To get the top grading the organ has to be "an organ of outstanding historic and musical importance in essentially original condition."

Henry Willis, or "Father Willis" as he was known, is probably one of the best known organ builders of his time, building organs in St. George's hall and Liverpool Anglican cathedral. Also building the organs in the Royal Albert hall and Alexandra Palace.

The organ was paid for by John T. Lawrence, who was one of the Church wardens at Holy Trinity, who also

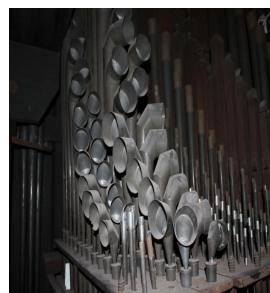
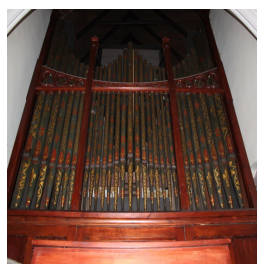
employed the then famous organist and composer of his time, W. T. Best, to be the organist at Holy Trinity from 1862, paying his salary for two years. (The Church definitely had a bit more money in those days.)

Over the last few months this historical instrument has had over £3,000 spent on it to put it back into working order, having spent five years under wraps because of all the building works over that time.

We are hoping to have some organ recitals in the Church over the next year to celebrate the 150th birthday of our "Father Willis," so do look out for the dates and come and listen to one of the best pipe organs in the country.

Ed & I climbed into the organ for him to get these great pictures of some of the pipes and workings.

Tim Stanford



Five Star Award.

After a recent inspection by an environmental health officer, 'Scouse in the House' has been awarded a five star rating for cleanliness and hygiene. Congratulations to all the team and for all those who keep the kitchen clean.

'Scouse in the House' operates each Thursday, at Christ Church 12.30pm – 1.30pm [approximately, or to when we run out]. We offer a plate of fresh, homemade delicious 'Scouse,' a cup of tea or coffee, a cake and good company, free to all who feel in the need .