Keeping in Touch K.I.T.

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Mirror, Mirror on The Wall

MIRRORS fascinate us because we want to see the real me. However when you look into the mirror you see blindness and poverty. You might protest and say how is that possible because I can see? The blindness is such that makes us think our vision is perfect. However when we overflow with the Holy Spirit, we discover that we have been blind to our sinful nature.

We are also by nature poor. Adam spent our birth-right and lost our inheritance and the paradise that earth once was, has now become dilapidated, and so spiritual blindness and poverty are our spiritual lot unless Jesus Christ visits us in love.

Looking in the mirror, we would see counterparts of poor and blind Bartimaeus sitting by the wayside begging. Hopefully at least most of us are not content with our spiritual state and when Jesus passes by you may have the faith to cry aloud **Jesus thou Son of David have mercy on me!**

In Mark chapter 10: 46, Jesus is making his way towards Jerusalem.

.... As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

How did Bartimaeus come to believe in Jesus as the Messiah in the first place? Not from what he saw, Bartimaeus was stone-blind.

However, he could hear. He could hear the passers- by talking about how Jesus had restored sight to a blind man. See Mark 8: 22 - 25.

As he sat there having better eyes within than he had without, he decided that Jesus was none other than the Messiah - a man who healed, but more importantly removed the guilt, shame and burden of sin.

Perhaps you long to see. Before Jesus passes by, I plead with you to remember that the **one who comes to Him, He will not cast out**, that He forgave murderers, adulterers, racists, and thieves. Surely if a poor

blind man could gain faith, then you can come to see and believe too.

Often we are holding on to some cherished sin in our lives. It is easier for us to claim God's absence from this world than see His beauty.

It didn't take Bartimaeus long to realise that the noise, and the crowd coming towards him were different. Then he heard it, *Jesus of Nazareth is coming.* He cried out as loudly as possible *Jesus of Nazareth have mercy upon me!*

How many times has Christ even stopped and knocked at your door? Again He is addressing you and saying, *Sinner come to Me and live. Come and take the water of life freely.* Come now, cry aloud to Jesus Christ and ask Him to have mercy upon you. He presents himself with outstretched arms, and cries to you, *Come unto Me, and I will give you rest, and life, and salvation.*

Bartimaeus was crying out to break free from the pain of physical and spiritual imprisonment. He cried the cry of someone desperate to be reborn. ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. I plead with you to come to Jesus. Cast away your garment of your worldliness and your sin. Cast away your garment of self-righteousness, and come.

⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Bartimaeus longed for only one thing which was to always see the man who opened his eyes. The moment his sins were forgiven, he wanted to serve Christ. His tongue began to itch to tell somebody else of the mercy he had found.

As we look into that crowd we see a man among them with a face of joy. Who is this man who is always so happy and so full of thankfulness? Then we see that it is Bartimaeus, who once sat by the wayside begging. Who once was blind, but now he sees.

Do you want to see Jesus? Then I plead with you to come. Jesus is standing still by this road so come. Come and tell Him, that you are guilty, and you desire that He should pardon you. Come and confess your sins and don't keep any of them back. Ask Him to take your heart and wash it, and then to set it upon things above this world.

Then Christ will forgive your sins and give you the joy to know that you are now His child and a heir of heaven. Come and imitate blind Bartimaeus in the explicitness and straight-forwardness of his request, — *Jesus that I might see again.*

Taken from a sermon by Pastor Jacques Venter

COME TO ME, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11: 28 -38. NIV.

KIT Flashbacks

THIS TIME we are flashing back twenty years to when **Dave and Sussie Chin** and their teenaged boys **Jason and Darren** were with us at church. Since then the boys have grown up, gained qualifications in I.T. and Business Studies respectively and moved from Singapore to New Zealand, soon followed **by** their parents. The latest news is that on April 3, Darren married a lovely young lady called **Anna**.

Our lead photo shows, left to right: Kirsty, Jason's girlfriend, Jason, Anna, Darren, Sussie and Dave.

A more recent flashback takes us to February 24 when **Enoch Kangaraj's father** died in South India. A fortnight later we heard of the death of **Ben Fidelia**. Ben was the son of **Gerry** and grandson of **Valerie Fidelia**. We were so sorry to hear of these deaths and send our condolences to both families.

At the end of February, we lost three members by transfer. They were **Pastor James Shepley** to the S.E.C. his wife **Helia** to Cheltenham Church and **Julian Lines** to St Albans Church.

APRIL brought us some very exciting news. It started on April 8 when ten-year-old Layken, the daughter of Pastor Jacques and Lara Venter, decided to do something about the fact that the people of Vanuatu were homeless after devastation caused by cyclone Pam. Egged on by her six year old sister Jaymee, Layken made a donations box, asked for permission at school to collect and also addressed the school at assembly. The result a whopping £236! Could you have done that at that age? I couldn't. The photo shows Layken and Jaymee with the box. Read the full story by Fabrice Baker-Livingstone.



Link: http://adventist.org.uk/news/2015/buc/and-a-little-layken-shall-lead-them

In the last KIT we reported on the success of our Pathfinder Bible Quiz team who won the British finals, and enough money to travel to Texas to compete internationally. Well they did it again! This time they were joint first with the Elephant and Castle team with Croydon Pioneers as runners up. We are so proud of them and they certainly flew the flag for Britain.



Pathfinder Bible experience, left to right, Aarinola Ayo-Ipave, Anthony Moyo, Paul Cooper, Matthew Lazzarin de Morais, and their coach Yetunde Bright, and in front Joshua Ntata and his brother Tontho.



Pat's Sale on March 29 raised £1,065 for ADRA. The church's total ingathering collection for ADRA was £7,922.91. Pat Walton, herself, had a lovely surprise when in May she was presented with a plaque in honour of her father Alf Kelly, MBE. The person presenting it with Pat in the photo is Bob Jones - Watford Council's Chief Executive for Voluntary Services.

Have you heard of Simple Church? If you watch the DVDs of our services, or view them online, you may have noticed that some of our members no longer appear on them. Have they left us? Yes and No. They have started simple churches in their homes. To me it sounds like a small group but bigger. That being so, Lydia Dean and Daniel and Anne Smith have transferred to the South England Conference. We wish them God's blessing on this venture.

Our Welfare department is in urgent need of double buggies, single buggies, bed linen and food **Trip To Paris** has just won at Ascot. Another trip to Paris by two teachers at Stanborough Secondary School, **Kish Poddar and Ricardo Wright**, and a friend **Ravindran Bassi**, this time by cycle, was a sponsored

effort to raise funds for S.T.O.P. a charity which supports orphans in Tamil Nadu in India. The trio left Watford on Sunday, May 24. The following day, **John Cooper** also cycling for charity left Aylesbury to complete his Lands End to John O'Goats run. John was collecting for S.T.O.P. and the Stanborough Park Community Chaplaincy Service.

Pictured are the trip to Paris trio, left to right: Ravindran, Ricardo and Kish, with John in the separate picture.





Not often do we get a story where the appropriate title is WOW! However this time we have one.

Congratulations to our **Audrey Balderstone** who is the president of Watford Floral Society, and to her friend **Geoffrey Fox** who is the chairman of the society. At the end of May they entered the Chelsea Flower Show with a plinth arrangement and**WON A GOLD MEDAL!** The Floral Society must be over the moon. Audrey's reaction was typical of her. At first she said, *Still in shock but so thrilled!* She explained that to get a gold medal, the exhibit had to satisfy 16 criteria including horticultural excellence, knowledgeable portrayal of the title which was Heritage, excellent scale, proportion, rhythm and balance, and have the "Wow factor". Later Audrey added, *Geoff and I prayed before the competition that God would quide my hands - and He*



did! The Glory belongs to God and I am thankful to him. What can we add but WOW!



Since the last KIT, three babies have been born and an older one dedicated. We hope to give details next time. We have celebrated two Golden weddings as well. Again, one will have to wait until next time. However we can report that 50 years ago a young lady from Lowestoft married a man from Australia of all places. **Terry and Jean Menkens** have a very happy marriage, two children **Fiona** and **Troy**, and would you believe it, Troy is himself a grandfather! Very difficult to believe it if you look at Terry and Jean pictured below. Congratulations to a lovely couple.

More of Pastor Doug Sinclair's Lexiphiles:

- 1. A BOILED egg is hard to beat.
- 2. When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
- 3. Police were called to a Day Centre where a 3-year-old was resisting a rest.
- 4. If you take a laptop computer for a run, you could jog your memory.
- 5. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is too tired.
- 6. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's the Count that votes.
- 7. When a clock is hungry, it goes back for seconds.
- 8. Did you hear of the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

(with thanks to *Pilgrim*)

SEEING IS BELIEVING ... Richard J B Willis MA MSc FRSPH

WELL, that's what we were brought up to understand. However, we do not need foresight, hindsight, or

second-sight, but just a little insight to know that this is not true. The mechanics of seeing do not support the claim. We think we see a continuous stream of visual events in our waking moments rather like a film. In reality our sight is more like a succession of still shots since in each eye we have a black spot where the optic nerve connects the eye to the seeing part of the brain. We see more clearly with the fovea the centre part of our field of vision and the peripheral area is blurred. Constant movement of the eyes (saccades) enables the brain to average out vision and to fabricate continuity and depth, and so paper over these discontinuities thus releasing a fair amount of *false* but enabling information to the brain.

Given that the brain is also susceptible to a wide variety of influences and malfunctions that can affect our vision, what we see relies heavily on imagination. People see, for example, faces in clouds, smoke, flames etc or try to find pictures in other patterns which do not exist, although they might believe otherwise! What appears to be a downside to our vision may also prove to have a significant value. Harvard psychologist Dr Daniel Gilbert says, *The greatest achievement of the human brain is its ability to imagine objects and episodes that do not exist in the realm of the real, and it is this ability that allows us to think about the future.* **Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed!** (Jn.20:29).

KIT Puzzle

IN THE SPRING KIT, I asked the question - Who wrote this? It was a poem, and the

First verse began: Why will you do without Him?

Is He not kind indeed?

Two of you replied - June Coombs and Peter Walton - who are two members of our KIT team. Both of them had gone to Google I think, and identified the poet as Frances Ridley Havergal who lived 1836 to 1879. The poem I was interested in was 19 verses long. If you'd like to read it, it starts:

I could not do without Him!

Jesus is more to me

Than all the richest, fairest gifts

Of earth could ever be.

But the more I find Him precious—

And the more I find Him true—

The more I long for you to find

What He can be to you.

Don't Ever Forget It, sent in by June Coombs.

A WELL KNOWN speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked. Who would like this \$20 bill?

Hands started going up. He said, *I am going to give this \$20 to one of you - but first, let me do this*. He proceeded to crumple the 20 dollar note up. He then asked. *Who still wants it?* Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, *what if I do this?* He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. *Now, who still wants it?* Still the hands went into the air.

My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes, not in what we do or who we know, but by ...WHO WE ARE.

You are special - don't ever forget it!

Stop Press

ALL AROUND Stanborough Park, and again, and again... a sponsored walk in aid of Church Development on

June 7, raised £2,590 so far. I believe it was **Roslyn Guenin's** idea, and **Pastor Jacques** and eight of her family were there to support her if you count the dog. **Eustace and Margaret Anthony** were among the others. More about them in the next KIT.



The same day Luke and Sara Stickland and Ben and Eleanor Elias raised £500 - half towards Church development and half to Diabetes U.K. They did a 5k Colour Run at Wembley and got covered in loads of paint!

Pat's Sale on June 14 raised £1,450 between the Pathfinders and again Church Development.

We are still trying to get a photo of the elusive **Jared de Bruyn** our current student missionary.

Recently, a new Co-operative local supermarket in Leavesden was opened by **Dorothy Thornhill** The Mayor of Watford. **Enoch Kanagaraj** is the Co-op's Area Coordinator and a member of our church; so he asked Pastor **Jacques** to say a few words.

Cosmur is inviting all church members to an open day on July 5, where we shall be able to walk through the building site and see the progress. Time? 10am to 1pm.

Last time I introduced you to a few of our KIT team. Other members are Audrey Wolfram our design and layout lady; Mary Kapon who prints all our addresses for us; Pastor Richard Willis who writes about any health aspect of our current theme; Lorna Annable who produces Junior KIT for 7 to 12 year olds inclusive; Peter Walton who looks after online KIT, and would love to hear from you, and also does Teen Page for 13 to 17 year olds; and also Daniel Sabatier our photographer. I can rely on any one of them to dig me out of any hole I happen to fall into, and also Amy Browne, of 24 Hour Printline, who has been known to put in something important I missed out. I think the whole team are brilliant and hope you agree.

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TEEN PAGE

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Inside

England's greatest contribution to justice (ok, so it's not perfect)

Who won? What difference did it make? Who cares? What were the main points?





Internet Magna Carta. Do we need one? What would it do? You say.

Whole Lotta Cycling Going On

Father of Peter and Carolyn, John Cooper, has undertaken many gruelling challenges to test his strength and often to raise money for charity. In June he mounted his bicycle and set off on an 875 mile dash that would take him the whole lenath of Great Britain from Lands End to John O' Groats in nine days. An astonishing feat of endurance that took him through the notorious Glencoe mountain pass with snow falling a few metres above and lashings of torrential rain and gale force winds.

"I thought I had better speed up a bit to avoid the weather" said John, and completed 126 miles that day! ... cont



SUMMER KIT 2015



THE GREAT CHARTA OF THE LIBERTIES was signed by King John of England and his Barons on 15 June 1215, 800 years ago. You get the gist from this Horrible Histories:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_5My8XH-n0)

RAP BATTLE - The Barons vs King John (Archbishop of Cantabury "Barons..... hit it!")
WhWh Where to start? Which part? • We got so many grievances we could fill a cart.
• Let's start - with some facts, like tax • they're so heavy that they're gonna break our

backs • We can't pay - there's no chance. • We lost all our money when you lost France. (The

Norman bit anyway). • I'm confused, is this real? • I thought I was the king; • I'm holding his seal.

• Kneel to the king, I'll see you grovel in the grime • I'll tax what I like, I'll even tax this rhyme! • Barons don't grovel; it's time to get real. • Listen to me dog or you're gonna feel some steel! • This charter is tight, we don't need to fight. • Just hit it with your seal and give us our rights. •



Regal crowd of 100 kick off Magna Carta celebrations in Lincoln

Bridge:

We want a council to represent the people, • we want a free church with a free steeple, • we want you to stop stealing our sons • and holding them hostage like you have done. • There's vital stuff here that you've got to give us • there's also some stuff about fishing in the rivers. • So stop! Read what we plead, agree the deed in Runnymede. • Do what we ask or we're gonna make you bleed. • *yawn* yeah, I hear what you're saying • If I don't tread gently for life I will be playing. • So tell me what to do, you're the boss • though we'll have to do this later cause I'm taking up the cross. • Hang on a minute; you must think we're barmy. • While you're talking here you're hiring up an army. • So how about this, let's barter; we'll stay loyal if you agree to Magna Carta! • Whatever dog, I'll agree your skanky scroll. • I'm tired of this game and it's time for me to roll. • I ain't bothered, it don't fill me with sorrow • no-one will even remember this tomorrow. • Plus, I'm besties with the Pope and he'll ignore this ting • I do things cause I'm John and I'm the King! Man this king is fat! • Harsh.

Whole Lotta Cycling Going On...continued

Hearty congratulation to John and his wife Lorraine who acted singlehandedly as support team.

John explains that the money raised will be shared by one of the STOP orphanages situated in Denkanikottai, Tamil Nadu, which needs around £4,500 for fees and student equipment and for the local Community Chaplaincy Service here.

MY DIGITAL RIGHTS

BUILDING A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

The British Library Survey

This year the British Library invited young people across the world to debate their digital rights and responsibilities and submit a clause for a Magna Carta for the digital age. A vote on the Top 10 clauses focussed on allowing 1) freedom of information, 2) freedom of speech 3) no government censorship and 4) no commercial control.

TERMS FUSE
WE OWNYOUR CONTENT
WE TRACK YOU WE SHARE YOUR NAPO
WE KEEP YOUR INFOFOR EVER
WE CAN STOP YOUR
SERVICE AT ANY TIME
WE CAN REMOVE YOUR STUFF
PLAY THE WEB WE WANT

On the other hand school pupils who took part in workshops leaned

away from calls for freedom on the internet, instead expressing concern over safety and bullying online. Some students even called for "cyber police" to protect the web.

What would we do without the Web? Ask most kids and they'd say "die!" a bit extreme, maybe. We do everything on there: shopping, socialising, homework, and paying bills.

The Web has opened our eyes to far away cities, cultures we would never have known about and a million cat videos. But what about the dark side? The bullying, crime, censorship and dangers that we can be exposed to online.

How do we manage this? Where is the balance between overprotection and privacy, censorship and freedom of speech and who should have a say in this?

Like King John and the Barons there's gonna be a Battle! ...



Cyber police?

More Whole Lotta of Cycling Going On

Kish Poddar (on the right in the picture), a science teacher at Stanborough Secondary School cycled the 262 miles from London to Paris to raise the funds to pay school fees for one of the orphanages STOP supports. The group of three cyclists got lost in Paris due to road works but were rescued by two young French boys on bikes who led them to the Eiffel Tower. "We had a job to keep up with these God-sent 'angels'." said Kish "They said they would keep the few pounds sterling we gave to them as souvenirs.' Kudos to Kish for another cycling marathon for charity.



MY DIGITAL RIGHTS

In 1215 it was King John vs. the Barons: Now it's the Internet and Government vs. Industry Barons. The British Library invites you to contribute to making a digital Magna Carta. How can you choose the best thing when like in 1215 we don't all agree?

Although it may be disputed, I believe our civilization and our sense of justice is founded firmly in our ancient Christian heritage. Thomas Huxley, the most aggressive defender of Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution recognised the value of the Bible when he said "The Bible has been the Magna Carta of the poor and of the oppressed". The Bible demands justice for everyone. And that same sense of justice helped to resolve the conflict between King John and the Barons: the Archbishop of Canterbury stepped in. His view was that God had not intended the world to be ruled by kings, who were predisposed to rule oppressively and with disregard for the law. He argued that every person is answerable to God for their own actions, is of equal value in His sight and therefore must be free to choose what they do. The Magna

Carta first guaranteed freedom of the church from interference by the King and therefore freedom of conscience.

The United States of America liked it so much that they incorporated many clauses from The Magna Carta in the American Declaration of Rights. The American Bar Association (Lawyers) liked it more than us and in 1957 erected a memorial to the Magna Carta which is now the main memorial at Runnymede (pictured right).



It is fashionable for modern governments to turn their backs on the church and take over the role of moral leadership. They have revoked many rights guaranteed by Magna Carta's such as: no arrest without due process (habeas corpus), trial by jury, free speech and freedom of conscience. Is that a good example on which to base an Internet Charter? I think not.

Now we have a new situation

The Internet is so different to King John's problem. It is not physical, it exists in electronic messages and stored information and cannot, like King John, actually kidnap you but it can make a huge difference to how we live our lives and interact with friends (or enemies).

Can the Bible have the same relevance to a virtual world? Can it help us to make good and just rules to govern the internet? I think it can, in the same way it informed the Magna Carta because it is all about relationships. If you keep in mind Christianity's own



special reason for giving people the right to freedom of expression and equally their responsibility for the consequences, the command to love our enemies and neighbours as ourselves, and so on I'm sure you will come up with a Charter for the internet that will last as long as King John's Magna Carta



Hint: Each letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number. All the riddles use the same code. If you are stuck, you can use our Code Buster 1 printable to help break the code.

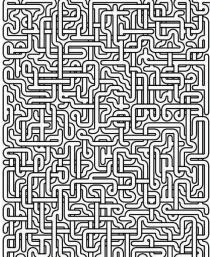


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AUGUST **BEACH** BIKES CAMPING CARNIVAL COOKOUTS **FIREFLIES FIREWORKS FISHING**

FLIPFLOPS

HULA HOOPS ICE CREAM JULY JUMPROPE JUNE MOVIES PARADES PARTIES **PICNICS**

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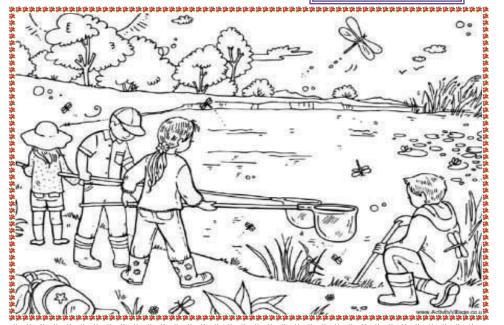








Here is a maze to challenge you. You can cross the lines but which is the right route?



Here is a picture for you to colour. Have you ever tried pond dipping and what did you find?



always loves you, cares for you and wants only the best May you always



Word Wheel Challenge

Your aim is to create as many words of 2 letters or more using the letters in the word wheel only once in each word, and always includin the letter in the centre of the wheel. No proper names are allowed. Can you find a 9 letter word?



The code is very easy to work out. How many words can you make? 16 is a super score Excellent 20+