

### Milk Comes First

"Solid food is for the mature." Hebrews 5:14

In the seventh century, what is now called the United Kingdom was many kingdoms often at war. When one king, Oswald of Northumbria, became a believer in Jesus, he called for a missionary to bring the gospel to his region. A man named Corman was sent, but things didn't go well. Finding the English "stubborn," "barbarous," and uninterested in his preaching, he returned home frustrated.

"I am of the opinion," a monk named Aidan told Corman, "that you were more severe to your unlearned hearers than you ought to have been." Instead of giving the Northumbrians "the milk of more easy doctrine," Corman had given them teaching they couldn't yet grasp. Aidan went to Northumbria, adapted his preaching to the people's understanding, and thousands became believers in Jesus.

Aidan got this sensitive approach to mission from Scripture. "I gave you milk, not solid food," Paul told the Corinthians, "for you were not yet ready for it" (1 Corinthians 3:2). Before right living can be expected from people, Hebrews says, basic teaching about Jesus, repentance, and baptism must be grasped (Hebrews 5:13–6:2). While maturity should follow (5:14), let's not miss the order. Milk comes before meat. People can't obey teaching they don't understand.

The faith of the Northumbrians ultimately spread to the rest of the country and beyond. Like Aidan, when sharing the gospel with others, we meet people where they are.

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# **Announcements / News**

□ Upcoming dates:

Ordination of Elders: 1st May // Baptism: 8th May

	Church Re-opening: Plans for May. The first three Sabbaths will be live and the last two pre-recorded. The limit for the number who can attend the live services is 50 persons. If you wish to attend the services please contact Audrey Balderstone (abalderstone@btconnect.com) or Roger Murphy (rt.murphy@hotmail.com) who will assist to accommodate you.
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	ADRA As we will not be able to collect door to door for ADRA again this year,
	Audrey Balderstone has come up with a fund raising idea. She plans to give a
	donation to ADRA for the birthday of each of her friends and relatives during the
	year. She is also asking for donations to ADRA instead of birthday presents to
	her. If you would like to swell the fund for ADRA you could donate in honour of
	friend or family member - or as a 'thank you' present for God's blessings. To
	donate please go to Audrey's Just Giving' page:
-	https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1
	Cradle Roll Programme April 4th edition Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and
	Facebook.

**Women's Ministry:** Please join the women's ministry for an inspiring afternoon from 3-5pm. Looking forward to seeing you. God bless. ZOOM Meeting ID - 250 966 5133 || Passcode- 243467

"We pray that God's Name will be forever praised for His Kindness and Love to us. We pray that we will cherish Jesus more and more in our lives and trust Him for everything. We pray for reconciliation and healing for each one of our family and friends, that His leading and love in our lives will enable us to fulfil God's

☐ The family prayer basket has gone to Jacqueline Dean and her family.

best plans for us. For Jacqueline, Duncan, Sophie, Ellie, Robert, Rebecca, Marcus and Mateo"

☐ An Adventist couple and their 8-year-old daughter are looking for a temporary flat to rent. They came from the Caribbean island of St Vincent & the Grenadines where happened recently volcanic eruptions. If you have or know someone that could help them, or would like to have more information, please, do not hesitate to contact Dawn Wallace 07948760329 or via email heatherpaw@aol.com

Thank you in advance.

#### □ From Pastor Terry Messenger:

We are happy to announce that Alain Fidelia has agreed to rejoin the board of elders from immediate effect.

For clarification the elders who are serving until the end of this year are:

Florence Allen

Audrey Balderstone

**Dave Burgess** 

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Ben Davison

Michael Dragoyevich Alain Fidelia Bheki Moyo Steven Moser

# **Membership Transfer**

Mr Joseph Ngondo from Nottingham Central Church to SPC. This is the SECOND reading.









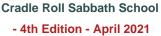




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