

HEMYOCK *Baptist Church*

JUNE 2010

SUNDAYS

MORNING 11.00am

Including JUNIOR CHURCH

6th Another Chance Acts 2

13th Peter Heals Beggar Acts 3

20th **FAMILY SERVICE**

27th You Crucified Him Acts 4

EVENING 7.00pm

Bible Studies and -

20th Communion

27th No Service at HBC

God Care Series at

Dunkeswell at 3.00pm

WHEN WE PRAY remember:
The love of God wants the best for us. The wisdom of God knows what is best for us. The power of God can accomplish it.

SO WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT.....

Someone has said that the general function of government, as instituted by God, may be said to be threefold: to protect, punish, and promote.

1. **The Function of Protection:** The moment Adam sinned it was obvious that civilizations would need some form of restraint and rule to protect citizens from themselves. An example of this function is seen in Acts 21:27-37 where Roman soldiers step in and save Paul from being murdered by his own enraged countrymen in Jerusalem.

2. **The Function of Punishment:** Both Paul and Peter bring this out. Paul writes that duly appointed human officials are to be regarded as God's servants to "bear the sword," that is, to impose punishment upon criminals. Peter tells us that governors are "sent by him for the punishment of evildoers" (1 Pet 2:13, 14).

3. **The Function of Promotion:** Human government is to promote the general welfare of the community where its laws are in effect. Paul commands us to pray for human leaders "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim 2:1,2).

So what is our Responsibility to Government (1 Pet 2:13)

It is impossible for a believer to be a good Christian and a bad citizen at the same time. As children of God our responsibility to human government is threefold:

1. We are to accept that the powers that be are ordained by God. "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Rom 13:1) This truth applies even to atheistic human governments unless, of course, the law is anti-scriptural. In that situation the believer must obey God rather than man (Acts 4:18-20). Now there's a challenge for us today.

2. We are to pay our taxes to human government (Matt. 17:24-7; 22:21, Rom. 13:7).

3. We are to pray for the leaders in human government. "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Tim 2:1-3). We are to take responsibility for the right ordering of civil society by getting involved.

With extracts from *The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium*, 1994

YOUTH & CHILDRENS WORKER

Please continue to pray that our paperwork will be acceptable to the UK Border Agency. In faith, Teresa Fyiles joins us from the USA in August.



HEMYOCK WOMEN

Visit to Coldharbour Mill

CONDUCTED TOUR & CREAM TEA

Built by Thomas Fox to spin woollen and later worsted yarns in 1799, Coldharbour Mill is a rare example of surviving Georgian architecture, industry and enterprise. The museum mill has continued to produce high quality worsted knitting yarn on its period machinery. We will take a fascinating factory tour to understand how the hand processes of spinning and weaving are performed on machines and learn how Quaker attitudes influenced the treatment and welfare of mill employees, many of whom were children. **COST £9.50**

1pm SATURDAY 26th JUNE

Book with Terri Wheeler on 681342



STEVE'S SABBATICAL PLANS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

w/c 24th May

w/c 31st May

w/c 7th/14th June

w/c 21st June

w/c 5th/12th July

w/c 19th July

w/c 26th July

w/c 2nd August

w/c 9th August

w/c 16th/23rd August

Taunton Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Church Planting Research - SWBA in West Dorset

Exeter Prison Chaplaincy Team

Visit Naval & Military Bible Society and then Spain

Holiday in France with Hazel

Study for Baptist Ministerial Accreditation

3 days With Chaplain, Royal Marines Chivenor.

Chaplain - Devon Army Cadet Camp in Shropshire

Church Planting Research - SWBA in Cornwall

Retreat and Study

HAVE YOU

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Have a chat with Mary
our Treasurer.