



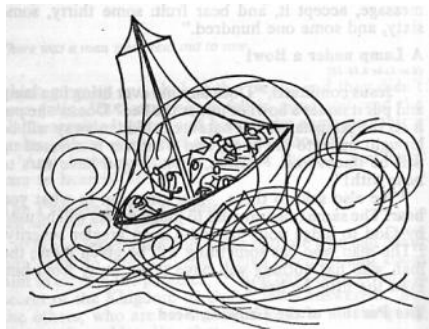
# WELCOME

Clap your hands for joy  
Ps 47:1

To Steve, Emma & Jack Williams who are moving in on Monday, 30th January

February is often a stormy month, when rain lashes down and the wind blows. It can be the same in our spiritual lives.

In Matthew 14v24-32 we read about a storm on the sea of Galilee. The disciples were afraid when Jesus appeared—they did not recognise Him at first. But he spoke to them and immediately Peter was inspired to get out of the boat and walk on the water. Jesus did not tell him off for being impetuous and foolhardy. He called him, and Peter responded. The only criticism was for his lack of faith. Is Jesus calling you to “Get out of the boat and walk on the water”? If you obey and put your hand in His, He will not let you sink.



*This was sent by Betty Burnett (Steve & Hazel's ex-neighbour) to Maureen Aylwin. We think it worth sharing! Although there are only eleven months left of 2012 doubtless it still holds true!*

Lord, I surrender all my gifts  
to take into the New Year  
That I may use them in Your will,  
to bring the Saviour near—  
The gifts You give to me are not my own—  
they're Yours to take away  
Or let remain, if You should choose,  
to use for You each day.  
And with Your gifts I dedicate  
that I may serve You here,  
May all the glory go to You—  
my King, my Saviour dear  
Anne Clifton

## News

News is usually about what is happening. This bit of news is about what is not happening in HBC! These are not happening:

- Rock the Boat for youngsters
  - Seniors' Fellowship for oldsters,
  - Fortnightly Chapel lunches,
  - Last Monday lunches,
  - Tempo for Tots
  - Hemyock Men
  - “God cares”
  - New Year ceillidh
- (But we do have a concert on March 24th!)



So, what's going on, and what's not going on in HBC? Could it be that there is something very special going on?



Jesus said (John 15v2) “...**My Father is the gardener....every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful**”.

My gardening knowledge reminds me that after the pruning, it is not until the next season that the harvest comes.

And John 15v4 is crucial! “**Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me**”

Is it pruning time?

It all fell into place!

It was Sunday 22nd February.

Vivien went down to the church at 9am to set out coffee cups etc, then came home

At 10 o'clock John & I arrived to open up the church. We couldn't get the key into the lock. Panic! What should we do? Move over into the Parish Hall—I phoned for a key, but there was no answer. Borrow the church rooms? Didn't seem right. Send everyone home? What a disappointment! Suggest folk join St Mary's? But what time was their service? Not listed in the Pump. Phoned David Bawler & explained situation—“service is 11.15, you'll be very welcome!” An odd time for a service, but fitted perfectly for our folk arriving at 11.0.

The churchwarden asked, “How many?” “Fifty or so”. He had to collect his eyebrows from the rafters & hurried away to set out more bread and wine!!

John Stone assured us that he was not responsible for locking us out of our church!

What a lovely time of fellowship— all the more special because it was a Communion service.

**Was it just coincidence that this happened on the Sunday of the week for Christian Unity—and we hadn't “done a dicky bird” about it?**

Footnote—I confess that I was saddened to see two of our members get into their car and drive away. They told me later that they had gone to the Methodists in Dunkeswell and had been just as warmly welcomed there. Even wider Christian Unity!

“God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform”

Notes for your diary— (More details next month)

**Sat 3 March** Blackdown Hills Christians –All-age meeting  
Throgmorton Hall 7.30 “Teens Challenge” Drug use/misuse

**5-9 March KESWICK IN DEVON Sidmouth**

## Prayer Diary February 2012

**Lord, help me remember that nothing is going to happen today that You and I together can't handle**

<p>Weds 1st <i>Ray &amp; Monica Doble</i>                  Thurs 2nd <i>Richard, Vivienne Doble, Alice, Antonia, Emma</i></p> <p>Fri 3rd <i>Sylvie &amp; Mike Eastick</i>                  Sat 4th <i>Chris &amp; Christine Edmond</i>                  Sun 5th <i>Erskines, Hamish, Katie, Jonathan, Tim, Jane</i>                  11.0 am Service &amp; Junior Church –Matt 5:1-12 “Attitudes to Follow”                  6.00 House Group at 5 Conigar Close                  7.30 Meditation &amp; prayer in church</p> <p>Mon 6th <i>Kay &amp; Keith Farmer</i>                  Tues 7th <i>David &amp; Sharon Gaskin</i>                  Weds 8th <i>Girlings, Peter, Gillian, Frances, Ben</i>                  Thurs 9th <i>Chenda &amp; John Harris</i></p> <p>Fri 10th <i>Chris &amp; Mary Hudson</i></p> <p>Sat 11th <i>Terry &amp; Kath Hunt</i>                  Sun 12th <i>Jacksons, Trevor Sarah, Levi, Nathan, Hope, Kristian</i>                  11.0 am Service &amp; Junior Church—Matt 5:13-48 “Law for Life”                  6.00 House Group at 5 Conigar Close                  7.30 Meditation &amp; prayer in church</p> <p>Mon 13th <i>Kath Jones</i>                  Tues 14th <i>Phyll Kallaway</i>                  Weds 15th <i>Clare Leach, Emily, Joshua, Lucy</i>                  Thurs 16th <i>Liz Mackay</i>                  Fri 17th <i>(B)Aisling Collins, Bridget Bimson</i>                  Sat 18th <i>Bert Martin</i>                  Sun 19th <i>(B) Becky Thomas</i>                  11.0am Family Service Matt 6:1-18 “Ways to Pray”                  7.00 Service with Communion (<i>No Conigar Close</i>)</p> <p>Mon 20th <i>(B) Adrian White</i>                  Tues 21st <i>(B) Elaine Seel</i>                  Weds 22nd <i>Sam &amp; Ruby Mather</i>                  Thurs 23rd <i>Claire &amp; Mat Merriam, Annabelle, Sophie</i>                  Fri 24th <i>Morgans, Dan, Lynne, Arran, Brendan, Anne</i></p> <p>Sat 25th <i>Trevor Murray</i>                  Sun 26th <i>Matt &amp; Claire Nichols, Ruth, James, Simon</i>                  11.0am Service with Junior Church—Matt 6:19-7:12 “Reasons to Trust”                  6.00 House Group at 5 Conigar Close                  7.30 Meditation &amp; prayer in church</p> <p>Mon 27th <i>Gilian &amp; Simon Ould, Madeline, Dominic, Jack</i>                  Tues 28th <i>David &amp; Meg Palmer</i>                  Weds 29th <i>(B) Hazel Reed</i></p>	<p>Chapel Cafe                  (NO Tempo for Tots)                  “Open the Book” Hemyock                  Prayer team 7.45 in church                  Seekers &amp; Hizone                  Prayer 8am</p> <p>Chapel Cafe                  “Open the Book” Hemyock                  Team Leaders, Tigley House 7.30                  Elders                  Seekers &amp;, Hizone                  Prayer 8am</p> <p>Half Term starts                  Rosemary Lane Study, David Gurney 7.30                  Chapel Cafe                  (No Tempo for Tots)                  No Seekers &amp;, Hizone                  Prayer 8am</p> <p>Chapel Cafe                  “Open the Book” Hemyock                  Elders                  Seekers                  Hizone to St George’s, Croyde for w/e                  Prayer 8am</p> <p>Scrabble Club                  Chapel Cafe</p>
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**TEMPO FOR TOTS** Sadly, the numbers coming to Tempo have dropped so that it has had to close. Very many thanks to Jilly and others who have put so much into making it so much fun.

Plans are afoot to re-launch the Pampering sessions in the Healthy Living Centre. The first evening of the new series will be on 6th March. For more details, contact Terri Wheeler on 681342

Our newsletter—your newsletter

Suggestions welcome—  
 news (particularly forthcoming items), “Eureka moments” -  
 thoughts arising from Home Groups, prayer times, Bible readings. Photos/pictures,  
 etc, etc  
*Share it ! To David on paper or e-mail davidberkley@uwclub.net*



Come along and have fun

Keep the old brain working

**SCRABBLE CLUB**  
 Returns to the back room at HBC  
 at 2.00 o'clock  
 on the 4th Tuesday of each month  
 Bring a board if you have one!

Meet friends old & new

**Pastor**  
Steve Williams

**Elders**  
 David Berkley 680952  
 John Bimson 680395  
 Anne Sworn 680057  
**Church Secretary**  
 Maureen Aylwin 680111  
**Church Treasurer**  
 Mary Hudson  
**Junior Church**  
 Maureen Aylwin

**TEAM LEADERS**

**Maintenance**  
 Matthew Nichols  
**Missionaries**  
 Vivien Berkley  
**Music**  
 Nigel Atkinson  
**Outreach**  
 Anne Sworn  
**Prayer**  
 Revolving  
**Youth**  
 Claire Nichols

**Church website**  
[www.hemyockbaptist.org.uk](http://www.hemyockbaptist.org.uk)  
**Church Phone**  
 681169

Home Groups

Mondays 8pm Manse Men-  
 Phil Simmonds  
 Tuesdays 7.30 Vivien Berkley  
 Tuesdays 7.30 Anne Sworn  
 Wednesdays 7.30 Maureen Aylwin  
 Thursdays 10am Joan Cooper

Prayer & Care.

**Please pass news of any needs to Anne.**  
**Requests for prayer—**  
**If confidential, to Chenda 662318.**  
**Others to David**

**Square Fish** All sorts of exciting things going on for 11-16 yr olds.  
 Go to website  
[www.squarefish.org.uk](http://www.squarefish.org.uk)