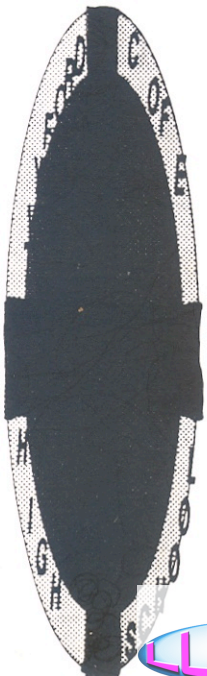


# Twyford Fellowship Group

## Annan Court 1994



better is one day in your annan court than  
a thousand elsewhere

Psalm 84:10 (paraphrased slightly)

## Welcome

to Annan Court 1994. TFG's **STAY TUNED.....THERE'S MORE TO COME!** weekend.

These notes are designed to go with the weekend but are not the same as any of the teaching sessions exactly. The left hand pages are left blank for your own notes and thoughts during the weekend.

### Please note:

**Noise** is a nuisance, especially at night. You will see from the programme below that we expect Quiet after 11:30pm. That means the games room closes then, the musical instruments stop then, and all running and shouting cease too. 7am is the ABSOLUTE EARLIEST the music and games should restart.

If it does not get quiet then bedtime will be enforced on everyone...however old you are!

IN PARTICULAR the bedroom corridors must be quiet. Many of you enjoy the late night atmosphere, but others do not. Please do not let your freedom become a burden for others. Stay up late to talk but not to raid rooms or cause noise please.

## Tuck Shop

Again this year its done on trust. Please leave the money in the bowl provided and don't take things without paying ... or take the money! Its all being sold as cheaply as possible so we can't afford to lose money on it.

## Mud & Heat

Please try not to walk mud all over the place, we have to clean up before we leave and it would be silly to have to spend ages clearing up unnecessary dirt.

Also, please keep all doors closed (without banging them!) to keep the heat in. We have to pay extra if we use an unnecessary amount of heat

## Programme

### Friday

7pm Dinner  
9pm Worship  
10pm Evening Service  
11:30pm QUIET!

### Saturday

8am Breakfast  
9:15am Worship  
Introduction  
10am Groups  
11:15am Coffee  
11:40am Being Blameless  
Together  
1pm Lunch, free until:  
5:15pm Holy Communion  
6:30pm Dinner  
8:15pm Evening Worship  
10:15pm late night Fringe  
midnight Quiet

### Sunday

8:30am Breakfast  
9:30am Worship  
10am Groups  
10:30am PhotoCall  
Coffee  
11:15am A People that  
are His very own  
12:15am Final Feedback  
12:45pm Pack  
1:15pm Lunch  
2pm Clear Up  
3pm Clear Off



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## Feedback Form

Please fill this form in either as the weekend progresses or just before lunch on Sunday. PLEASE HAND IN BEFORE DEPARTURE!

Please fill in this form as you see fit. In the first few questions  
1= LOUSY      3= AVERAGE      5= GREAT  
Use 2 and 4 for in between scores. Circle relevant numbers.

Your Name. Leave anonymous if you wish.

1> Overall I thought the weekend was      1 2 3 4 5

2> Bit by bit I would score as follows:

- |                              |                                  |                               |           |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Friday Evening Worship (9pm) | 1 2 3 4 5                        | Friday Evening Service(10pm)  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Saturday Opening Session     | 1 2 3 4 5                        | Sat am Group Time             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 'Being Blameless Together    | 1 2 3 4 5                        | Free Times                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Communion                    | 1 2 3 4 5                        | Sat eve Worship/Talk/Ministry | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Sun morning Worship (9:30)   | 1 2 3 4 5                        | Sunday Group Time             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 'A People that are His Own'  | 1 2 3 4 5                        | 'late night Fringe'           | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Food                         | better same worse than last year |                               |           |
| Rooms/heat etc               | better same worse than last year |                               |           |

Now write a sentence or two on each of these on the reverse of this sheet. These feedback forms are always a great encouragement to read, so please be as lengthy as you like! And they DO make a difference to what will happen next time I promise you....

3> What I learnt this weekend that helped me most.....

4> What I enjoyed most about the weekend.....

5> What I disliked most about the weekend.....

6> Any other comments you wish to make.....

7> If you prayed specifically about something non-confidential over the weekend with others, please write it on the back and let me know when its answered!

Finally:

The aims for this weekend were that we would learn more about God's grace and acceptance of us; be aware of His call to greater holiness; and come to appreciate a broader range of worship experiences. Please place a cross on each of these lines to indicate how well those aims were met.

	Not at all	Neutral	Very well
1 Grace	_____		
2 Call/Holiness	_____		
3 Worship	_____		



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## Group Time Questions

*These questions are not intended to restrict your group, but to aid it. Feel free to discuss the passages in any way that is helpful to you. It is perhaps wise before you begin to nominate one person as leader.*

*READ TITUS chapters 1 and 2 again before you begin.*

Chapter One:

Paul's teachings about Elders and Overseers (ch1: 6 - 9) obviously apply not only to Church Leaders but also to all Christians; the leaders are merely meant to be superb examples. Which are the hardest parts of this passage for you?

How realistic is it to be 'blameless' or 'transparent'? What does it mean in practise?

'Hold firmly to the trustworthy message and.....refute those who oppose it' within the church (v9). How well is the 'trustworthy message' proclaimed today, and what are the opposing doctrines within the church that we should be standing against?

The circumcision group (v10 - 16) taught that it was necessary to obey the ritualistic laws of Judaism to become a true Christian. Are there similar 'false doctrines' in the church today? How can we spot them? Can we ever confidently say of someone that they 'claim to know God, but by their actions they deny Him. They are detestable....' (v16)?

Chapter Two:

*Do not get into a long debate about sexism, etc. Paul pointed out the weaknesses in each group of people in his day, but the instructions apply to all groups at all times (so, for example, young men as well as older women should not be slanderers).*

Think of Christians you know in each of the categories mentioned (Older men, older women, young women, young men, slaves (employees)). Try to think of one way in which each of those people set a good Christian example, and perhaps one way in which they 'let you down' in their example.

Now also think of one way in which you believe *you* set a good example, and also where you fail.....and share them!

Concentrating on the teaching for young women and young men (verses 4 - 8), what are the practical consequences of these to you in 1994?

v11...how does 'the grace of God' teach us to say "NO" to ungodliness and worldly passions? Can you give an example or three about how you learnt to say 'no' more during 1993?

Can you think of occasion in the last year when you have been encouraged or rebuked justly by another Christian (v15)? And an occasion when you encouraged someone else? rebuked someone else justly?

You may find it useful to look at each of the points in these chapters and, on the opposite page, draw a ruler like the one below for each of them and put a cross where you think you are at the moment in relation to that command. EG if you feel you live up to it well the cross would be near the right side.:

REBELLIOUS



OBEDIENT



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## Notes on Titus

### Chapter One

1 The letter is from Paul, who describes himself as:

Servant of God and

Apostle of Jesus

The word Apostle meant 'to send from' and was usually used of a fleet or admiral (APOSTELLE). Its use in the New Testament in applying to leaders is NOT limited to 'The Twelve' but also includes others (Paul, James the brother of Jesus, Barnabas and still others). In a real sense all 'sent on a mission' are Apostles, though many today believe that the ministry of the Apostle died out with the first apostles and that there are no Apostles as such today: in one sense at least this is beyond question: no-one today writes scripture as did some of the original apostles.

The letter is for

building up faith in the Chosen and increasing the knowledge of Truth, so leading to godliness.

2 This faith and knowledge are built on, rest on and are founded on the hope of eternal life.

Hope = ELPIS which Vines says means: 'the full manifestation of that eternal life which is already the believer's possession'. In other words it is not a hope that is like wishful thinking but a sure and certain revelation in full of what we now have in part (1 Corinthians 13).

So certain is it because it is based on God's Promise. Paul reminds us-why should he have to?-that this promise is the promise of God who does not lie (literally the Truthful God) APSEUDES = A PSEUDES A = Not PSEUDES = False. God is anti-false, anti-liar. He is INCAPABLE of deception.

The promise is longstanding - made before even time began...eternal life is that promise.

3 And at the right time this promise was revealed to Titus through Paul's preaching; just as at the right time it is revealed to all who will receive it through faithful preaching. God's word this comes to light.

And preaching is entrusted to us - God puts the most important task in His Kingdom (in the Universe) into our hands.

God our Saviour. Paul affirms that the Saviour and God are one and the same (see also next verse).

4 The letter is to Titus, a true son in common faith. True = loyal,

genuine.

Paul saw Titus as a son, he seems to have been a convert under Paul's ministry.

Paul does not greet in his own name, but in the Name of the Father and the Son. He writes as if he is passing on their message (which, of course, he is).

Note that in v3 God is called our Saviour and in v4 Jesus is given that title....again Paul affirms that Jesus Christ is God.

5 Titus had worked with Paul but now had been left to work alone, completing the setting up of the church on Crete as Paul had moved on.

Each town needed its own elders and leaders (presbyters) in the church.

6 Now comes a list of qualities required by such leaders [Yet they are qualities desired of any Christian. Leaders are not EXTRA in their qualities, but must be sincere Christians]:

BLAMELESS.. impossible for anyone to find fault with (not tried and acquitted but beyond any charge)

FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE..

BELIEVING CHILDREN.. Trusting, Godly. An elder must show his qualifications by having raised his children well.

7 Overseer. Elder refers to a person (an older Christian), Overseer (Bishop) to the post or ministry. Persons called to the position of overseer in the church need to have the qualities of elders already stated. The word for Overseer is EPISKOPON; they are unlikely to have overseen more than one church so the term should not be confused with modern day usage of 'Bishop' or 'Moderator'.

The overseer is entrusted with God's work, literally a steward of it. Hence he must be blameless too.

NOT OVERBEARING.. not forceful or arrogant

NOT QUICK TEMPERED.. placid

NOT GIVEN TO DRUNKENNESS.. in control, no addictions. Not seeking to be drunk, but avoiding it actively

NOT VIOLENT.. peaceful

NOT DISHONEST.. especially in finance

8 Instead such a person should be:

HOSPITABLE.. welcoming



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LOVER OF THE GOOD AND RIGHT THINGS..

SELF-CONTROLLED.. in contrast to drunk

UPRIGHT.. have integrity

HOLY.. set apart for God, avoiding Godless things

DISCIPLINED.. in control of own life, body, behaviour; not falling at every temptation.

9 FIRMLY HOLDING ON TO THE GOSPEL.. no variation, keep to the Word as received

an ENCOURAGER OF OTHERS.. building others up, strengthening their faith

SOUND IN DOCTRINE.. as they firmly hold on to the Gospel

REFUTING OPPOSITION.. no fudging or compromising, giving a strong testimony of the Truth when challenged.

10 There are many who oppose, rebel against, the Truth. They deceive through their words. In Crete the 'Circumcision Group' was the main group of rebels.

What they were teaching essentially was a doctrine of salvation OTHER THAN by Grace. By demanding circumcision they were teaching against the Gospel 'for by grace we are saved through faith,.....not by works, so that no-one can boast' (Ephesians 2:8,9). Their view was the need of physical circumcision; but the Bible makes it clear this is not necessary for salvation.

There are similar groups today who teach 'add-ons' to the Gospel\* the need to attend so many masses or communions per year or in a lifetime, to do penance after sin, to be baptised in a certain way, to speak in tongues, etc. None of these is wrong in itself but neither are none NECESSARY for salvation. Beware the 'Circumcision Parties' of the 1990s!

11 Not only beware, but refute them (v9) as they can lead many away from Christ. In the Cretan case they were doing so too for dishonest gain (but this is not always the case, they are often sincere in their beliefs).

12 The spirit in Crete was (is?) to lie, to be lazy and gluttonous.

Lie... to teach what is not the Truth. Lazy... to avoid the 'hard work' of holy living, substituting it for something relatively easy (its more demanding to live life as in verses 6-9 than to have been circumcised) Gluttonous... they did it for dishonest gain, to make themselves rich.

Truth did not come naturally to the Cretan people. Titus had to change this in the church there by soundly preaching the Word of God and allowing the Holy Spirit to change lives.

13 He had to 'sharply rebuke' them, no kid glove stuff. too often we allow each other to get away with things as Christians. We should be prepared to receive (and occasionally give) sharp counsel.

The Greek word here is APOTOMOS. APO = from TEMNO = cut. Like a surgeon's knife Titus was to cut from the Cretan Christians all falsehood, none was to be left or it would grow again like cancerous cells.

14 So totally was the cut to be made that they would be safe to leave and would pay no more attention to the false teachings that they heard in the future. They would have been disciplined, brought to the state of being able to walk with god on their own without a human pilot.

15 The Jewish myths in question would have included teachings about clean/unclean foods and peoples. But to the 'pure in Christ' all of God's provisions are pure. However, for those whose lives are based on corrupt teaching, even pure food is useless since it cannot save them.

If we are made clean in Christ we cannot be soiled by what comes from outside of ourselves. Neither can a pagan be cleansed from either eating a particular food or abstaining from another one.

16 Knowing God is reflected in Christian Truth being evident in our lives. Those without Him are detestable, and unfit.

1 Corinthians 1:18 says

For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word perishing is the same as is used of, say, a tyre when it perishes. The Power of God is DUNAMIS, from which we get dynamic or dynamite. The Greek word for 'spiritual' is PNEUMATIKOS, so a Christian is a PNEUMATIKOS person, whilst a perishing person is not. Imagine trying to fill a perished tyre with air. Foolishness! But a good tyre is pneumatikos, and receives the air giving it the power (dunamis) to fulfil its role (or was that roll?!).

So those without God cannot display the properties of a Godly life, because the power of God CANNOT fill them. They are unfit, and good only for destruction. Pray that we do not become deceived by false teaching and end up unfit for God's Dunamis in our lives.

## Chapter Two

1 So, we are reminded, we must teach what is in accordance with sound doctrine (healthy teaching). It must be the teaching of God, as outlined already in chapter one.



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2 Paul breaks it down into age and gender groups, but it is ALL relevant to all. He is simply recognising the particular weaknesses in certain areas of the certain types of people (true in 1st Century Crete, and possibly, but not necessarily, still true). So he emphasises those things to those types but we need to take account of ALL of the teaching.

OLDER MEN (especially, but not only) should be

TEMPERATE.. all need to avoid drunkenness. It was a particular failing of older men at that time, perhaps it is a more general fault today. Temperate means not given to excesses in anything, not just alcohol. We should not become under the influence of drink, drugs or other stimulants (eg sexual gratification, or anything that causes us to act in a 'mindless' non-thinking manner)

WORTHY OF RESPECT.. not all older men are worthy of respect. We all need to live in such a way that others in the Church will respect us naturally. We should not expect respect but live so that we deserve it.

SELF CONTROLLED.. Sensible, prudent, serious. Well Disciplined.

SOUND IN FAITH.. healthy in faith. Full of faith in the Truth of Jesus.

LOVE.. demonstrating love to all, especially to God and the rest of the Body of Christ.

ENDURANCE.. not giving up at the first (or even second) hurdle. Able to stand and go on standing in all circumstances.

3 OLDER WOMEN (especially, but not only) should be

REVERENT.. respectful, revering God in their words and in their lifestyles

NOT SLANDERERS.. or Gossippers. Not speaking evil of others whether it is true or false

NOT ADDICTED TO WINE.. or any other substance.

but to TEACH what is good.. the WOMEN had a role in teaching. They are included in this ministry, not excluded.

They have to pass on the Gospel and the 'sound doctrine' to those in their care, just as the men do.

4 In particular the older women have a teaching ministry to the younger women. This was a facet of society at the time, the girls would be taught at home by their mothers and older women. In Jewish society the boys had instruction in the scriptures from the rabbis but the girls were taught homecrafts by older women. Paul says here that they are also to be taught in doctrine and the scriptures too.

Also, through example and word the older women are to instruct the YOUNGER WOMEN (especially, but not only) in the areas that they were especially weak in, namely:

to LOVE their husbands and children.. the failing of many women at the time was, largely through arranged marriages, to despise their husbands and to talk ill of them with their friends. Paul teaches that love must be the hallmark of Christian marriage, as marriage is a reflection of Christ's relationship with us

5 BE SELF-CONTROLLED and PURE.. in all areas, especially sexually

BE BUSY, NOT LAZY.. making sure that they get done all they need to

KIND.. to their children and families

SUBJECT TO THEIR HUSBANDS.. which would include not running him down amongst the other women. It is not 'be subservient' to him but subject to him as we are subject to Christ. The relationship is one of deep love and affection, and in that we submit ourselves gladly to that love. Women, too, needed to submit themselves to their husband's love and not rebel against it.

All of this was so that no-one could speak ill of 'the Word of God', because it should be plainly demonstrated in the Christian family. Our entire lifestyle is to promote God, glorify Him, prove His word to be excellent.

We should not just live like the ungodly do and be content with that but actively be proving God's word and His ways in our lives; proving it to be true and the best. We need to show that it works and that it is worth following.

Whilst this verse is directed towards women and their relationships with their families it applies just as much to men....men are not exempt from any of the commands: we too need to be loving, self-controlled, pure, busy not lazy, kind and submitted to our wives' love.

6 Young men (especially, but not only) should be

SELF-CONTROLLED.. whole in mind with sober thinking (Greek: SOPHRONEO: SOZO-PHRENO = to make whole or to save the mind).

7 The Elders should do all this by setting a good example. Their actions and lives should be model of good works (Godly deeds) and their teaching and lifestyles should match; their commitment to the message should be plain.

8 Even speech should not be beyond reproach. (Gulp). I must be sound and contain no cursing, swearing, or complaining but only good and wholesome comments (Gulp).

Such should be our lives that the opposition will be UNABLE to find anything bad to say about us (Gulp). Leave them no room for attack! Be pure of speech and let your lifestyle match your



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Biblical teaching!

9 All who are Slaves (sub-ordinates, servants, employees) need to be subject to their masters (lords, bosses, higher ranking officers, deputy heads, etc). To do as instructed with no backchatting or bad mouthing. Their aim should be to PLEASE; not just to do a task grudgingly but to do it superlatively.

10 Neither should an employee (slave) steal from their boss, either materially or by giving/doing less than their best. There should be no doubt that they can be fully trusted. The boss should have the same trust or faith in them that we are to have in God. The word used is the same: PISTIS. It means a firm persuasion or conviction based on hearing.; such should be the trust in the servant had by a master. In this way the Christian employee makes God's teaching attractive.

11 Yet the above are not to be seen as legalistic rules, which we obey for fear of damnation. Rather, they are the way our lives should reflect the grace that has been lavished on us. We live God's way because we love Him, not because we are cared of Him.

For God's grace that brings salvation has appeared to all people in Jesus. The Greek actually says: for the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. No-one (young, old, male, female, slave, lord) is beyond it nor should act as though it did not apply to them.

12 Through this grace we learn and are taught to say NO to ungodliness and worldly passion.

Ungodliness = ASEBEIAN which is a disregard for or defiance of God's person.

Worldly Passion = KOSMIKAE EPITHUMIA Worldly Lust  
(of the world) (strong desire)

So we are to move from a defiance towards God and strong desires for things which are inconsistent with following Him. Instead we need to be

Self-controlled (sensible) = SOPHRONOS: Self restrain to govern all our passions and desires, that we may be conformed to the mind of Christ.

Upright = DIKAIOS: no prejudice or partiality. Just.

Godly = EUSEBOS (well-devout). To do that which is well pleasing to Him.

*Note that we must not get into another guilt trip hear. It is God's Grace which teaches us to say no to these things. Only as we come to a deeper understanding of His love for us will we be truly able to turn from ungodliness to upright living. It is not through our works but through His gift of Himself. He will change us!*

13 We aim to become like this whilst we wait for the Lord's return and our final victorious rest. NOte that it calls Jesus '*our great God and Saviour*, an explicit pronouncement of Christ's deity.

14 Just as Paul has been urging Titus (and us) to give ourselves to

Christ 100%, so he now reminds us that '*our great God and Saviour...gave Himself for us to redeem us*'. He did it to buy us back. We had sold ourselves to sin now He redeems us. (LUT-ROO, to release on receipt of a ransom).

Having bought us, He purifies us to make us pure from all impurities we may have become mixed with. Hence we become His very own, eager to do what pleases Him.

Note again that it is GOD who buys us, GOD who purifies us, and GOD who makes us His own. It's HIS business, He will change us. All we have to do is give ourselves to Him and spend time with Him!

15 All this is the very basis of the Gospel, the stuff we should teach. If we are leaders then we must both encourage and rebuke with all authority (all the authority vested in us by Jesus). We must not let others look down on us (despise us) but act in Christ's authority.

Look down on = PERI PHRONEO., literally 'to think around'. Don't let anyone 'think around you', or try to bypass you, to go behind your back. All should be done in the church in Crete through Titus as the appointed head.

We should not try to 'get around' God appointed authorities.

## Chapter Three

1 Literally *remind the people to be arranged under rulers and authorities*, and to honour and serve them. Without authority, and respect for it, there is anarchy and chaos, and these are not consistent with Christian living. Christians, though of another kingdom, are nonetheless to obey the authorities of the country they are 'visiting'.

We should be ready to 'do what is good' against even the immoral backdrop of society.

2 We should speak evil of no-one, neither be quarrelsome, but gentle and considerate; being courteous and full of humility (meek) towards all people.

3 Just like the people around us, we (Paul and Titus, and all converts to Christ) were also once foolish - blind to the Truth; disobedient (to all authorities and also to God); deceived (as to the Truth); and slaves to passions and pleasures.

Such people live lives full of malice, hatred and envy....just as others lived towards us and still do.

4 BUT ....when God's kindness and love came to us...!!!!

5 He saved us and delivered us.

Saved = SOZO, to make whole.

And He did not do this because of the righteousness that we had done (and to which we are now called), for we had done nothing righteous at all. But He did it because of His mercy - His manifestation of love - *we deserved none of it!!!*

Salvation comes through rebirth ('again-born') when we are



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washed in the Blood of the Lamb and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

These two go together, always in that order. First we are washed in the Blood, then we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. You can't have the Holy Spirit except where you are repentant!

A good book to read on this is *POWER IN THE BLOOD* by Benny Hinn, published 1993 by Word at £4.50. ISBN 0-85009-619-7.

Salvation is therefore something done *to* us and *for* us, not *by* us. We are never able to claim it by our own merit or because we deserve it.

Yet, *as a result of it*, we need to seek to do *whatever is good* (vv1,2)

6 Washed in the Blood, the Holy Spirit is poured out on us generously (richly) through Jesus Christ. We have more than enough of Him in our lives but only as and where we allow the Blood to wash us through offering of ourselves to Jesus Christ our Saviour.

7 and so we can become heirs of God. Again, it is by His grace that we are justified. All our life is made acceptable in His sight, undeservedly. So we are heirs, according to the hope of eternal life.

8 We can have complete confidence in all of this, and we should stress it all to others, to those who have trusted in God. We need to be devoted to doing what is good, not to earn our salvation (by now it should be clear that that is an undeserved gift), but as an act of love to God and out of gratitude. In this excellent way all (including ourselves) profit.

9 Paul again stresses the uselessness of foolish arguments (1:10-16). They get us nowhere and are not central to the Gospel.

10 We should be careful not to let such quarrels start. If someone persists, in the end we should have nothing to do with them

11 for they have nothing to do with God.

Indeed, Christians need to avoid all things that have nothing to do with God. That does not mean becoming hermits, but not getting too involved with people, things or situations that are not of God. Again, this is not to either earn or keep our salvation but for 'our profit' here and now. The best way of life is to live it for God and to spend it with Him.

12,13 Practical matters of life should not be overlooked.

14 We must devote ourselves to good things, looking out for each others' needs. Lives should be productive (and here he is talking about material produce as well as spiritual fruit; the necessities of life).

15 It is good to greet and to encourage other believers.

And especially, in the light of all Paul has written, to *know* God's

GRACE!

I am reminded after that chapter of a story of a slave auction in America a century or so ago.

The slaves were bound and lined up; one by one bids were made for them.

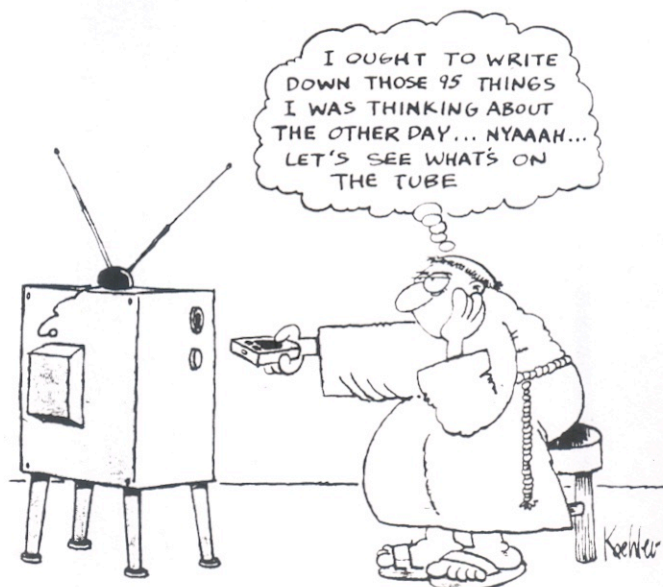
A rich looking man in the crowd noticed especially a young slave girl. He moved out of the crowd and returned about half an hour later, as she was being auctioned. He put in a bid for her that was at least twice as much as any slave had been sold for that day so far. There was an immediate hush in the crowd.

He went forward and took her rope. She spat in his face and swore at him. Wiping the spit away he pulled her through the crowd towards the transaction desk, paid the price and received the documents of ownership.

He pulled her away from the throng, cut her rope and handed her the papers. "I give you your freedom," he said.

She stared at him open-mouthed. Falling to her knees she burst into tears. "You bought me to give me my freedom?" she cried, "...then I will serve you forever!"

That is the picture we need to have of what Christ has done for us (paying far more than we are worth). He has given us our freedom. In response our service to Him should never be for anything other than gratitude and love....if it becomes legalistic or 'religious' then we have sold ourselves back into slavery.



If there had been television in 1517.



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## Worship

Worship is, and probably always has been, a controversial issue.

Some prefer it hands high, music loud. Others get their kicks from heads low, knees bowed. Still others have service high, incense cloud.

The tragedy is that very few are prepared to respect the others' viewpoints. "They can't be Christians at St Etheldreda's because they all look so solemn" or "I know that God can't stand those loonies at that free church. They never shut up and listen to Him!"

At Twyford, and believe it or not even in *TFG*, we try to reflect the broad range of Christian traditions. I would like to suggest the following about different worship styles. It is only a suggestion, you may know better, but at least think about it!

All worship should have as its primary purpose Glorifying Jesus. He is the centre of our praise, our prayers and our very lives as Christians. Yet the various worship styles I suggest also reflect the Godhead:

*Sacramental (or Catholic or High-Church)* reflects God the Father. He is Majesty, He is King. As we worship in this way we approach a Holy and awesome God before Whom every knee must bow. We recognise, of course, as we do, that Jesus is also this God King. In many ways this style reflects too the OT practices in the Temple, where incense rose continually before the altar to symbolise the prayers of the people; and where the bulk

Our worship style gives us part of the picture of Jesus.

As if we were viewing Him through one particular lens.

of the sacramental duties were carried out by the one High Priest.

Whilst we are no longer in Old Testament times, the imagery and the reverence of God are still vital to us as Christians today. A lot of space exists for quietness to pray and to listen to God.

*Evangelical (or Free Church or Low Church...nb NOT 'evangelistic' but evangelical).*

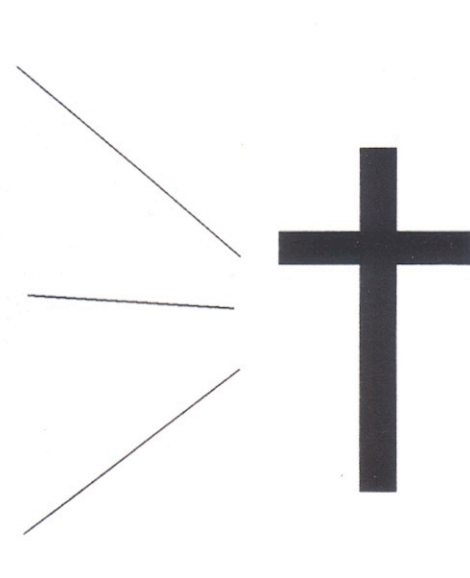
Here we have Jesus more fully in view than the other members of the Godhead (in many evangelical churches, even today, the Holy Spirit is hardly ever mentioned). There is a strong awareness of Jesus' command to 'go...make disciples'. An emphasis on teaching the scriptures. The worship contains great hymns, but God is not so much seen as King but as Saviour. There is gratitude for what Jesus has done.

*Charismatic (or pentecostal).* The Holy Spirit is the lens through which Jesus is seen in such a

Father

Son

Holy Spirit



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w church. Many evangelical churches have moved towards, or become, charis-matic in recent years. There is an awareness of God's Power, but the overall impression is one of chumminess with God. Jesus said 'You are my friends....my brothers and sisters....' and that relationship with Jesus is the centre of the worship here.

f The point is...if we as individuals do not have ALL of these types of worship we are missing out! It is a shame that there are very few churches which are able to move in their worship (either in one service or over a period of weeks) comfortably from a recognition of God in His awesome Holy Majesty to one of seeing Him as Friend. How much more we realise God has done for us if we first picture Him as Sovereign over all.

o Show me a a high church with incense, solemnity, pomp, pageant AND charismatic worship too and I will join it!

J In the meantime, the Communion service that follows aims to give us a sense of God's Majesty. As we follow it, try to capture a picture of God in the ThroneRoom of Heaven, in total control. (I have to confess the Lord's Prayer line 'Our Father in heaven' often gives me a picture of God in the Captain's seat of Starship Enterprise, with a large screen of the universe in front of Him. Ah, well, that's my problem I suppose....)

l If you read the book of Esther you will see that nobody, *not even the Queen*, could just walk into the Throneroom without the risk of death. The King simply could kill anyone who disturbed him uninvited. Infact, they would be automatically be killed by the king's guards if he did not immediately hold out his sceptre towards them. Esther risked her life in this way to save the Jews.

w Jesus has made it possible for us to enter the Throne room of heaven time after time. So much so that it has become a trivial thing for us, since the Sceptre is always held out when we approach. It is good to remember that this is ONLY possible because of what Jesus has done, and not to lose sight of God in His Majesty.

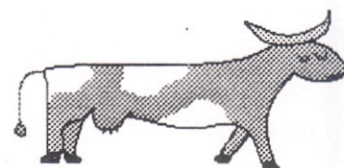
h Yes, He IS our Friend, but He is also King.

i Try in future not to 'put down' those who worship in a different way, even if you fail to understand it at all. Instead, try perhaps to see the view of God that they have....it will enrich your life as it broadens your view of God!

p *Read the Bible regularly yourself If you do, this is Spiritual meat that you are consuming...God speaking directly to you and you digesting His Word yourself.*

g *Its good to hear sermons and read Christian books, but in these cases you are merely receiving God's Word as pre-digested by someone else. You are missing out on some of its goodness.*

o *Sermons/Christian books should be your 'pudding', eaten only after the main course of the Bible.*



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NOW is the time to be praying for your street, your friends. In March, EVERY HOME IN THE COUNTRY will receive a booklet explaining the Gospel through the post. And if you want to 'sponsor your road' it'll cost 28p per house.

## Every Single Home Reached in 4 Days

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### The Booklet

A twenty-eight page, full colour, graphically illustrated booklet with a crystal-clear, compelling Gospel message — easy to read, instructive and persuasive, presenting a positive challenge to the whole nation to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour.

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*"From MINUS to PLUS -  
The Epic of Christ's Cross"*

Based on one of evangelist Reinhard Bonnke's proven and effective Gospel addresses, this is a fine presentation of the heart of the Christian faith. Each copy clearly outlines the crises of this present age and declares that there

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is an answer, a solution, found only in the person Jesus Christ. There is a reply card in the back of each booklet to enable each reader to respond to this message.

Every reply will be computer listed and, with the permission of the respondent, his/her details will be given to the nearest **registered** church in his/her area to enable a follow-up visit.

Thousands of churches and ministries across the entire British Isles are invited to **register**, making the Gospel net so fine that not one individual will be neglected

### The Fishers of Men

Imagine the situation! A CROSS-booklet in every home means that hundreds of thousands of Christians will know that their neighbours, relatives, friends, workmates, everyone they contact will have had this Gospel booklet. The booklet itself will serve as a trigger to motivate these believers to personal evangelism. The close of the decade of evangelism could be the close of the decade of decadence.

To bring about this unparalleled and unprecedented event, write to us urgently.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Spiritually we are in a total war situation, and nothing less than an all-out self-denying emergency effort is expected of us for Christ's express command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." We will see millions of souls in the British Isles saved by the mighty hand of God.

**Only those churches registered with Christ for all Nations will be included in the follow-up programme.** To register your church and/or individual support for this project please fill in the relevant part(s) of the form below and return it to us at:

**Minus to Plus, P.O. Box 3029, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3AG**  
**Telephone: 021 550 8087 Facsimile: 021 585 5028**

YES! We / I would like to participate in this massive evangelistic event.

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Other big events include the Worldwide  
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# Holy Communion Service

So many as intend to be partakers of the holy Communion shall signify their names to the Curate, at least some time the day before.

And if any of those be an open and notorious evil liver, or have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; the Curate, having knowledge thereof, shall call him and advertise him, that in any wise he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former naughty life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied, which before were offended; and that he have recompensed the parties, to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.

The same order shall the Curate use with those bewixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the

parties so at variance be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends for that he himself hath offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice: the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided that every Minister so repelling any, as is specified in this, or the next precedent Paragraph of this Rubrick, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary within fourteen days after at the farthest. And the Ordinary shall proceed against the offending person according to the Canon.

The Table at the Communion time having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand in the body of the Church,

or in the Chancel, where Morning and Evening Prayer are appointed to be said. And the Priest standing at the north side of the Table shall say the Lord's Prayer with the Collect following, the people kneeling.

Hymn: Henry Francis Lyte

Praise my soul the King of Heaven  
To His feet thy tribute bring  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee his praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father like He tends and spares us  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of Grace!

The purpose of this service is to fix our eyes on God in His Majesty.

This hymn takes up the theme of God as King, and also underlines the teachings on Grace found in Titus (and throughout scripture!)

Our Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be Your Name  
Your Kingdom come  
Your will be done  
One earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory  
are Yours  
Now and for ever. Amen.

We say the Lord's Prayer twice in this service. Picture God as Ruler in Heaven, and yet as your Father!

The Collect

Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from Whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love You  
and worthily magnify Your Holy Name  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest then leads the people in a reading of the TEN COMMANDMENTS, and after every commandment is read the people ask God for mercy and grace to keep

The Collect, or prayer, prepares us to enter the Presence of God.

We recognise Him to know us completely and our need for His Spirit to help us even to love Him.



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*the commandment in the time to come.*  
Dr Buckley says the words in italics, and we say the rest:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ said : If you love me, keep my commandments. Happy are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. Hear then these commandments which God has given to His people, and take them to heart:*

*I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but Me.*

We will love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and with all our strength. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not make for yourself any idol.*  
God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not dishonour the Name of the Lord your God.*

We will worship Him with reverence and awe. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.*  
Christ is risen from the dead: we must set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*Honour your father and mother.*  
We will live as servants of God, honouring all people and loving the members of His family. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not commit murder.*  
We will be reconciled to our brothers and sisters, overcoming evil with good. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not commit adultery.*  
Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not steal*  
We will be honest in all that we do, and care for those in need. Amen, Lord have mercy.

Together we recite the 10 Commandments: Dr Buckley reading them as given to Moses and we reply with words from the New Testament which apply those same commandments to Christians today.

AMEN = So be it, or may it happen as we have said. Effectively it means 'I agree' with what has been said.

If the OT the Israelites were told to write the commands on the door-posts of their houses. Today, as we read in Titus, the 'grace of God that brings salvation has appeared...it teaches us to say NO

*You shall not be a false witness.*  
Let us all speak the Truth. Amen, Lord have mercy.

*You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbour.*

We remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the Law. Amen, Lord have mercy.

### Collect for the Day

Epistle Reading: Revelation chapter 4  
at the end the reader says *This is the Word of the Lord* and we reply *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 or 17:1-13  
at the end the reader says *This is the Gospel of Christ* and we reply *Praise to Christ our Lord.*

We now stand and say together the Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ: the only begotten Son of God Begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light True God of True God Begotten, not made Being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made.

Who for us people and for our salvation came down from heaven Was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He was made Man And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried And on the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures And He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to

to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and Godly lives in this present age' In other words...He does it for us!

These readings help us to focus on God as Sovereign.

The Creed is a declaration of belief, and what we believe. This version dates from a council of the church meeting in Nicea in 325AD and was drawn up to overcome the emerging heresy that Jesus, the Son of God, was himself part of the Creation and not the Creator.



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judge both the living and the dead.  
His Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, the Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son  
Who, with the Father and the Son together,  
is worshipped and glorified.  
Who spoke through the prophets.

And I believe in one universal and  
apostolic church.  
I acknowledge there to be one Baptism, for  
the remission of sins.  
And I look forward to the Resurrection of  
the dead  
And the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

*We now come to a time of intercession:*

Almighty and everliving God  
we humbly ask you most mercifully to  
inspire continually the universal Church  
with the Spirit of truth, unity and peace.  
And grant that all they that confess Your  
Holy Name may agree in the truth of Your  
holy Word, and live in unity. Especially  
today we pray for.....

*At the end of each section we sing this  
Taize Chant by Jacques Berthier (C) Les  
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O Lord hear my Prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord hear my Prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.

*Our prayers continue:*  
Majestic King, we pray also for all Rulers  
in our world, especially our own Queen  
Elizabeth, that under her we may be gover-  
ned in a godly manner.  
And grant also to Her Government, and all  
those in authority under Her, that they may  
minister justice truly and with integrity. We  
pray especially for.....

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up to the  
Throne of  
Grace.

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O Lord hear my prayer.....

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all minis-  
ters of the church, and all Christian leaders,  
that they might live lives which are blame-  
less and which shine forth Your true and  
living Word. We pray too for all Your  
people, and especially all members of TFG,  
that we may serve You in righteousness  
and holiness all the days of our lives.  
Especially we pray for.....

O Lord hear my prayer.....

And finally, O Lord, we most humbly ask  
You in Your goodness to comfort and care  
for all those who face troubles, sorrows,  
needs or sickness, especially remember-  
ing..... And we also praise you as  
we remember the lives of those who have  
gone before us in the Faith, asking that You  
would give us grace to follow their good  
examples, and looking forward to joining  
them in the glory of Your eternal Kingdom.  
Grant all these prayers , O Father, for Jesus  
Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advoca-  
cate.

O Lord hear my Prayer.....

*We are now reminded of the seriousness of  
the Communion service:*

Those who are going to receive the Com-  
munion this afternoon must consider how  
St Paul tells us to examine ourselves before  
we eat the Bread or drink from the Cup.  
For just as the Benefit to us is great if we  
come with a truly penitent heart and living  
faith, so too is the Danger great if we  
receive the Communion without such a  
faith.

So repent of your sins, renew your commit-  
ment to the Lord, and give humble and  
hearty thanks to God, the Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit, for the redemption of the world  
by the death and passion of our Saviour  
Christ, Who did humble Himself on the  
Cross for us sinners who lay in the shadow  
of death.

And so we celebrate this Communion as a  
reminder to us of His great love for us, and  
we give thanks continually to Him, sub-

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mitting ourselves wholly to His holy will and pleasure, and studying His Word in order to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*A time of silence to prepare for confession:*

So let each who is willing draw near to the Throne of Grace with faith, making our confession to Almighty God:

*We say together (kneeling or standing as you prefer) this confession:*

Almighty God and Father  
Maker of all things, Judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and regret our many sins and wickedness,  
which we have committed by thought, by word, by action  
Against Your Divine Majesty.  
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.  
The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them intolerable.  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, most merciful Father  
For Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ's sake  
Forgive us all that is past  
And grant that we may forever serve and please You in newness of life  
To the honour and glory of Your Name  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Dr Buckley now says:*  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
Who of His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him:  
Have mercy on YOU; pardon and deliver you from your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Hear what our Saviour Christ says to all who turn to Him:  
For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have

Having fixed our gaze on God as King and as our only Provider we now recognise both our unworthiness and our total dependence on Him, and come to the Confession. Try to have specific sins in mind as we do so.  
Though we need never fear approaching God, and we know He is always more than ready to forgive, we recognise in this prayer that His forgiveness is not deserved by us but comes only because He is the 'most merciful Father'. We owe Him all, and can bring Him only our sinfulness!  
The priest, representing God, pronounces our forgiveness

eternal life (John 3:16)  
Hear also what St John says:  
If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ the Righteous One (1 John 2:1)

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

*Everybody joins in with the words in italics:*

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*  
Let us give thanks to our Lord God  
*It is right and proper to do so,*

It is very right and proper, and also our duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God.  
And especially we thank You that by Your Sovereign Majesty you reign over all Creation, and that only in You do we live and move and have our being, for You are the source of all our lives.  
Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:  
*Holy Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory  
Hosanna to You in the Highest. Amen.*

*We do not presume to come to this Your table, merciful Lord  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.  
But You are the same Lord, Whose nature is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to be able to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His most precious blood  
and that we may evermore live in Him, and He in us. Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption;

to remind us that those sins confessed are now dealt with finally! He then 'rams this message home' with comforting words from scripture.

Eucharisto is Greek for Thankyou. This is a great hymn and prayer of praise, and like all good hymns contains a lot of teaching.

This part is called the prayer of Humble Access, and reminds us again of Who it is we rely on.



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Who made there (by His one offering of Himself) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Who also commanded us to continue this perpetual memory of His precious death until He comes again:

Hear us, O merciful Father and grant that as we receive these your creations of bread and wine in remembrance of His death and passion, we may be recognising the most blessed body and blood of He

Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took Bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His Disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me"

Similarly, after supper He took the cup; and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "All of you drink from this, for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the pardon of sins: Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me"

Amen

The Communion itself now follows. All who know and love the Lord are welcome to join in receiving this this afternoon.

After all have received, we begin to raise our eyes to God in gratitude and praise, but first we say again:

*Our Father in Heaven*

*Hallowed be Your Name*

*Your Kingdom come*

*Your will be done*

*On earth as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins*

*as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours*

*Now and for ever. Amen.*

The priest now copies the actions of Jesus at the last supper, as part of this Memorial Service.

In many churches incense will be used to symbolise the prayers of the people and the holy cleansing. For biblical passages where incense is used see: Rev 5:8 & 8:3-5; Exodus 30:1-10; Psalm 141:2 and Matt 2:11

For Paul's teaching on receiving Communion see 1 Corinthians chs 10 & 11, especially 11:27-32.

*Glory be to God on high*

*And on earth peace, goodwill towards all people.*

*We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify*

*You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord*

*God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father; that takes away the sins of the world have mercy on us and receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For You only are holy; You only are the Lord, You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The service concludes with some more worship and the Peace.

We finally say together:

*Grant, we pray Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this weekend with our ears, may through Your grace be so grafted into our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## MAKE 1994 THE YEAR OF THE GOSPEL

**FOUR MAJOR** evangelism events hit the UK in 1994, each with a different emphasis and approach. You can be involved in prayer and by sharing a suitable event with unchurched friends, says David Spriggs, EA's evangelism secretary.

**Lent 94:** five homegroup sessions designed to bring interested but uncommitted people into an encounter with Christ through Gospel readings.

**JIM** (Challenge 94): All free newspapers in March 1994 will carry a 'teaser' campaign for three weeks, based on the JIM slogan - Jesus In Me. The fourth week will be a page of stories of what 'Jesus in me' means to real people. Hundreds of churches will then pick up on the interest generated by the campaign, with local evangelism events.

**Reinhard Bonnke:** Reinhard's organisation Christ for All Nations is sending a booklet explaining the Christian message, to each of the 25 million homes in the UK, between 20-31 March.

**On Fire:** the big Pentecost party to celebrate the Church's birthday will run carnival parties on 21 May across the country, hosted by local churches for the community. Events with a more directly evangelistic message will be run in the following fortnight.

"Think about committing yourself to pray for the four projects and for four friends to come to faith,"



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# Compline

May the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

The day our Lord has given us has now drawn to its close and the darkness of the evening is upon us. We have come together to worship the Lord and to pray for His protection of us through this coming night.

Be at peace and be vigilant because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Stand up to him, strong in the faith.

The Lord is our strength and our shield.

I will arise and go to my father and say 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no more worthy to be called your son.'

Let us be still before God as we remember before him the sins of this day.

*Silence*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
We have sinned against You and against other people  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness  
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who dies for us, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 31: 1-6:

To You Lord have I come for shelter:  
Let me never be put to shame.

O deliver me in Your righteousness:  
listen to me and be swift to save me.

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

Lead me and guide me for Your name's sake:  
and keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me, for You are my strength.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit:  
You will redeem me O Lord God of truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen.

*a reading*

Guide us, Lord, waking.  
Guard us sleeping.  
That awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

*as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

Our Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be Your Name  
Your Kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.



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For the Kingdom, the power and the glory  
are Yours  
Now and for ever. Amen.

*prayers will now be offered.*

Lord, the Guest of this group during this  
weekend:

keep far from it all the deceits of the evil  
one.

Make our hearts and minds open to what  
You have to say to us and ask our hloy  
angels to watch over us as guardians of our  
peace.

And may Your blessing rest upon us during  
this weekend and always,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the watchman look for the dawn  
*so we wait eagerly for You, O Lord.*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in  
Your mercy defend us from all perils and  
dangers of this night.

For the love of Your Only Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,  
this night and ever more. Amen.

Please remember that you are part of  
a fellowship.

Do not let your actions and  
behaviour annoy others in the next  
few hours.

Remember QUIET is the order of  
the night.

Bedrooms and bedroom corridors  
especially must be SILENT at all  
times.

## Quiz/Competitions

### Quiz:

1. How many years has TFG been coming to Annan Court for?
2. Name as many other venues as possible that TFG has used for weekends. (No-one has been to all of them, not even Geoff!)
3. What is Ian Frost's surname?
4. Why are there beds at Annan Court when we don't use them?
5. What is Ken Tombs' middle name?
6. Is Daniel Milne more capable of eating sensibly than Andrew?
7. What is Hoda's real name?
8. What is question 8?

### Anagrams:

Below are anagrams of various names of people who are here. The full list of names is on the noticeboard in the foyer if you're stuck! (the first two are a bit of a cheat 'cos they use the guy's middle names)

1. I can lend u Dr Newman
2. Sshh! Jamie can foil!
3. BMS token
4. Be lucky Trebor
5. 'Snot Fair!
6. U real gory GP
7. A cool mat sting.
8. Feel of my lug.
9. Jaw rent Trader
10. Re; Zany Sunday

## Win 14 nights in the Seychelles

for the price of two weeks there.

Prize will be awarded to the person who sleeps most overnight this weekend.



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