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10:30am
Prayer Service last Sunday of each
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583 Crewe Road
8:45am



Editorial: The Servant Queen and the King She Served

During these last weeks, hundreds of thousands of words have been spoken about the late Queen. Hundreds of pictures of her life have been seen on TV. What else is there to say - except to note that she displayed a remarkable greatness.

The word great is used to describe many but few would argue that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, was a truly great lady, and not simply for the length of her reign.

The Bible talks of greatness. Jesus once told his disciples, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

This was the kind of greatness the Queen displayed. The constant theme in the many commentaries on her life has been that she was a woman who led by serving, one who was devoted to duty, but who did so in a humble and gracious way.

But there was more to it than this. A royal biographer wrote, "Two things stand out – the Queen's constant sense of duty and her devotion to God. Of this she speaks humbly but openly, especially in her Christmas broadcasts." Her simple trust in God and her devotional life were intrinsic to her life. Her sense of calling to serve her people she saw as one from God. Every Sunday she was able, she attended church. Significantly, among her ten favourite songs, two were hymns: *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven* and *The Lord's my Shepherd*.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday, a book was published, authored by two Christian writers, **Mark Greene** and **Catherine Butcher**, entitled "*The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*." It illustrates the faith of the Queen and how it characterized her life. The book quotes part of the Queen's 2002 Christmas broadcast: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

This extraordinary woman displayed her trust in God, something which enabled her to be such a remarkable and greatly respected monarch.

A story appeared in the lead up to her funeral which reinforces an understanding of the depth of her relationship with God. One of her chaplains had been preaching on the Second Coming of our Lord, and afterwards, in conversation with him, the Queen exclaimed, "Oh, how I wish the Lord would come in my lifetime!" "Why?" asked the chaplain, "does your Majesty feel this very earnest desire?" The Queen replied with quivering lips, and her whole countenance lighted up by deep emotion, "I would so love to lay my crown at his feet."

We would all do well to note the deep faith of someone such as she and seek to emulate it. As she, though a monarch, sought to follow Jesus Christ and to live like him, so every one of us as 'ordinary' people would do well to ensure that, like her, we have a personal relationship with him, and seek to live our lives in service to him and other people to his glory.



Reunion Sunday

Hundreds of congregants (old and new) gathered in the historic sanctuary of Elmslie Church for Reunion Sunday on 11th September. This event was held as part of our 100th Anniversary Celebrations. The theme for the service was 'Hope Is Here' on which the sermon was preached by **Rev. Chris Baillie** who was the minister of Elmslie Church from 1989-2000. Rev. Baillie and his wife **Carol** travelled all the way from the UK to reunite with their beloved Elmslie congregation. It was a wonderful day of worship, with a fellowship lunch following the service in the church hall.



Anniversary Celebrations Continue

You don't want to miss these special events, which are sure to be a glorious time of reflection, celebration and praising God for all the work He has done through the ministry of our church.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Elmslie Church Sanctuary



Built on Jesus Christ the sure foundation

Attire: Formal

SATURDAY

OCTOBER

29

2022

6:30 PM

Dinner & Entertainment including a Photo Booth

LIONS' COMMUNITY CENTRE
905 Crewe Road, Grand Cayman

Complimentary Full-Colour, 28 Page Commemorative Booklet

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Norbert Stephens

Admission:
CI\$75 (adults) and
CI\$25 (children 12 and under)

Tickets available at: the Church office 949-7923; Godfrey's Enterprise 926-0968; Alex's Variety Store 923-4651; L&T Tyres 949-6162 or Divers Supply 926-2909



PLEASE JOIN US!

as we rededicate the Elmslie Church Sanctuary

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Celebrating
ELMSLIE MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

100

Years

Sunday

30th

OCTOBER

4:00 pm

Guest Preacher:
Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott,
Moderator
The United Church
in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Refreshments will be served
in the church hall
following the service.

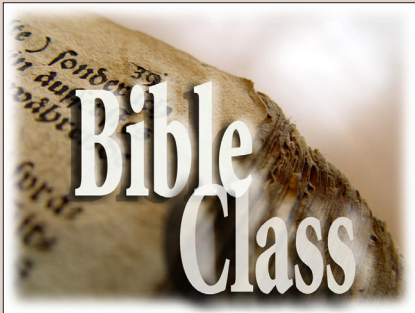
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Adult Bible Class to Begin Again

How important is it to know and understand our faith? The answer is probably obvious. Very! How do we get to do so? Again, it is clear that we have been provided the means – the Bible. How can the Bible help us? We must read and study it, and we need to listen to those who can help us to better know and understand it. Ignorance in this case



is not bliss! An early saint named Jerome once stated, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

The Apostle Paul told his young friend Timothy that "all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us

when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT).

To grow in our faith and to better live out our faith, we need to know our Bibles. Several years ago, an adult Bible class was held before the morning service, and it is to be restarted so as to provide another opportunity to learn more about Scripture. It will start at 9.30 am and will last about 45 minutes. It will be held in the church hall.

The Adult Bible Class (ABC) will initially be taught by **Mike Bowerman** who will do a series on Romans 1-8.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially those who teach Sunday school and cannot hear the service sermon.

Quotable Quotes: How is life viewed?

"The national anthem of hell is, 'I Did It My Way'" (Peter Kreeft).

"It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll; I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul" (Atheist, William Ernest Henry).

"The Teacher (of Ecclesiastes) poignantly sees the emptiness of power, popularity, prestige and pleasure apart from God. The word 'meaningless' appears numerous times to express many things that cannot be understood about God... All earthly goals and ambitions when pursued as ends in themselves lead to dissatisfaction and frustration" (From the Introduction to Ecclesiastes in the New Living Translation).

"People say, 'Seeing is believing.' God says, 'Believing is seeing.' People say, 'Christians are so heavenly-minded as to be no earthly use.' However, unless you are heavenly-minded, you won't be any earthly use" (Anon).

"Never underestimate a life. You never know who is the next 'dot' and how each one will connect – the effect you may have – like Stephen had on Saul of Tarsus" (Ravi Zacharias).

"Wisdom is not the ability to find all the puzzle pieces and put them together again so that your life makes sense, but real wisdom is trusting God even when the pieces don't fit" (Joni Eareckson Tada, who has been a quadriplegic since the age of 17).

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way'" (Minnie Louise Haskins, quoted by King George VI at the beginning of World War 2, and by Queen Elizabeth as she embarked on her 91st year).

Condolences to Sam Rice

We received word early September that Sam's mother, **Elizabeth Rice**, has passed away. She was six months short of her 100th birthday and died at her home in Pittsburg.

It was his mother who first went to Haiti as a missionary, serving there from 1979 - 1984, during the Duvalier days, and Sam, who had qualified as a Registered Nurse, went to join her. She returned to the USA while Sam remained, joined Ministries in Action and established a clinic in Dariol on the south coast. He helped establish Christian schools and churches in the area, as well as building a Christian radio station. It was here that several of the early mission teams from Elmslie first met him. Up to today, many here in Cayman continue to support school children through Sam's sponsorship initiative.

He retired several years ago in order to return home to care for his mother, and at the end of her life was her primary caregiver.

We convey to Sam our sympathy and prayers.



Paul Borthwick Visits

Paul made a quick visit to Cayman at the end of August. He and his wife **Christie** have spend a couple of weeks vacationing at this time of year for several years - until the pandemic interfered.

On this occasion he came alone, for logistical reasons, and spent the time reflecting and preparing but did, as usual, have breakfast



with a number of mission leaders on the island, and he also attended worship at Elmslie where he greeted the congregation.

Paul works for Development Associates International

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Well done, Shana!



Congratulations to **Shana Linwood McLaughlin** on gaining her Masters in Architecture, with Distinction, from Plymouth University. Shana obtained her first degree in 2016 from the Vermont Technical College in Rhode Island. After working here for a few years, she decided to add to her qualifications by going to university in the UK to pursue her Masters. Her mother, **Sherry Lee McLaughlin** was delighted by her success and the opportunity to attend her graduation. Shana was honoured in 2015 by being selected as one of the “Proud of Them” recipients whose pictures are displayed throughout the islands.

Paul Borthwick (Cont'd. from Pg. 3)

(DAI), an organisation which supports and trains church leaders in developing countries round the world, which requires him to travel a lot, and is one of the missionaries supported by Elmslie. Since his visit, he went to Malawi in September – a first visit there, he says – and plans to visit Nigeria later in the year as well as, possibly, Thailand and other countries. Earlier in the year, he had been to Uganda in March and Costa Rica in April, but much of his teaching in the last couple of years has been by Zoom.

Please keep Paul in your prayers, and consider whether you might support him financially as he engages in this strategic ministry.

Baby Blessing



On Sunday, 18th September, **Malachi Arminius Leslie** was blessed by **Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield**. Parents of the baby are **Valarie & Henry Leslie** and his big sister is **Madison**.

The storms of life

As I write this, the potential hurricane is just over 24 hours away. Everyone is running this way and that getting prepared – and rightly so. That’s what we need to do when we are aware of an approaching storm.

But what if we are not able to prepare for those other kinds of storms or, at least, there is little we can do when they come? It might be a serious illness or a tragedy, a sudden job loss or the breakup of a marriage.

As Christians, we need to hold on to two essential facts about God: one, that he is in charge, regardless of how things look and, two, he cares. Remember, it was Jesus who told the disciples to go to the other side of the lake before the furious squall came up threatening to capsize the boat. He wasn’t about to let them drown!

Let us be encouraged to place our total trust in him, even as we face the most threatening of situations.

Michael Bowerman

