

new **winepress** 40p
September & October 2019



**Evening
services**

Go Deeper
starts 1st September
'Gifts of God'

Reflect
starts 8th September
'Faith'

**6.30pm
@ CCO**

Christ Church Orpington

Devoted to Christ – Dedicated to Community

Sharon's Sharings

My mother wanted to visit Brighton to go to The Lanes which she remembered visiting as a young lady a few decades ago. She remembered lots of interesting antique shops and tea shops and curious little knick-knack shops that were fun and interesting to spend the day mooching around.

Well, like most things in life, things change and move on. What we found were that the tea shops had become expensive café's, and the quaint antique shops she longed for had become new-age-type shops often selling curios in the form of skulls and dark objects-d'art, with the occasional offers of palm readings, fortune telling and tarot. Spirituality was on sale. Dark spirituality wanted your money. Dark spirituality wanted to buy your soul.

But The Lanes aren't unique, they aren't the only place selling spirituality. Almost every High Street we went down had at least one shop selling skulls, objects of death and things associated with darkness. People are looking for spirituality, they are hungry for it. We are spiritual beings and have an innate sense that there is more to life than just what we see around us; there is more to life than just this. They see there is power in the occult, and power is attractive. And even if they don't see the power, there is still something darkly attractive in it. What they don't know is that once that dark power has its grip on you, it doesn't let go easily.

And they are right. There is more to life than what we see around us; there is more to life than just this. But there is a spirituality that is not for sale that is light and bright and more powerful than anything on the dark

side. The problem is, for centuries it has often been the church's best kept secret. So people go elsewhere to satisfy their thirst for spiritual things. But we in the church hold the key to the greatest power in the universe – far greater than the greatest power in satan's fingertip – because God is infinitely powerful, but there is a finite limit to satan's power. What satan offers is only a pale reflection of what God offers.

Satan and his dark spirits might be able to guess your future through things like palmistry and tarot, but they don't know it. Only God's Spirit gives prophecy which is the truth. Satan and his dark spirits might be able to tell you what is going on in your life right now, but only God's Spirit will give you the word of knowledge you need to hear in order to change your life. Satan and his dark spirits might be able to effect a measure of healing, but only God's Spirit can heal you fully, mind, body and soul. Satan and his dark spirits might be able to offer some sort of instant highs and temporary peace, but only God's Spirit sets you free to experience real joy and real peace.

Why settle for something that is so second best that it isn't even a patch on the real thing? Why buy the devil's goods and sell your soul to him when the infinite power of God is free to all who ask?

“A man was walking down a street one day when He is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. 'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in though, you will have to spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

So, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course on a summer's day. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. Also there is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.' So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing harps and singing. They have a good time but he keeps thinking of his friends having a ball in hell, so when St. Peter returns the man chooses hell as his eternal destination.

This time when St. Peter escorts him down to hell he finds he is in the middle of a barren fiery land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, emaciated and dressed in rags, and the whole place looks awful. 'I don't understand,' stammers the man. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there is just a hot dry wasteland and my friends look miserable. What happened?' The devil looks at him, smiles and says,

'Yesterday we were recruiting ...
today you're a member.'

This autumn we are running a series on the Gifts of the Spirit at our "Go Deeper" services, and we'd love to see you there if you want to know a little bit more about this. You don't have to be between the ages of 18 and 30 to come, just young at heart.

With much love,
Sharon

Vicar of Christ Church
Orpington



"Go Deeper" is the new name for our fortnightly evening service aimed at young adults (but open to everyone) which we trialled last term, and is a vivid expression of what we want to do. We want to offer a space without walls where we can spend an extended time worshipping the Lord, going deeper into His Presence, hearing from His Word, and responding to His Word and our needs in prayer ministry. Fellowship is important and if you come along early you will find doughnuts and hot chocolate on offer. This term we will be looking at the Gifts of God, starting on the 1st September with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, following through the term with learning about and practising the Gift of Prophecy, The Gift of Dreams and Visions, The Gift of Faith and the Gift of Healing.

Interspersed between the "Go Deeper" services are our **"Reflect"** services. Here we give ourselves time to reflect on God's

Word, share insights and testimonies, use creative liturgy and pray for each other as we rest in God's presence. We want to be inspired to reflect His presence in our daily lives. All are welcome to join us as we enjoy a haven of calm, but also a place of challenge and encouragement. Come at 6 pm to share refreshments together. This term we're focusing on the heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter 11, and learning how our faith can deepen and develop.

Want to know more about God and deepen your relationship with Him? Why don't you think about beginning and ending your Sundays worshipping Him at Christ Church? We would love to see you!

Who wrote the Bible?!



Those of you who attended the Bible Course earlier this year, or who have met the course in your House Groups, will recall that we looked at all 66 books which comprise the Bible, and among other things discovered who the original authors were.

Or rather, we tried. In many cases it is not obvious. Sometimes the attribution of the Book is probably not the actual person who wrote the words. Sometimes we may not know anything about the names. Some of the books have more than one author!

So, who really wrote the Books?

Evangelical Christians tend to say that behind it all is GOD. Those who wrote the actual words felt inspired and helped by God, and believed that they were recording God's view of the history of his people. Jeremiah wrote: "Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, Now I have put my words into your mouth" (Jeremiah 1 v 9). Paul in his letter to the young minister Timothy said "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3 v 16-17).

But what does this mean? "Inspired" is Theopneustos in Greek, it comes from "Theos" (as in theology) = God, and "pneuma" (pneumatic) = wind, air, breath, spirit. So, God is breathing out his word.

The degree to which God "controlled" the writers of the 66 books will never be known. Christians will have views from the extremes of God as a puppet master or as a benign spectator hoping for the best. Most will be between these extremes. And of course those who collated the Bible, and those who translate – to this day – will similarly need to be inspired.

So, who wrote the third Gospel?

Let's move on, and start with a simple one! Obviously, St. Luke!

Well, let's check. Unfortunately Luke's name is nowhere from start to finish in the Gospel. Oh dear. Luckily there are clues! The first few verses of the Gospel,

Chapter 1, are dedicated to Theophilus. Yes, well.

Now go on to the book of the Acts of the Apostles. The first few verses, also to Theophilus, refer to “my former book”. So, the writer of the Gospel is also the writer of Acts! We are moving on.

Fast forward to Acts chapter 16 v 10. After reporting Paul’s actions, the writer suddenly starts to use the pronoun “we”. Why? Because of course he had joined the apostle, seemingly from Troy to Macedonia.

The “we” continues! On to Acts 20 v 5, from Philippi to Troy, then Acts 21 v 17, and lastly Acts 27 and 28, when Paul travelled, finally, to Rome. What a journey that was. But who was this companion?

The last part of the jigsaw. While in Rome Paul wrote several of his epistles. One was Colossians; look at chapter 4 v 14: “Our dear friend Luke the doctor ... sends greetings”. Philemon v 24: “Luke my fellow worker... sends greetings”. 2 Timothy 4 v 11, rather sadly, “Only Luke is with me”.

So, Paul’s companion, who wrote this wonderful record of the early Christians, to follow on his story of the life of Jesus, was Doctor Luke. Almost certainly a gentile, with a beautiful Greek style, he very possibly did not see Jesus but got to know Paul, Silas, John Mark, and James brother of Jesus. He of course will have gained his data from them. And his authorship is supported by the Early Church traditions.

And What is Next?

If you have followed this far, well done. In the next New Winepress we shall swim into the deep end, with a touch of surprise, imagination and controversy as we attempt to answer: **Who wrote Genesis?**

Oh, and the editor would love to hear your comments on this article.

Bob Kendall

Dear Christ Church Family

We want to thank you all for the wonderful service and BBQ on 14th July, and also for your generous gifts and kind words. After so many happy years in Orpington, and so many happy memories with you, our Christ Church family, we certainly leave with a huge sense of loss and gratitude for all that you and the Christ Church community mean to each of us.

It has been a blessing and privilege to share our family life and ministry with you as you have shared yours with us. We do pray that God will bless you all as you continue to build God's Kingdom here, and that you would know the joy of our Lord as your strength as you journey on together with Him.

We will keep you posted about how our Cornish life unfolds and trust that God will direct our paths as we seek His ways...and that many perfect waves will roll in towards Dave, his beard & his surfboard ;-)

Our new address is:

Dave, Caroline, Dan & Lydia Bailey
The Poplars, Quoit, St Columb,
Cornwall. TR9 6HX

Our separate self-catering holiday cottage is in our garden and called 'Penty-Lowarth' which are the Cornish words for 'Garden Cottage'. It is advertised as sleeping 2, but also has a sofa bed, so could accommodate up to 4. It can also take up to two pets. It is available for booking on cottages.com although it is worth contacting us directly first as we are able to offer reduced rates throughout the year for a number of weeks. We are currently refurbishing it, so new photos will be up on the website from the summer.

We would love to see you in Cornwall; please do get in touch if you are in the area and would like to call in - you will always be very welcome. We are hoping to buy a garden arbour seat with your kind gift ... so you definitely need to come and sit on it and have a refreshing drink of your choice!

We look forward to visiting at the end of September when we return for the auspicious occasion of Jenny's Ordination (and to collect Dave's drum kit - sigh of relief, anyone?!).

With our prayers and much love,

Caroline, Dave,
Dan & Lydia Bailey

ALL AGES WELCOME!

You are invited to join us on a Saturday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm for some Messy Fun – creative activities, craft, games, stories, puppets, songs and food!

14th September

12th October

9th November

7th December

**Christ Church Orpington
Charterhouse Road,
Orpington, BR6 9EP**



Everyone is welcome, there will be a play area for little ones and activities and games for children and young people.

An adult must accompany children. Refreshments will be available for parents and carers, with a meal for everyone at the end of the session.

Donations of £1 per adult and 50p per child would be gratefully received.

**For further information please contact Jo Gavin
jo@ccorpington.org**



is a national movement and part of the Bible Reading Fellowship. It creates church communities that are, well, messy! That means we can get messy with paint and glue and other creative stuff, and it means we can get messy in showing our vulnerable sides with one another too.

What happens at Messy Church?

Messy Church will have lots of fun activities for parents and children to do together. Then there will time to worship God before everybody shares food. It's a chance to find out more of God's stories and grow together as God's people. Activities might be art, or games, or drama. The worship might be traditional or modern, or a mixture of both.

We don't have to be perfect when we come to church – our kids' hair can be uncombed, they can make noise, we can be sad or anxious or lonely, and we can explore our wonderful creative God through stuff that leaves Play-Doh and paint everywhere.

Who Is Messy Church For?

Messy Church is for all ages, to worship together and have fun. It's for adults, children and young people. Parents and carers aren't just there to supervise their children – they're there to worship, and come closer to God, and grow in faith. Messy Church can nourish your faith as well as your child's – the experience of worshiping together as a family, walking alongside each other on your journeys, is truly special.

When and where can I find Messy Church?

Messy Church is starting at **Christ Church Orpington** on **Saturday 14th September** between 4pm and 6pm. It will then be held once a month on 12th October, 9th November and 7th December.

All are welcome and it would be wonderful to see you.

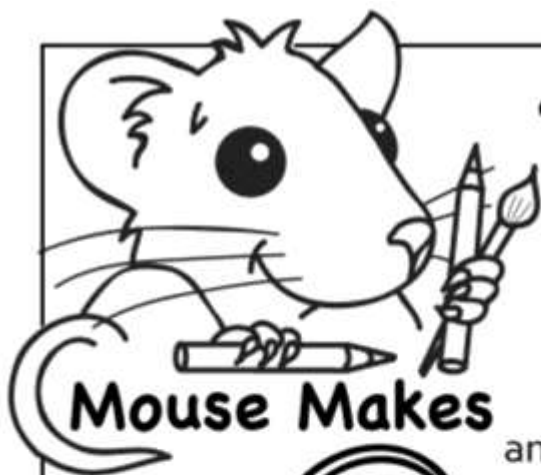
If you want more information and would like to get involved please contact Jo Gavin jo@ccorpington.org

The first Messy Church began in 2004 when a group at St Wilfrid's in Cowplain near Portsmouth were frustrated because, as a church, they were hardly reaching any children with God's story.

They felt they had lovely buildings and facilities but weren't using them enough. They had creative people in the church, and the area needed as much community-building as possible, being a rather featureless suburb.

There was a lot of sympathy towards church in general but the church wasn't offering anything that really gripped the imagination of local families.

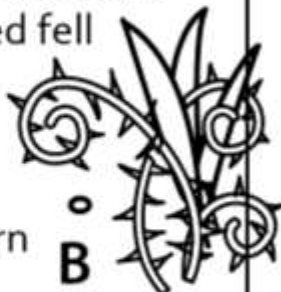
They decided very early on to try to do something for [all ages together](#), partly out of a belief that we grow best as a church when we walk the journey with as many different people as possible, and partly from a desire to help families to grow together in their walk of faith, and not see Christianity as something you grow out of when you're 11.



Mouse Makes

Read
the
story
in
Mark
1:1-20

Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he *scattered* the seed in the field some of it fell along the **path** where it was stepped on and **eaten** by the birds. Some of it fell on **rocky ground**, when the plants sprouted they **dried** up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among **thorns** which grew up with the plants and **choked** them, and some seed fell in the **good** soil; the plants grew and produced corn - a hundred grains each!



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Word Search

Holy Cross Day on 14th September is when the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. It began back in the fourth century, when Helena, mother of the Christian Roman Emperor Constantine, travelled from Rome to Israel to seek out places of special significance to Christians.

Much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans in 135 AD, but even so, Helena located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. And that church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14th September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing about 211 AD, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

HOLY	EMPEROR
CROSS	CONSTANTINE
DAY	ROME
CELEBRATE	ISRAEL
SYMBOL	SITE
TRIUMPH	CRUCIFIXION
VICTORY	BURIAL
DEATH	SEPULCHRE
HELENA	CHURCH
ROMAN	SIGN



Last edition's solution

The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA



Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you'll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

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Last edition's sudoku solution

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OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART LORD

**A CHURCHES TOGETHER IN
ORPINGTON ECUMENICAL
PILGRIMAGE TO**

**THE HOLY LAND
PENTECOST 2020**



***“I DO NOT ASK TO SEE THE
DISTANT SCENE; ONE STEP
ENOUGH FOR ME”
(John Henry Newman 1801-1890)***



DATES: Tuesday 26th May
to Tuesday 2nd June 2020.

ITINERARY: Flights to and from
London Gatwick to Tel Aviv,
Galilee, Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana,
Mt Tabor, Caesarea, Mount Carmel,
Jericho, Jordan Valley, Dead Sea
Qumran, Bethany, Jerusalem, Mount
of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Kareem

and Bethlehem (**may be subject to
change at any time**).

Includes: Return scheduled flights on
EasyJet from Gatwick to Tel Aviv.

Seven nights' accommodation in single or
double occupancy rooms in Hotels in
Tiberias and Jerusalem. Half Board Basis
- to include seven buffet breakfasts and
seven dinners. All touring and transfers
by air-conditioned coaches. Fully
licensed English-speaking guide/ tour
escort to accompany the group in Israel.
All entrance fees and religious services
included.

ATOL and ABTA financial protection
provided by the tour organisers PAX
Travel

**Costs approximately
£1300 - to be confirmed**

**If you would like to come, please add
your name to the sign-up sheet on the
Welcome Desk at back of church
by Sunday 8th September 2019**





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News from Dozie & Nnenna Moneme



We recently visited the last week of the Keswick Convention. Great time of teaching, worship and prayer. This involves driving within a few miles of Dozie & Nnenna's parish of St John's Ravenhead, St Helens. So the day before driving home, we texted D&N to see if it would be convenient to call the following morning. It would.

We arrived around 11am to a great welcome – from Dozie, Nnenna and their three children as well as Nnenna’s mother, Vera, who is staying with them for a while. We

were planning to stay for at most an hour, but they insisted on giving us a delicious lunch. We left around 2.30pm!

The vicarage is located behind the church. The diocese has recently erected a lovely tall, strong fence to keep the children in and there is a good-sized garden with multiple fruit trees.



The church is 150 years old this year – and beautiful. Two large stained-glass windows; two good-sized halls, an office, a vestry, toilets etc. They have a great program and attempt to use every opportunity to draw people into the church and eventually to introduce them to Jesus. They are holding a number of events to celebrate the 150th anniversary including inviting the St Helen's Gospel Choir for an evening of song and worship. There is a dance school with 170 pupils plus 14 ladies attending their adult tap class. They take every opportunity to get involved in local events and issues so that they can bless the area.

Church numbers have just about doubled since they came but they are struggling to attract and keep young people of secondary school age and above. Sports on Sunday compete with Church. They are praying that some at least of their baptism families will continue to attend the Church.

The following “Dozie’s Diary” is printed in the quarterly Church magazine and gives some

idea of his history as well as what is occupying him currently. The first photo shows the family dressed in traditional costumes;; the second shows Dozie and the children outside the vicarage in the Church car park and below is the family standing at the front of the Church.



They were asking after Christ Church and remembering many of our members.

They sent their love to everyone.

Nelson & Ruth Pallister

Dozie’s Diary



Lord, how long?
Psalm 13: 1-6

In this we see David in a challenging situation which had tried his patience to the limit. He felt forsaken by God.

Sometimes we feel the same way and, instead of crying out to God, we withdraw into ourselves and wrestle with our thoughts. This leads us nowhere and only increases our burden. But David reminded himself of God’s character, His covenant of love, and changed direction: *“But I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.”*

Once we move from questions to trust in God, we see God has been good. David’s faith was tested, as was my own.

While in the Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion, during the years I served in one of the dioceses, the bishop does a transfer every four years and you cannot say no. Anywhere he sends you, you must go. In the fourth year of my stay in any church I would pray not to go to a village church, where there were no good roads, no electricity and no good water. Yet, one faithful day, a letter of transfer came for me to go to one such church. I was down in spirit immediately. I felt like God had not answered my prayers, that I deserved a break. Like David, I felt abandoned and rejected. And, to make matters worse, when I arrived, there was no proper church building, people worshipped in the open, in sunshine and rain. How would I overcome these challenges? I went on my knees and prayed: God if you are the one who brought me here, please show me the way. I can only trust you and believe I will see your salvation.

I started working by faith and not by sight, visiting the members of that community and getting to know them and inviting them to come to church. Miraculously, the church grew both spiritually and in numbers. Together, the church building was completed. When I look back, I am so glad I went to God in prayers for directions instead of being angry with God for not answering my prayers. Now I can rejoice and give testimony. If we learn to cast our burdens on Jesus, knowing that He cares for us, our state of disorientation and heartache will change to rejoicing. **Shalom.**

2019 Diary...

Sunday 1st September

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Go Deeper – Holy Spirit

Wednesday 4th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm *Reflect*

Sunday 15th September

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm *Go Deeper* – Prophecy

Sunday 22nd September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm *Reflect*

Harvest Festival



Sunday 29th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Worship
6.30pm *Go Deeper* – Dreams & Visions

Wednesday 2nd October

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October

10.30am Holy Communion
4.30pm Praise & Worship

Sunday 13th October

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm *Go Deeper* – Faith

Sunday 20th October

10.30am Sunday Serving
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm *Go Deeper* – Healing



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Would you like to promote a forthcoming church event or write about one that has just happened (outings, special days, re-unions, etc) then **new winepress** may just be the place to tell the wider community about what life is like at Christ Church!

The closing (copy) date for articles for the next issue is **Friday 4th October**

Please email your articles to our editor Vernon at vandjmapp@gmail.com

If you need more time, contact Vernon on 01689 832433

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Article: essay, report, account, story, write-up, feature, item, piece (of writing), composition, column, paper, tract, study, review, commentary, treatise, analysis, disquisition, discourse.

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Children’s Groups

On Sunday’s

During Morning Services:

The Rainbow Room Crèche is a fun, supervised soft play facility available on Sunday mornings for babies and children aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

CLIMBERS is for children aged 3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall. Activities each week include singing, Bible stories, games and craft

EXPLORERS is for children aged 7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall for singing and crafts in a framework of Christian teaching

Pathfinders is for young people aged 11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of the church for games, videos, drama and discussions, looking at the Bible and discussing relevant issues

During Evening Services:

Juice for young people who are year 10+ in a place where you can be yourself and hear something about how great our God is!
Juice meet on alternate Sunday evenings (6.30pm – 8pm) in the Undercroft at Christ Church.

ATSOC POD (for those year 11+) meet bi-weekly at Costa, Tesco, 4pm - 5pm

Rugby Game

A man had tickets for the Rugby Cup Final. As he sat down, another man came over and asked if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No," he says. "The seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Cup Final, the biggest sporting event in the world and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married," he said sadly.

"Oh ... I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else - a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shook his head.
"No, they're all at the funeral".

Oops

The driver was concentrating on the traffic, but he had this niggling feeling that he had forgotten something. He stopped, checked his suitcases and his wallet and airline ticket, and they were all there. Baffled, he drove on and finally he reached the airport, where he met up with the rest of the family. His little grandson rushed up and hugged him. "Hi Grandpa!

Where's Grannie?"

Tear Here

A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,
But therein lies a trap –
You pull just where it says 'tear here'
And they all land in your lap...

Always on a Sunday

The irate customer called the newsagents, loudly demanding to know where the Sunday edition of her newspaper was. "Madam," said the newsagent patiently, "We have not delivered your Sunday newspaper because today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a sigh of wakening understanding. "Well, now ... so that's why no one was at church today."

In a small town, a businessman applied to build a nightclub, complete with dancing girls. The local Church started a vigorous campaign against this, launching a petition and holding prayers in public. Work progressed, however, right up until the week before the opening, when a lightning strike hit the nightclub and burned it to the ground.

The Church members were rather smug after that until the nightclub owner sued them all, saying they were responsible for the fire. Loudly protesting, the Church members were all taken to court. As the case began, the judge looked over the paperwork and observed: "I don't know how I'm going to decide this. It appears that we have a nightclub owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire Church congregation that doesn't"
