



Precious Lives

I knew it was a compelling story the first time I heard it, and seeing **Precious Lives** in print just gripped me. Patricia Hillary's book tells of her drive to return to Guernsey knowing not why. She and her husband had settled to a comfortable life in Cyprus with

everything they needed, not least the peace and tranquillity away from the trials back home. But something inside Patricia, a power greater than herself, drove her back to her native island. Standing at a garage sale trying to sell their household goods Patricia again wondered "Why? I couldn't explain it, but I knew I had to do it."

The unfolding events reveal how the pieces of this divine choreography came together. They found themselves buying a Victorian farmhouse that needed completely renovating. Once finished the best room in the house was a sun-room extension to the upstairs bedroom and yet Patricia had a feeling she could not claim it for herself. Then people began to give her things that were seemingly superfluous, like an old piano and a food processor. Yet all these items were to come to the fore as it finally became apparent that her daughter was seriously ill, and Patricia had been called home to help her fight cancer. The best room in the house became her daughter's en suite attention centre. Her daughter just happened to find pleasure playing the piano and would you believe even the food processor would be used to chop up her vegetarian diet.

Precious Lives records the battles and the triumphs of this fight against cancer, the support the family received from The Chapel of Christ the Healer at Le Monnaie and that overwhelming sense that Someone Else was on the case. It is a beautiful book written to encourage every reader to believe that there is hope, Divine hope, working through willing hearts.

Proceeds from the sale of this book at £3 each have been kindly donated to St John's Church.

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2010 specials

Make sure you have these autumn dates in your diary

Saturday 4 Sept
Discovering Healing Seminar at St John's Hall 10.30 - 2.30pm

Sunday 12 Sept
Tea Service: 3pm Hall

Saturday 18 Sept
Men's Breakfast
Les Cotils, 8.30am

Churches Together Talents & Treasurers Festival at St Martins

Saturday 25 Sept
Harvest Amballe In...
Noon-1.15

Sunday 26 Sept
Harvest Festivals
9.30 & 10.30

Sunday 3 October
Charybdis Sunday

Sunday 10 October
Harvest Tea Service
At Gardenia Lodge

Saturday 16 October
Discovering Healing Seminar at St John's Hall 10.30 - 3pm

Saturday 6 Nov
Amballe In.. Café
Noon-1.15

Saturday 6 Nov
Confirmation with new Bishop of Basingstoke
4pm Town Church

Sundays

9.00 Breakfast
9.30 Family Fun & Worship, Hall

10.30 Morning
Worship in Church

3pm Tea Service
12 Sept: Hall

Mondays

2.30 **Afternoons**
Tea, chat, quizzes
All Welcome, Hall
Starts again: 6 Sept

Tuesdays

Tuesday Night Live!
7.00 Prayer Prep
7.15 Buffet
8.00 Discussion
9.00 Together time
9.30 Home Time
Starts again: 7 Sept

Thursdays

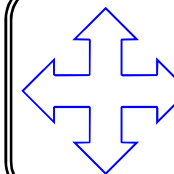
10am **Communion**
with Prayer for you
and your friends in
need. All Welcome.

11am-3pm **Pop In -
Open Church**
With Quiet Room
Inspiration Stations
Tabernacle display
Help in time of need
Tea, Coffee, Cake
Continues all summer

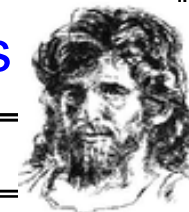
Saturdays

8.30: **Monthly Men's
Breakfast Les Cotils**
Meets again: 18 Sept

Noon: Amballe In....
Meets again: 25 Sept



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August is Old Testament Heroes Month

This month's sermons on Sundays will be about the little known prophet Elisha. His name literally means God is our Salvation.

Sunday 1 August 2010 Following your calling.
1 Kings 19: 11-18 1 Kings 19: 19-21

God appears to Elijah who was hiding, and gives him the task of anointing Elisha to be his successor.

Sunday 8 August 2010 It's God's world

2 Kings 2: 19-22, 2 Kings 4: 1-7

*God cares for individuals and crowds.
Impossible situations are made possible.*

Sunday 15 August 2010 Money can't buy you health

2 Kings 5: 1-14, 2 Kings 5: 15-20

Naaman's faith and loss of pride cures his leprosy

Sunday 22 August 2010 Sick notes to Banknotes

2 Kings 7: 3 -8, 2 Kings 7: 9-15

Lepers lives are enriched physically and materially by God.

Sunday 29 August You and whose army?

2 Kings 6: 8 -14, 2 Kings 6: 15-23

Although surrounded, Elisha alone has faith in the God of miracles who delivers him from God's enemies.

Elisha received his call to the Lord's service out of the blue, but his response was immediate and dramatic. He severed his links with his past life, burning his plough and slaughtering his pair of oxen. He showed his determination to receive what he had been promised by the Lord and would let no one distract him from it. When he came into his own ministry he refused the riches that were offered to him by Naaman the Syrian and he was able to see with spiritual insight that he was not alone in his struggle. The book of Hebrews includes Elisha as an Old Testament hero that should inspire us to greater devotion, because the promises that we have received are greater than his.

Holy Communion this month: 1st, 8th and 29th at 10.30

News from India, Bethany Sharp again thanks everyone for their prayer and support for her recent month long visit to India.

Those at Amballe In.... last month caught a fleeting glance of Bethany as she breezed through Guernsey on her way back from India to Boston MA.

Bethany says she had a wonderful time working with other members of the team, especially in the Children's home. Her photographs show lots of excited children

jumping up and down around the group, putting flowers in their hair and hugging their arms.

'It really opened my eyes to the needs of the world' Bethany reports, 'the things we take for granted are luxuries to them, but their evident poverty didn't undermine the welcome and generosity we received: We were embarrassed to be treated like celebrities.'

There was plenty of time for the team of seven to reflect on their experience and to discuss the best way of helping 'the

poor'. They also looked at the different ways Christian churches in India related to the multi faith society.

They were heartened when one Hindu man said that their team had changed his mind for the good about Christianity. It seems he was impressed by the teams willingness to serve and to get stuck in.

Bethany is spending the rest of the summer helping with a community project in down town Boston.

Refreshing Day

You are welcome to join us at any point on Wednesday 18 August for our very first **Refreshing Day**.

As you will see from the timetable (right) the day begins with Holy Communion and the first of three 15 minute talks.

After each talk there's opportunity to reflect in a personal space in the Church, the Vicarage or the Gardens. You may reflect on a set of questions based on the talk, or you may bring your own devotional book along to read, or you may just like to enjoy the peace and quiet. Although the day will be primarily for personal reflection, we will come together for coffee breaks and a bring your own picnic and we'll conclude with an act of worship altogether.

- 10.00 Holy Communion in Church
- 10.30 Time for reflection
Find a space in the Church, the Vicarage or the garden to Reflect on a chosen Bible passage
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 Bible Reading & Second Talk
- 11.45 More time to reflect
- 12.30 Bring your own picnic lunch
Drinks and cake provided
- 13.30 Bible reading & Third Talk
- 13.45 Final time of reflection
- 14.30 Worship and Tea
- 15.00 Home time.

See brochure to book. No Charge.

Family Fun & Worship

Family Fun is our 9.30 service with families in mind.

On the last Sunday of July we celebrated a special occasion as Rosemary and Peter Powell reached their Golden wedding anniversary. With regulars around Rosemary and Peter renewed their vows and received prayers of blessing from everyone.

This month we're having a Teddy Bear's picnic on Sunday 22 August. There won't be a 9.30 service that day, but everyone is invited to the Vicarage Garden at 4pm.

This will be Jessica's penultimate Sunday with us as she prepares to go to Bible College in Colorado Springs.

Pop In Thursdays

Numbers are growing at our Thursday morning Communion, which always includes opportunity to pray for friends in need and to receive prayer for your own needs too.

From 10.45 – 2pm the church is open for anyone to POP IN and enjoy

- * the Inspiration Stations
- * the Tabernacle display
- * Peace & quiet
- * Tea and Sandwiches
- * help in time of need plus a guided meditation

Discovering Healing

You're welcome to join us on the first Saturday of September (4th) for the next in our series of Healing Teaching days.

Each of these days is a "stand alone" event so it doesn't matter if you haven't been to one before.

This time after an introduction about our understanding of the Christian healing ministry, we will look at this issue of "faith for healing" with the view of being encouraged by the words of Jesus that we only need a mustard seed of faith to move mountains!

There is a minimal charge for the day to cover the cost of lunch and materials.

See brochure to book.

10.30 Session One:

The Foundations of Christian healing: I am the Lord who heals. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Plus Bible discovery of the healings of Jesus. What do these passages tell us about the level of faith needed to receive healing?

11.15 Coffee Break

11.45 Session Two:

Continues the Bible discovery, plus a closer look at questions raised during the morning.

12.30 Simple Subway Lunch

13.30 Session Three:

Worship, meditation & an opportunity to receive personal prayer

14.30 Home time.

See Anita Carey for details of a Franciscan Quiet Day on Wed 11 August at Les Cotils

vicar: Andrew Sharp 720879	reader: Annette Stewart 236244	reader: William Tostevin 243544	vicar's warden Peter Carey 248661	people's warden: Annette Stewart 236244	treasurer: Ron Nicholls-Pratt 237145	asst warden: Michelle Tostevin 243544	asst warden: Rosemary Powell 724674	hall bookings: Jasmine Sharp 720879	asst clergy: Denise Dekker 725265
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