

CHORLEY NEWS

Celebrating 159 years
of service to our community



Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good;
His steadfast love
endures for ever!

I Chronicles 16:34

September 2024

A Story Of A Giant

By Alan Smith

As we celebrate 159 years as a Church and thank God at this time of Harvest, it's a great moment to reflect back on all those brothers and sisters over the ages who have faithfully served the Lord and helped to take His wonderful news of salvation, not just here in North London but all over the world.

'All these many people who have had faith in God are around us like a cloud. Let us put everything out of our lives that keeps us from doing what we should.

Let us keep running in the race that God has planned for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus.'

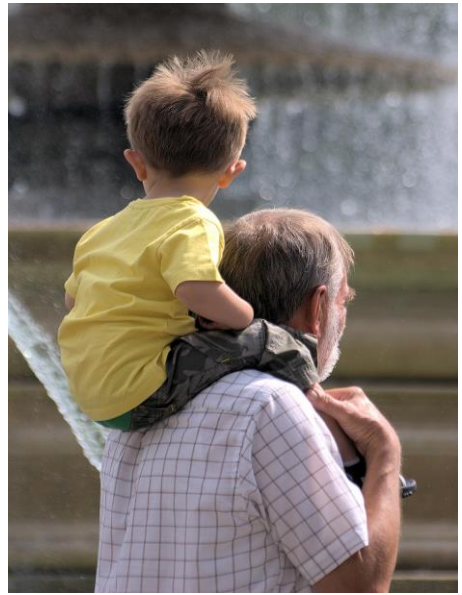
(Hebrews12:1)

Jewish poet and storyteller Noah ben Shea tells this parable

After dinner, the children turned to Jacob and asked if he would tell them a story.

"A story about what?" asked Jacob. "About a giant," shouted the children.

Jacob smiled, leaned against the warm stones at the side of the fireplace, and his voice turned softly inward. "Once there was a boy who asked his father to take him to see the Lord Mayors Parade that passed through the City. The



father, remembering the parade from when he was a boy, quickly agreed, and the next morning the boy and his father set out together.

"As they approached the parade route, people started to push in from all sides, and the crowd grew thick. When the people along the way became almost a wall; the father lifted his son and placed him on his shoulders.

"Soon the parade began and as it passed, the boy kept telling his father how wonderful it was and how spectacular were the colours and images. The boy, in fact, grew so prideful of what he saw that he mocked those who saw less saying, even to his father, 'If only you could see what I see.'"

"But," said Jacob staring straight in the faces of the children, "what the boy did not look at was why he could see. What the boy forgot was that once his father, too, could see."

Then as if he had finished the story, Jacob stopped speaking.

"Is that it?" said a disappointed girl. "We thought you were going to tell us a story about a giant."

"But I did," said Jacob. "I told you a story about a boy who could have been a giant."

"How?" squealed the children.

"A giant," said Jacob, "is anyone who remembers we are all sitting on someone else's shoulders."

"And what does it make us if we don't remember?" asked the boy.

"A burden," answered Jacob.

We all have been richly blessed by those who have gone before us. As a family member, I recognize that I have grandparents and parents who through much sacrifice and effort have given me the opportunity to do things that they couldn't even dream of doing. I



owe a great debt of gratitude to those who gave their lives for the freedoms I am able to enjoy. And as a follower of Jesus, I look back on so many others, not just 159 years but both in recent years and in biblical times, who laid a foundation of faith that gives me the encouragement to draw closer to God myself. I pray that I will never forget that I am sitting on

someone else's shoulders.

‘And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mocking’s and scourging’s, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented -- of whom the world was not worthy.....Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.’ **(Hebrews 11:35-12:1)**

Are you a giant.....or a burden?
Have a great day!

Education Sunday

Paul Hardingham considers the needs of children



Education Sunday takes place on 8th September, as our children return to school after the summer break. It's good opportunity to ask what God thinks of children and how we can reflect this in our schools, churches and families.

Children are valuable to God:

'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:13-14). Jesus' action shows the importance of children to God. In many cultures around the world, children are often abused, exploited or disregarded. God is committed to caring and

protecting them and calls us to do the same.

Children need nurture and guidance:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6).

Gardeners will often attach plants to a pole or trellis to guide their growth. Children also need solid structure to keep their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth on track.

We can support them in their growth and development, and we can be a godly example to them.

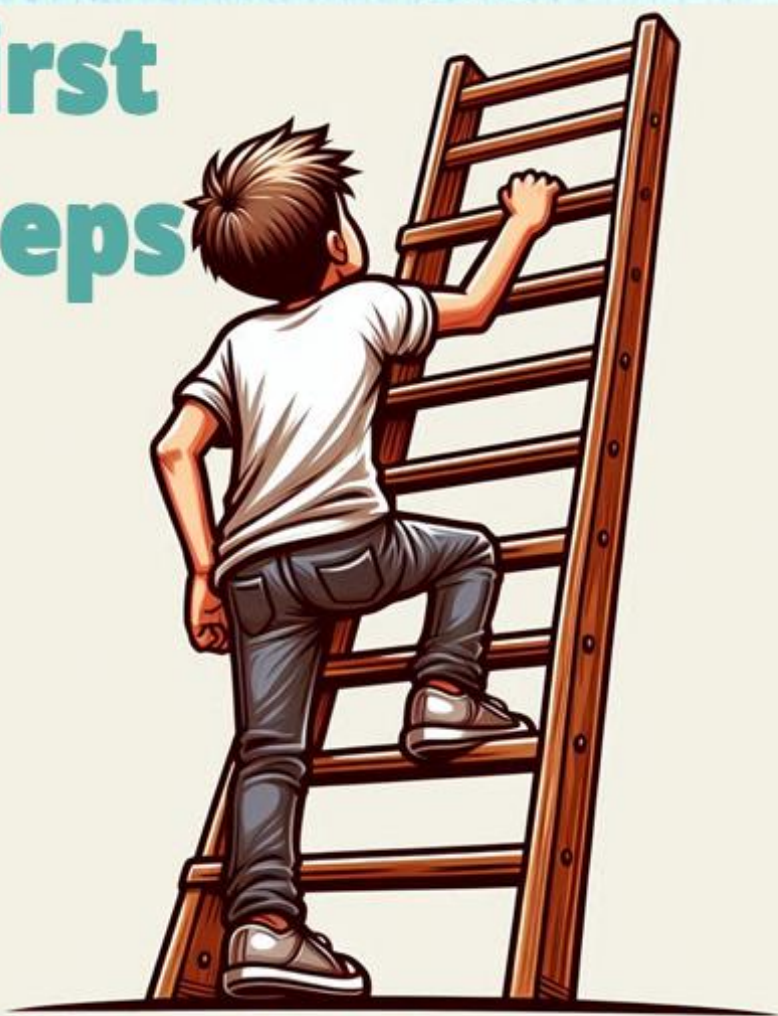
Children need discipline:

'Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.' (Proverbs 29:17). This is not easy and requires the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Discipline is a sign of love, reflecting how God deals with us (Hebrews 12:7). In this way, they'll become adults who fulfil all that the Creator wants them to become.

As Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me' **(Mark 9:37)**.

Following Jesus

First Steps



Bible Study
Growing In Christ Together
Starting Wednesday 4th September
at 7.00 pm

And whatever you do!

Paul Hardingham considers what it takes to be a disciple.

In the church today we sometimes assume that discipleship is more about the sacred part of our life, rather than the secular as well. Are we aware of what God is doing in our school, workplace, with friends and family, on our street or in our leisure time? Whole life disciples spend every day with an awareness of the presence of Jesus in their lives. As the apostle Paul writes:

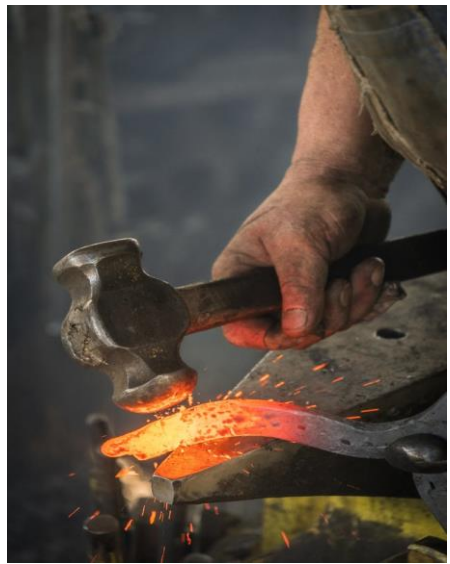
'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' (Colossians 3:17)

SO - we do ordinary things in the name or character of Jesus, i.e. acting in the same way that Jesus would do if He were in our place.

It's helpful to think in terms of frontlines, the places where we spend most of our week:

Everyone has a frontline: young or old, working or not, sick or well. This could be our workplace, home, college, community or club.

This is where God has called us! God is at work on our frontline to shape and use us, making it a place where we can grow as a



disciple and make a difference to those around.

As churches we need to be committed to helping each other see the significance of our frontlines in God's purposes. Are we supporting one another, especially in prayer? As one teacher put it: "I spend an hour a week teaching Sunday school and they haul me up to the front of the church to pray for me. The rest of *the week I'm a full-time teacher and the church has never prayed for me. That says it all.*"

With less than 6% of the UK population now going to church, God wants to use us as salt and light wherever we spend time. Christians are exactly where they need to be to serve Him, so that others might see what a disciple of Jesus looks like, as we grow as disciples ourselves.

**159th
Anniversary
&**

**Harvest
Thanksgiving
Service**

29th September

@ 12.00 noon

**With
Refreshments**

**Join us
Everyone is
Very Welcome**



Barbecue

**Saturday
28th September
5.00 pm**

**Come and
join us,
invite your
friends.
Everyone
is very
Welcome.**



Foodbank

In these summer months, we would like to thank everyone who helps with the foodbank and also helping to put together the bags to give out to the homeless in our city.

As you may know we have this small foodbank, so as to have non perishable groceries permanently available for people in our community.

We would like to thank everyone who have so kindly contributed to the community foodbank. If you would like to continue helping this summer, and of course during the rest of the year by contributing, please bring non perishable groceries such as tins and long life cartons etc. and hand them to Roger.

**Thank You
For Your Support**



On Monday mornings we go and visit people who are unable to come on Sundays and also go and visit people who may not have heard the Good News about Jesus.

We also go to Ridley market and local places like Newington Green and local public spaces like Gillett Square and of course we have a table of free books and Bibles, New Testaments and other portions of scripture in many different languages. We put this table out on the junction of Balls Pond Road and King Henry's Walk.

If you would like any of this literature for yourself or to give to a friend in all different languages, come along and help yourself. But of course we would also love if you could come and help to look after the table, even if only for half an hour.

September @ Chorley

Sunday		Sunday Service	12.00 – 1.30 pm
Monday		Outreach	10.30 – 12.00 pm.
		To the Community	
		Youth Hub	3.30 – 5.30 pm
		(Youth 11 and over)	
Tuesday		Wise-Owls	11.00 – 2.00 pm
		For the over 50's	
		Youth	5.30 – 7.00 pm
		(Children 5 -12 Years of Age)	
Wednesday		Bible Study	7.00 – 8.30 pm
(from 17 th of September)		Coffee Time	3.30 pm
(from 17 th of September)		ECC –	5.00 pm
		(English Conversation Class)	
Friday		Outreach	11.00 – 12.00 pm
		Time of Prayer	6.00 – 7.00 pm
14.09.24	Sat.	Ladies Meeting	12.00 – 2.00 pm
19.09.24	Thurs.	Men's Meeting	7.00 – 9.00 pm
28.09.24	Sat.	Fellowship Day	12.00 (All Day)
		BBQ @ 5.00 pm	

You're Welcome Here!

Harvest Time

*A special time
Where the talk
Is about Sharing.*

*In a world
Sometimes short
Of a little caring.*

*For my hope
Is for the needs
Of many
Will be met.*

*And our Christianity
Become more than just
A safety net.*

*So let
This harvest time
Be real,*

*Let it feed
On the compassion
That we should feel.*

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Looking At You



Walking is a great way to exercise

You may be young or old, working endless hours, or retired. But there is one exercise you can still undertake almost anywhere, for however long or short a time: walking.

According to health specialists, the simple act of walking “ticks so many boxes – improving our brain, mental and musculoskeletal fitness, as well as our physical fitness.”

Here are five reasons why:

**Walking raises your heart rate
and makes you breathe faster.**

It gives you the benefit of a moderate aerobic workout – without the stress on your joints. As for your blood sugar levels, consider this: after a meal your

blood sugar level rises and your pancreas releases insulin to bring it down. But even a five-minute walk can help by blunting the spike in blood sugar. Try and keep your pace brisk – aim for 100 to 130 steps a minute.

Walking improves your bone density

Walking briskly engages the muscles along the back side of your body – the glutes, hamstrings and calves. They in turn put a bit of pull on your bones, which stimulates your bones to produce osteoblasts, which improves your bone density and reduces your risk of osteoporosis.

Walking improves your mood

It stimulates your parasympathetic nervous system (nerves that relax the body during stress) and stimulates your amygdala (that part of you which controls your

emotions). And if you can walk near water (rivers, coast, in the rain) you get exposed to negative ions in the air. These electrically charged molecules are excellent for your mental health.

Walking helps your brain

You will sleep better, and your brain will be in better shape for memory and cognition. Walking also stimulates creative thinking – studies have found walking is a great time for problem-solving.

Walking helps your body shape

An instant way to look younger is to stand tall. So walk with your head up, shoulders back, and lengthen your back, to stand up straighter. And with firmer muscles, your overall body shape will improve, which in turn will boost your confidence!





Chorley Youth

**Every Tuesday from
6.30pm to 8.00pm**

**All children from
5 - 12 years of age
are very welcome.**

**We meet every Tuesday
from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
including school holidays
but not bank holidays.**

**Come and enjoy a place to have fun and relax with others.
A place to participate in activities that you enjoy**

**Table Tennis - Arts and crafts - Pottery - Badminton
Pool - Foosball - Board Games - And Free Refreshments**

**The Youth Club is completely free.
If you would like further information
just come along or contact us on:**

**Tel. 020 7254 6835
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www.chorleyyouth.org**



Chorley Community Church, 9, King Henry's walk, N1 4NX

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

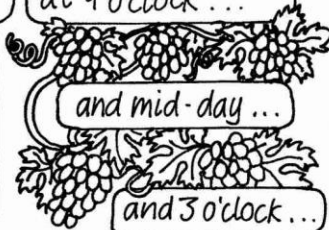
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
A vineyard owner went to the marketplace
at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal
wage for a day's work.



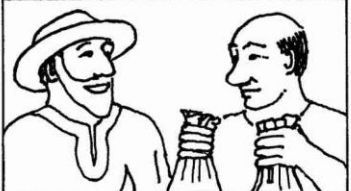
He went out again
at 9 o'clock ...



and again with just 1 hour
to go before sunset.



At the end of the day..



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a
whole day's wage..



and so were those who
had worked all day.



You paid them the same
and we worked all day!



My friend, you agreed
to work for a day's wage

I want to give those
who were hired last
the same as you got.



Or are you jealous because
I'm good to others?

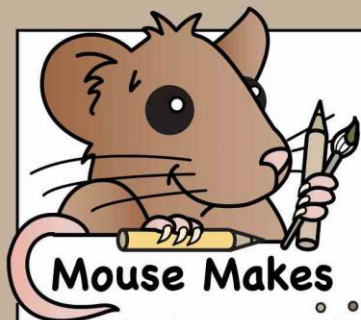


Jesus concluded...



Can't I do what I want
with my own money?

So those
who are
now last will be
first, and the first last.



Mouse Makes

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples
_____ you, O God!
May all the peoples praise you!
The land yields its harvest;
God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
giving you rain from heaven
and crops in their seasons.

He provides you with
plenty of _____. He fills
your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and
spring _____.
_____ at the right time.

He makes sure that we
have the harvest at
just the right time."

Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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NEED • WATER • SUN • SEASON • AUTUMN • SPRING • YIELD • PRODUCE

FRUIT • GATHER • CROPS • PLENTY • PRAY • GOD • PROVIDE • JOY

BLESSED • GOODNESS • SHARE

Find the words from the questions too!

Now Here's a Thought:



A pregnant woman from New York (whose husband was out of the country) gets in a car accident and is knocked unconscious.

When she wakes up 3 days later she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replies, "Ma'am you had twins! - a boy and a girl. We couldn't reach your husband and since your brother was the first one here the day they were born we let him name them for you."

The woman thinks to herself, "Oh No, not my brother ... he's not very bright!"

She asks the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise."

"Wow, that's not a bad, I like it! What's the boy's name?"

"Denephew."



An extremely wealthy 65-year-old man falls in love with a young woman in her twenties and is contemplating a proposal.

"Do you think she'd marry me if I tell her I'm 45?" he asked a friend.

"Your chances are better," said the friend, "if you tell her you're 90."



I got a call from a scammer who said, "I've got all of your passwords."

I said, "Great. What are they? I'll grab a pen."



My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens." Lovely man. Terrible cabinet maker.



Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.



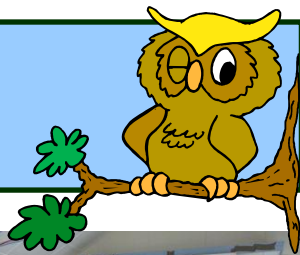
A young couple purchased an old home in Northern New York State from two elderly sisters.

Winter was fast approaching and there was little insulation, but the couple figured: "If they could live here all those years, so can we!"

One November night the temperature plunged below zero and the interior walls were covered with frost. The new owners called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm.

Turns out, they always went to Florida for the winter.

Wise Owls



**Every
Tuesday
From
11 am to 2 pm**

The Wise Owls is for the over 50'ishh...we normally meet on Tuesdays from 11 am to 2 pm.



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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT
GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO
GOOD PEOPLE

At the Wise Owls we also have a light meal at lunch time, around 1.00pm.

Come and meet with other people for coffee, light lunch, games, knitting, gardening, internet access (with a little help), and of course fellowship, or just a friendly chat.

**Come and join us,
it's free and everyone
is very welcome.**



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