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SO WHAT?

'Christ died for you' proclaims the Church. 'So what?' the World replies and shrugs its shoulders in complete indifference. Unfortunately, the Death and Resurrection of Christ is a subject that far too few people try to come to terms with. Many dismiss Easter as being totally irrelevant to their lives. Our problems with Good Friday and Easter in part stem from our understanding of words. 'Christ died because of you' can clarify the issue substantially.

The tragedy of Christ's crucifixion is one in which we all participate. Let's look at the events that happened and some of their latter day counterparts. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus out of the way — he was a threat and danger to their authority.

Pilate found it expedient to have Jesus crucified; it might have been unjust, but it kept the Jewish leaders happy and pragmatism has always served politicians well. Judas is a name that has become synonymous with betrayal; for him there was the temptation of a substantial financial gain and this temptation was too great for him.

The disciples followed Jesus eagerly but ran to save their own skins at the first sign of danger to themselves. We see similar things happening today. There are many people murdered or imprisoned every year throughout our world simply because they have spoken out against injustice.

In our daily lives we exercise political expediency in matters great and small with varying degrees of justice. We live in a society that actively encourages the greed that eventually destroyed Judas. And like the disciples we all too often run for cover instead of standing by our principles.

The sins that sent Christ to the cross are ones we are still guilty of today. Yes, Christ died because of us and the sins of all ages — but that was not the end. Christ rose from the dead. Christ's love for mankind cannot be destroyed by death.

Despite mankind's most bitter rejection of Christ, his response was not condemnation but continuing love. It is for us to respond to Christ's love — a love that will hold us fast through all eternity.
CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

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**FULL DETAILS** of all Services and Activities will be found in the weekly Notice Papers available free in both Churches - which also includes 'SUNDAY LINK', a weekly bulletin for all Christians.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** meets in the Morton Chapel of Bere Regis Church on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 11.15 am.

**EVENSONG** is normally said in Bere Regis Church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.00 pm.

**THE VICAR’S DAY OFF** is normally THURSDAY; please avoid contacting the Vicarage on that day except in emergency.

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BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN APRIL

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL**  Theme: The Upper Room

Our Readings reflect the life-giving presence of the risen Lord. The disciples began to realise that Jesus was present with them whether they could see him or not. We, too, experience his spiritual presence among us and welcome him with joy.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
1 John 5.4 - 12; John 20.19 - 23
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 602 ff)
1 Peter 1.3 - 9; John 20.19 - 29
6.00 pm Evensong
Exodus 16.1 - 15; John 6.24 - 51

**SUNDAY 14 APRIL**  Theme: The Emmaus Road

We are reminded that Jesus leads and teaches us his ways like a good shepherd. We recognise his voice and he knows each of us by name. Just as he led the disciples, on the road to Emmaus, to the point where they recognised him in the breaking of the bread, so he leads us, his sheep, to know him and trust him.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Peter 2.19 - end; John 10.11 - 16
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 607 ff)
Revelation 19.6 - 9; Luke 24.13 - 35
6.00 pm Evensong
Ezekiel 34.1 - 16; John 10.1 - 18

**SUNDAY 21 APRIL**  Theme: The Lakeside

Our theme reflects that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Not only does he live for ever - he is actually life. When we put our trust in him, we become part of that full, complete life, which death will not destroy.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Peter 2.11 - 17; John 16.16 - 22
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 612 ff)
1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11; John 21.1 - 14
6.00 pm Evensong
1 Kings 17.8 - end; John 11.17 - 44

**SUNDAY 28 APRIL**  Theme: The Charge to Peter

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As we follow his footsteps we experience the fellowship of his company, which gives us both courage to do his work and also peace of mind, even when life is difficult.
Parish Registers

**HOLY BAPTISM**
10 February Nicola Sharon PHILLIPS
17 February Sarah Elizabeth HARLEY

**HOLY MATRIMONY**
9 March Simon Charles ROSE and Linda Diane JEANES
Nicholas Smedmore BISHOP and Samantha SKINNER

**BURIAL OF THE DEAD**
21 February Monica June JESTY
13 March Kenneth John WOOLFRIES

**IN MEMORIAM**
JUNE JESTY came to Bere Regis in 1957; among the abiding memories of June will be those of a lovely mum who suffered much pain in her life. The death of her son, Anthony was a great tragedy. Her two strokes and the heart surgery brought considerable suffering and frustration, but June struggled on courageously - not least in the last few months of her life. For June was a good friend to many, she was well-liked, kind and generous. She loved her family: Angela and Tim - and the grandchildren Daniel, Rebecca, Dean, Yvonne and Allison. Our sympathy goes to them all in their loss of a mother and grandmother.

KEN WOOLFRIES was a Dorset man; he was born into the countryside which he loved so much - the birds, the animals, his home and his garden. Ken and Daisy had gone to School together, and their marriage was to last for over 65 years. Hollow Oak was home for fifty years - it meant fresh air, the watercress beds - employment with Bedford and Jesty, all in his beloved Dorset. All Ken’s working life was to be in Bere Regis, with the exception of a few years at Spetisbury. Ken was very much part of the community, and the Church was central to that community; he had been Captain of the Bellringers, Sidemen, PCC Member and much more, not least in growing his much-admired flowers for use in the Church on special occasions. He lived a good life and a simple life: Ken had much to teach and was a well-loved friend to many both old and young. May he rest in peace. Daisy, Brenda and the family are in our prayers at this time.

**THE PLAY & LEARN VAN** will visit in April on...

**THURSDAY 18 APRIL**
11.30 - 12.15 Brat爽tsuddle
2.15 - 3.00 Bere Regis Surgery

**WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL**
9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

**BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL**
On Wednesday 24 April the children will be taking part in a Sponsored Run around the School grounds. Proceeds will go towards the British Olympic Appeal for Barcelona and new equipment for school. If approached by children for sponsorship please be as supportive as you can.

"PASS IT ON"
Look out for details of this vital scheme which will be launched in May to enable you to give more help and support to Bere Regis Church...

**THANK YOU**...
To all who will have given of their time, talents and money to decorate our Churches for the great festival of Easter.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**...
At the April Family Worship at Bere Regis on SUNDAY 14 when the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows will be taking part at 11.00 am.

The Affpuddle Family Worship takes place on SUNDAY 21 April at 11.00 am.

**THE CHURCH ARMY** will be the recipients of the 2nd Sunday Collections in Bere Regis this month. Please support this work of the Anglican Church - there are many leaflets in Church which describe their varied work in Christ's name.

**BOTH CHURCHES** underwent Spring Cleaning in March; our thanks to those who care so much for our beautiful Church buildings.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS** will take place in April after shortened Evensong -
SUNDAY 21 at Bere Regis and SUNDAY 28 at Affpuddle
Please come and support the work of your local Church at these informative and essential meetings.

'TRI' is the third all-night youth festival at Salisbury Cathedral on May 5/6. Details from the Sarum Link or the Vicar.
CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS SIDEMEN'S ROTA: April 1991

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THANKS

Colin and Linda Phillips would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and presents after the birth of their baby daughter Carly Sarah. Many thanks.

KENNETH JOHN WOOLFRIES

Mrs Woolfries with Brenda and Richard thank all friends, neighbours and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy after the loss of a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. The support of so many people at the Church Service was of immense comfort.

We would like to thank the Revd. Burke for all his help throughout this difficult time.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards. £1,324.86 was taken in orders.

Our AGM is to be held on Thursday March 7th, 7.30 pm at 5 Boswell’s Close.

We would very much welcome anyone who would be able to help with fundraising events, or who could come up with new ideas. It involves only a few hours each year, and means that more research can be done to find a cure for cancer.

TO OUR FRIENDS

Charlie and Kath would like to give a big thank you for all the offers of help they received during their flood damage. We appreciate your kindness.

BERE REGIS NEWS

Parish Council

The February meeting discussed the usual wide range of subjects - if it concerns the Parish we probably discuss it - but probably the most dominating was the problem of dogs in the Village centre. This matter brings many complaints to the Council, usually framed as “someone must do something about it”. In essence the problem is that a small number of dog owners allow their animals to run wild and these, together with some actually on leads, foul the pavements, gutters, paths, or mown grass areas, wherever they happen to be. We learned that in the very near future bye-laws will be introduced to make such fouling an offence unless the owner of the dog immediately removes anything deposited (the poop-scoop principle).

It is obvious that any enforcement of these new bye-laws will depend upon the identification of the owner of the offending dog, and the answer to the usual plea of
“what will the Council do about it” has to be that the complainant will have to be prepared to act as a witness, if necessary to Magistrate’s Court level. The fouling problem cannot be resolved without the co-operation of dog-owners - it will be a pity if this co-operation has to be enforced through the legal process. In the interim any complaints about a specific dog should be directed to the Purbeck District Council Dog Warden (telephone Westport House, Wareham 556561, extn 270) or the Police.

We also learned that the vast majority of parishioners who saw the plans for the West Street traffic-calming scheme were broadly in favour of the ideas, and although the County Council may make minor modifications, it is expected that the work will start in April.

A J Wise

YOUTH CENTRE

The Club has been running successfully during the Winter and now attracts about 20 members each open evening. Much hard work has been put into the building by members guided by the Leader Dave Grundell and his friends from Bovington. Barry Parsons and his wife have undertaken the refurbishment of the kitchen area and we now have hot water!

We have an exceptional Leader in the Club with keen helpers and they have a great deal of help from the Group Leader at Bovington. However from the village we have very little support at present. The Management Committee consists only of two persons - Chairman and Treasurer. Now, after twenty five years of looking after the accounts, Molly Carlyle has indicated that she would like to stand down. Molly's example is one that ought to be followed as she first became involved with the formation of the Youth Club when her own children were members. (She now has grandchildren of Youth Club age!)

Thus an appeal please. Would any parents or any others who would like to become involved in this well worth while Club please come forward. Your young people need a strong committee to back up the Leaders. The more there are on the committee then the less individual load. If you would like to become involved then please give me a ring on 471342.

Christopher Mauder

MOTHER’S UNION

Our March meeting started with Communion in Church, followed by a talk in the Vicarage by Canon Andrew Babington. Our April Meeting will be on the 3rd April, and we will have a talk by Joyce Clarke Deanery Youth Officer. The tea hostesses will be Kay March, Olive Curtis and Mary England.

AUTUMN LEAVES

In March we enjoyed a film show which went from wild flowers of Dorset, to onions and the Lake District. Our first tour will be on the 10th April, and will be to the Owl Sanctuary. On the 24th April there will be a 50p as new sale in the Drax Hall.

Future Meetings: 8th May Talk by R.N.L.I., 12th June Summer Outing to Sidmouth, 10th July Open Day and Rose Competition.

SCOUT GROUP

Thank you for your support of our Jumble Sale. The amount raised will appear in the next edition.

The Kimmeridge Clean Up will be on Sunday 7th April from 12.30 pm and will be the final event of Scout Job Week. The Red Post Garage at Winterborne Zelston have agreed to allow scouts to do car cleaning and windscreen washing during the week after Easter and Cubs may well be asking families and friends and neighbours for jobs to do.

There will be no general door to door job hunting by the Group again this year and we hope that there will not be children purporting to be scouts extracting money for their own benefit.

Scout Group Extra - If anyone has scout uniform items which they have no further use for, Mrs D Ventham of Sitterton Farmhouse would be pleased to have them to pass on to other group members.

DIARY

Bere Regis Church Annual Vestry Meeting and A.G.M. Sunday 21st April at 7.00 pm in Church.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

I am most surprised that no mention has been made in this magazine of the wonderful Christmas decorations in the village. I would like to put this right by congratulating everyone who made this possible, the Parish Council, Mr Eastment, and all who had a tree on their property. It was a most impressive display, and won the praise of all visitors. With double the effort next year, we will be Bright, Beautiful Bere.

D.M.P.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

So the war has ended in the Gulf region, for which we thank and praise God indeed. Now comes a fight for “peace”, but of what kind, and how long will it last? No doubt
time will tell.

So, the Easter Celebration has ended for another year, when Christians remember with grateful hearts and thanksgiving the RESURRECTION VICTORY of Christ over sin and Satan, on the CROSS. Now comes the ‘Fight of FAITH’ (1 Timothy 6:12) as born anew believers walk and live in the good of that victory, and enjoy CHRIST’S kind of PEACE, that is everlasting and totally different from the world’s variety. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.” John 14:27.

Do you have God’s peace in your heart and life? He wants you to. “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus .... and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4: 7-9.

There will be another opportunity to learn more about the peace that God gives at our ‘Celebration and Renewal’ meeting on Saturday 27th April at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Peter Douglas from Bristol. Peter has a lively teaching ministry and also prays for the sick and sees them healed, as we witnessed when he came to us two years ago. If you have a need in your life Jesus wants to meet it. Come and find out for yourself on 27th April.

THE R.B.L. GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday 5th March the Club had the pleasure of a Dorset man, who gave an illustrated talk on “General Gardening and Unusual Vegetables”, Arthur Pouncy, who at the age of 87, showed the amount of knowledge he had accumulated over the years. He told the meeting why and how vegetables should be grown, and explained how some of us go about it the wrong way. We should also be more adventurous with produce, try growing tomatoes in “hanging baskets”, the ideal meal to ‘save washing up’, is a quarter of “spaghetti marrow” stuffed with cheese or prawns, the skin takes the place of a plate, a fork is all that is required.

The use of “Argyle Fleece” was another recommendation, to stop insect damage and to protect crops. A most entertaining evening was enjoyed by the Club from a gardener, who has seen a great deal of change over the years.

Tuesday 2nd April a local man Brian Edwards from “Windmill Barrow Farm” Charborough Park, who is an authority on Alpine Flowers will give an illustrated talk “Alpine Flowers in Switzerland”.

Garden Club Information: 471046.

THE R.B.L. WOMEN’S SECTION
Held their monthly meeting on February 21st. 32 members attended including 3 new members.

The main discussion was “Support for the Gulf”, and members were told of letters received from families of men serving out there, that had received Christmas Parcels from the R.B.L.

Slides of local places and Bere Regis “in the snow” which were most interesting were given by the Reverend Jonathan Burke.

A raffle was run by Mrs Stickley and Mrs Peters and teas were served by Mrs Tharly and Mrs Brett.

The Queen Mother will be attending our conference at Bournemouth in May.

Cenotaph for April - Mrs Presslee.

THANK YOU
On behalf of the Service Committee of the Royal British Legion in Bere Regis and also of our County Committee, I wish to express our thanks to all those people who submitted their names, offering accommodation in case of casualties, to families of men and women serving in the Gulf and also those who offered transport, if the need arose.

Thank God we didn’t have to call on you but thank you for caring.

Eileen Maidment
Chairman Service Committee

2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES
What a pleasantly busy month we’ve had?? While still working for their International Patrol Badges, which require a lot of work by the girls as a team, and working for their Trefoil badges which get more difficult as the years progress. On Sunday 3rd March the Guides took part in an orienteering competition in Wareham Forest and despite being among the youngest there, they all did extremely well. Though none of our teams won any prizes it was a most enjoyable ramble on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

On Friday 15th March we are taking a donation to Dorchester Hospital Premature Baby Unit, the money was raised at this year’s Piddle Valley District Thinking Day Service at Puddletown in February. There is also a donation from BERE REGIS BROWNIES for the unit. The money was raised by a sponsored skip bet by the Brownies.

During April some of the work done by Guides and Brownies towards International badges and conservation badges will be on display in the Church. Come along and see if you can spot some of your daughters handiwork.

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH COUNCIL
A coffee morning will be held on Wednesday April 10th at “Watermead” Sitterton (by kind permission of Mrs Byatt) 10.30 am - noon, Cakes • Plants • Raffle.

On Saturday May 11th the A.R.C are holding a National ‘Hippey Day’ Sponsored Walk. The Bere Regis Branch will participate. Anyone who has a replacement Joint or walking difficulty is invited to take part. The route will of course be an easy one. Further details and sponsor forms are available from Mrs Vicki Peters ‘Little Hoathly’ West Street, Bere Regis. Phone 471155. Please do join in and help to raise funds for research in this crippling disease.
IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
A coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 10.30 am at Honeycombe Cottage, Sitterton. There will be a cake stall, plant stall, bring and buy and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!

B.R. FIRST RAINBOWS
Leaders and Unit Helpers would like to say “thank you” to Jill Hutchings and Brian Hallwell for creating the Rainbows Standard designed by Carol Cox. The standard had its first “outing” on 24th February when it was carried at the Thinking Day Service held at Puddletown Church.

Rainbows is available to girls on reaching school age prior to them joining Brownies at the age of seven. Any parents with daughters approaching school starting age may wish to place their names on the waiting list or contact Carol Cox on Bere Regis 471803 for further information.

HEDGEHOG MORNING
Thanks to the tremendous support for this event, the sum of £150 has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Fund to help combat the widespread famine in Africa.

I should like to say a very special thank you to everyone who worked so hard, and to those who came and made it such a success.

P.W.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS
The singers have given an entertainment of popular songs to the Rotarians Daffodil Party.

Anyone wishing to join us please ring Pat Mills 471308 or Kath Jeeves 471175. We enjoy very happy afternoons with a cup of tea etc.

BERE REGIS W.I.
The February meeting brought Mrs Stannard who gave a talk on her experience as a school teacher. Sally Cheeseman read a letter from the New Zealand link lady Mrs Rose Rodd explaining how long we have corresponded to her W.I. in Ashburton, 57 years, various people have written to overseas. The past 41 years, my Gran (Mrs Hall), my Mum (Mrs Andrews) and now myself (Sally Cheeseman) have exchanged letters. Mrs Rodd is a lovely lady and came from New Zealand to visit us 15 years ago.

Saturday April 16th there will be a coffee morning at Merrydown, Sitterton - 10.30 am the home of Pat Mills.

In April the speaker will be Mrs Stone on cake decorations. Tea hostesses for April are: Mrs Hart, Mrs March, Mrs Cockburn.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB
Last year the Social Club raised over £2,100 for charity. This year most of our fund raising efforts will be going into raising money to buy and train a Guide Dog for the Blind. Our first fund raising event will be a 24 hour Sponsored Trivial Pursuit Marathon starting at 9pm on Good Friday and ending at 9pm on Easter Saturday. We hope many of you will support this event. If you would like to sponsor any of the players, please contact Jean McGrory, B.R. 471766 or come into the club when the marathon is taking place.

Membership subscriptions are now due; 14 to 18 year olds £2.00, O.A.P.'s £2.00, others £4.00. Temporary membership is also available.

Waste paper is still being collected and can be left in the papershed behind the Club but only newspapers please, no magazines. The sale of the waste paper goes towards the cost of the O.A.P.'s outing in the summer.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.
We are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th April at 10.30 am in the Village Hall in Briantspuddle. If you have any jumble please contact Pat Hall B.R. 471651 or Kate de Burgh for further enquiries.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th April, 8pm, when Mrs M Styche, our guest speaker will talk to us about “Fashions through the Ages”.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
This month’s meeting will be on April 9th, 2.30 pm, at the Village Hall in Winterbourne Kingston, when Mrs Anne Syrad will give us a demonstration “Around the House”.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 1991

6th 10.30 Bere Regis W.I. Coffee Morning - Merrydown, Sitterton
6/7th Kimmeridge Clean-Up - Scout Group
10th 10.30 ARC Coffee Morning - Watermead, Sitterton
10th 1.30 Autumn Leaves Tour
20th 10.30 Briantspuddle W.I. Jumble Sale - Village Hall
21st 7pm Annual Vestry Meeting and AGM - Bere Regis Church
24th 2.30 pm 'As New' 50p Sale - Autumn Leaves - Drax Hall

MAY 1991

1st 10.30 ICRF Coffee Morning - Honeycombe Cottage, Sitterton
11th ARS Sponsored Walk
13th 6.30 pm Barbecue and Pet Show - Scout H.Q.
24th 7.30 pm BR Carnival Queen Disco - RBL HQ

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN 2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES 2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS 6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
BINGO 7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BLUE VAN 11.15-12.30 - 1st and 3rd Wed (Post Office)
BRITISH LEGION CLUB 7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday, 12.00-2.00 pm & 7.30-10.30 pm Sunday
BRITISH WOMENS SECTION 2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ
BRITISH LEGION YOUTH 7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday
BROWNIES 6.00 pm Wednesday, First School
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CHOIR PRACTICE 7.15 pm Junior, 7.45 pm Full Choir, Friday in Church
CUBS 6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ
FLORAL GROUP 2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall
GUIDES 6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ
MINI MARKET 10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
MOBILE LIBRARY Every Friday - 9.30-10.40 am Car Park
MOTHER & TODDLER 2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church
MOTHERS UNION 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage
PARISH COUNCIL 7.00 pm Penultimate Wednesdays - Drax Hall. Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
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RAINBOWS 4.30 pm Wednesday - Scout HQ
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SCOUTS 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
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W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE 8.00 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
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OUR SAFE STRONGHOLD?

OUR desire for security and safety deeply affects the way we lead our lives. We seek out fortresses to protect ourselves from the outside world and the tumult that surrounds us. The Great Powers have often sought safe strongholds: the French had Dien Bien Phu, the Americans had Saigon, and the Russians had Kabul. In times of war and conflict secure strongholds are sought, and as my examples indicate, are often found wanting.

This retreat from a hostile world applies to individuals as well as to governments. The media bombard us with the problems of society: football hooliganism, crime, violence, and many more. Do we try to solve the problems that threaten us or do we retreat into our castles?

Look around and you will see many new housing developments that look more like fortresses than homes. The developer sells security; the unwanted visitor cannot get beyond the gates. But in seeking security we often condemn ourselves to prisons; they might be luxurious prisons, but they are prisons nevertheless.

In so doing we abandon those we should be helping. Thus we exacerbate the problems of society and make our own positions more insecure. Ultimately the fortresses we build for ourselves become means of tyrannising others.

SAFE FROM/WITH GOD?

Just as no man can be an island, no fortress we build can ever be secure. God keeps breaking into our lives and disturbing our peace. He makes us aware of what we should be doing for our fellows.

God is like a thief that no security system can keep out. However, his desire is not to rob but to enrich and heal our lives. As Martin Luther wrote: ‘Ein feste Burg unser Gott ist noch.’ Yes, it is God who is our safe stronghold and not the fortresses that we build for ourselves.

Yet God is not a stronghold into which we retreat from the world. He is the security that enables us to perform his will in the world – a security that frees us to risk our safety, as Jesus showed on the Cross.

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