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Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 2-6



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# From your Pastor Andrew Gale

*O, the month of May, the merry month of May,  
So frolic, so gay, and so green, so green, so green. Thomas Dekker  
(1572-1632)*

*May is the month when spring and summer finally establish themselves, there may be good days in March and April but there is always the likelihood that harsh winds and rain will return. May sees the settling of the weather into a summer pattern, lighter rains, pleasant breeze and sunshine. It is the month of Maypole and May fayres, of Morris men and images of English countryside, the joyful, merry month of May. The days are long and the weather pleasant. It is a month of hope and expectation.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

*Psalm 23:2-3*

*There are periods in our lives when we enjoy the month of May, when everything is beautiful, we have peace on every side, we have time to relax and enjoy God's presence. Enjoy such seasons and celebrate them as God's gifts. Enjoy God's blessings, in such times don't be tempted to think it is because of your own righteousness or goodness or even because of your great faith that such times of blessing have come to you. God causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:45*

In times of blessing remember to be grateful and humble. Let us give thanks to God for the Mays He brings into our lives.

Andrew

I am His and He is mine

In October 1888, The Lantern magazine printed the following hymn, written by Lyte, who wrote “Abide with me”

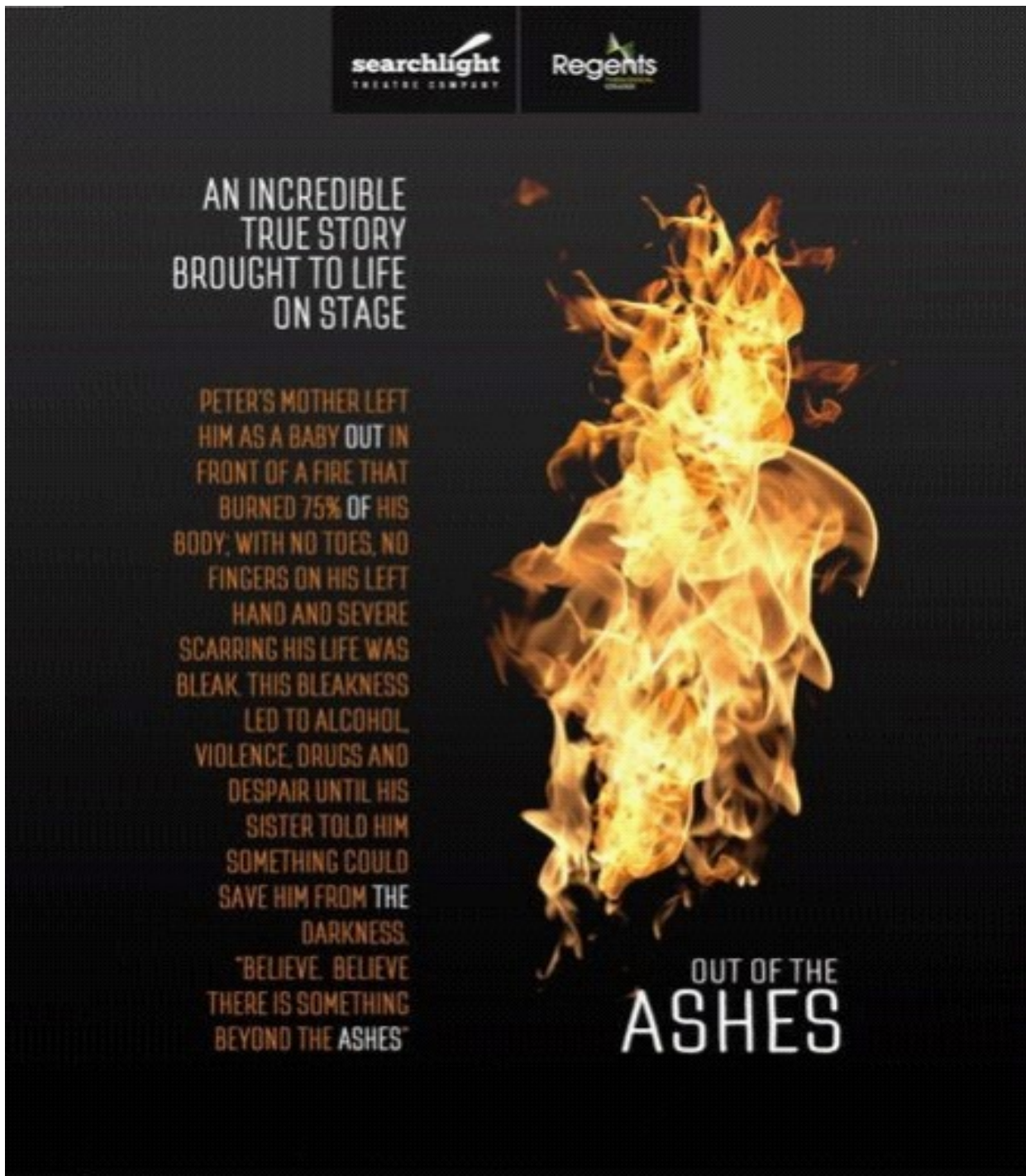
**Long did I toil, and knew no earthly rest;  
Far did I rove, and found no certain home;  
At last I sought them in His sheltering breast,  
Who opes His arms, and bids the weary come.  
With Him I found a home, a rest divine;  
And I since then am His, and He is mine.**

**Yes, He is mine! and naught of earthly things,  
Not all the charms of pleasure, wealth or power,  
The fame of heroes, or the pomp of kings,  
Could tempt me to forgo His love an hour.  
Go, worthless world, I Cry, with all that's thine!  
Go! I my Saviour's arm, and He is mine.**

**The good I have is from His stores supplied,  
The ill is only what He deems the best.  
He for my Friend, I'm rich with naught beside;  
And poor without Him, though of all possessed.  
Changes may come—I take, or I resign,  
Content, while I am His, while He is mine.**

**Whate'er may change, in Him no change is seen,  
A glorious Sun that wanes not nor declines;  
Above the clouds and storms He walks serene,  
And on His people's inward darkness shines:  
All may depart—I fret not, nor repine,  
While I my Saviour's am, while He is mine.**

**He stays me falling; lifts me up hen down;**



Thursday 6th July 7:30 pm at Luton Central Baptist Church, Park Street, Luton

Advance Tickets £10, concessions £5 contact 07914853395 or [pastor@centralbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastor@centralbaptist.org.uk)

# **CHURCH DIARY MAY 2017**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

### **Morning 10.45 am**

(Services led by Minister unless otherwise stated)

*A prayer meeting is held every Sunday before the morning service from 10 am in the Prayer Room*

*7<sup>th</sup> Parade Service*

*14<sup>th</sup> Teaching Service*

*21<sup>st</sup> Breaking of Bread*

*28<sup>th</sup> The elders will lead this service*

*The ever popular Tea and Hymn will take place at 3:30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> May. We drink tea and sing hymns*

*The Sunday evening group will meet at 6 pm each Sunday evening to discuss, prayer, share and sing together*

## **The Notice Board**

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## **Prayer Diary**

We need a new volunteer to prepare the prayer diary. Please speak to Andrew Gale or Peter Gapp if you would be interested in helping the fellowship in this way.

### *May 2017 Social Action Update*

At a time where services for children and young people are being cut, Luton Town Football club are highlighting their charity of the year; Level Trust. From their humble beginnings around a kitchen table in 2013, the charity are continuing to develop their long term strategy for the years to come. Places like the Ashcroft and Ramridge Children's Centre are struggling to cope with the cost of higher rents and charities are being called upon more and more to support the children within the town.

Level Trust exist to help children living in poverty in Luton get the most out of their education. They aim to 'level the playing field' for children and young people so that regardless of background, every child can have access to the same resources and opportunities as their peers. For them it is all about breaking the cycle and allowing children to use their education to lift themselves out of poverty.

For children in Luton and in numerous places around the country, this poverty can come in a variety of forms, such as not having their uniform, not having a meal at home and only having their free school meal during the day. They are unlikely to do fun things in the school holidays like visiting somewhere new, or even going to the local park. Any person who works in a school will be able to tell you of situations that they have come across with children and families being in a state of poverty and need.

In the summer holidays, Level Trust run a summer activity programme for Luton children aged 8-10, which focuses on developing literacy skills through performing arts for two weeks, then improving numeracy skills through sports, with breakfast, lunch and snacks also being provided for. This takes place partly at our neighbour the University of Bedfordshire, with local businesses such as Three Star Coaches, Luton Sixth Form College and Vauxhall supporting them.

Following on from the topic of poverty around children and young people, you may also be aware of young women missing education due to their periods and a lack of sanitary products. This is also an issue that Level Trust are becoming more aware of, with added 'tampon tax' for such products making them a luxury item compared to a heating bill or food in the fridge. This is a very real problem, and many charities including food banks are starting to accept these products in donations to accommodate the growing need.

Issues like these need to be spoken about and no longer be something that is brushed under the carpet. It is not just children in other countries who struggle with poverty, it is children who live around the corner.

Louise Garbett  
Social Action Co-ordinator



## **BMS Birthday Scheme**

2nd	Su Uthayaseelan
4th	Philip Archer
8th	Janet Moss Ron Lee
9th	Gemma Barton
14th	Bill Quinn
25th	Lisa Saxby

### **Church Work Day – Saturday 13th May 2017**

Following the success of last years work day, we are having another one!

Another opportunity to come along and help give the building and grounds a good Spring clean.

You'll be able to join in with: Cleaning, tidying, fixing, gardening, tea making etc.

So, bring your lunch with you and join us from 10:00 am

**Perry Green Services**  
**At 6.00 pm**

\* On the first Sunday of the Month there will be a Prayer meeting at 5.15 pm.

- 7th. Mrs. Ruth Tiso (c)
- 14th. Mrs. Liz van de Pol
- 21st. Mr. Roger Barton
- 28th. Rev. Andrew Gale

**Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 pm**

2nd. Lunch at Bright Star

16th. Hazel Smith

# *Flowers for the Sanctuary*

7<sup>th</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knight.

14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Pat Ridyard – In loving memory of Alan;  
Mr. James Stevens and family – In memory of  
loved ones.

21<sup>st</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Tim Newns.

28<sup>th</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Graham Slough;  
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burley – In memory of  
loved ones.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

A very big thank-you to all friends who donated to extra flowers for the church on Easter Day. It was a pleasure to see such a beautiful array on a very Special Day. Thank you, too, the Flower Arranger who spent so much time making the church look so lovely.

Rita M. Gibbs

# **Programme of Events**

## **JUMP (Tuesdays)**

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

2nd

9th

16th

23rd

## **Ladies in Fellowship Together(L.I.F.T.)**

***(Tuesdays At 8.00 pm)***

- 9th            Tonight it is a pleasure to welcome Brenda Ballentine who will be speaking about her work as a Chaplain at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital
- 23rd          Tonight Mr. Paul Heally will be 'Taking us on a Journey Across Tibet'

## **OPEN EVENING**

## **Thursday Afternoon Fellowship**

**(At 2.30 pm)**

- 4th            T.B.A.
- 11th          William and Lynn Andrews
- 18th          Stan Boleman
- 25th          Dr. Les Ebdon

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 16TH APRIL 2017**

We would lovingly remember those who have lost loved ones. Our love and sympathy to JULIE ANDERSON and family on the tragic death of her nephew in London, and to NEIL WATSON and family whose Grandma died peacefully on 4th April. Quite a number of people have had hospital treatment, tests or appointments including: -

INA BAILEY – a replacement cataract operation, RON LEE – scans, MALCOLM O'DELL – minor operation, JAMES STEVENS – operation on toe, CONNIE ARCHER had a fall and fractured her shoulder and ITA EVANS received good news regarding her recent health problem. DOT COOPER hasn't been at all well.

We do want to uphold all those people, and others we don't know about. Perhaps there are those who are anxious about what the future holds regarding family, health, old age or work. Pray that the Lord will uphold them.

*Ann M Norman*

## **IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE (Genesis 2:18)**

As Christians we know that God has created us to be in relationship with others. One of the earliest lessons we learn in the Bible is that Adam didn't thrive being on his own, so God provided him with a soul mate.

Our modern society has more lonely people in it than ever before, and loneliness is a cause of ill health and early mortality. It doesn't matter whether you are in your 20's or 80's (or anything in between), whether you've never a close soul mate, or whether you are now separated, divorced or widowed, chances are you would love to have someone special in your life to love and be loved by. Someone who'd put you first and who would be first for you.

But finding that person isn't easy – especially if it's important to you that they share your Christian faith. And that's exactly why Katharine Gray established the Christian introduction and friendship service in 1999 to connect like minded and local Christians together. Since then, thousands of Christians have been happily introduced and quite literally lives have been changed.

With hundreds of genuine members, finding someone compatible through friends1st is far easier than you can imagine, and as an organisation that operates entirely off line, you'll be delighted at the support and encouragement and personal attention you'll receive.

If you wish God would provide you with a soul mate, like he did for Adam, give friends1st a call on 0121 405 0417. You might be surprised at how He answers your prayers. Alternatively find out more about the organisation at [www.friends1st.co.uk](http://www.friends1st.co.uk)

**ALICE DORA (GLADYS) CORLEY 1913 – 2017****Born on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1913**

Our mother was actually known as Gladys Corley throughout her life. The story goes that her father was deaf and when he was sent to register her birth he misheard and thought that her name was to be Alice and thus registered her incorrectly. She has always known to her friends and family as Gladys .

Gladys was of the eldest of five children . Her parents were John Coleman from the Coleman family in Caddington and Dora Coleman from the Norris family at Pepperstock.

In her early life she lived with her family at an address on Caddington Green. Later her family moved to 123 Dunstable Road, on the outskirts of Caddington where her father was foremen at a brickworks nearby.

She attended school in Caddington and went to Union Baptist Chapel in Caddington . In her working life she was sent by Lyons Corner Teashop for training in London at the Marble Arch branch and lived for the period at Shepherds Bush with other trainees. She later became a cashier in the teashop in Luton. At some stage she moved to Blundells in Luton which was later to become Debenhams where she was also a cashier. Mum met Dad while he was working at her parents house . They were married in 1938 after which they moved to Russell Rise in Luton and spent 20 years during which time my brother and I were born. My father was exempt from military service during the war as he was deaf but he served as an auxiliary fireman. Later in life Mum worked in the hat industry.

Mum officialy joined Union Church Luton in January 1952 where she worshiped for her whole adult life until transferred to the Central Baptist Church when Union closed. She continued to attend the church until she became too infirm. She was a member of the Ladies Fellowship for many years and she ensured that my brother and I joined the Sunday school and the Boys' Brigade. In fact, the Boys' Brigade became a major part of our lives for many years.





# ***MAY 2017***

**In everything by prayer and petition  
let your requests be known to God.**

**A monthly prayer calendar to help  
us remember different aspects of  
our Church life and beyond.**



## **TOPICS FOR PRAYER**

- Monday 1**      **On this bank holiday, please pray for those who have to work. Many people have a day off, but many are at work in hospitals and care homes, bus stations and airports, garages and shops.**
- Tuesday 2**      **Pray for the deacons meeting this evening.**
- Wednesday 3**      **Pray for the SHIELD group meeting tonight.**
- Thursday 4**      **Pray for Doris Martin, Karen Mullins, and Racheal Akinola.**
- Friday 5**      **Pray for Carol Beasley, Pauline Smith, and Saima Ellul.**
- Saturday 6**      **Pray for the Men's Breakfast this morning at Central, and for Owen Uriah who is leading it.**
- Later in the day, from 11 until 2 at Stopsley Community Primary School there is an event at which Christians from the Roma and Traveller communities will be telling their personal stories of life, and singing their songs! Pray for them as they face a very uncertain future.**
- Sunday 7**      **Pray for the parade and family service today, and for the evening fellowship communion service.**
- Monday 8**      **Pray for the officers and girls of the GB.**
- Tuesday 9**      **Pray for our LIFT group.**
- Wednesday 10**      **Pray for Judy Baker, Joseph Albert, and Simon Littleworth.**

- Thursday 11** Pray for the speaker at today's Thursday Afternoon Fellowship, for all who take part, for those that serve tea and coffee, and for all the members who attend.
- Friday 12** Pray for the boys and their leaders attending BB tonight.
- Saturday 13** Pray that many will turn up to today's "work day" and that it will be a great time of fellowship as well as an opportunity to do some practical jobs around the building.
- Sunday 14** Pray for the ministry at our Perry Green branch.
- Monday 15** Pray for Peter Gapp as he begins to put together next month's edition of CONTACT.
- Tuesday 16** Pray for the church meeting tonight.
- Wednesday 17** Pray for Ian Howard, Dawn Adams, and Sabita Din.
- Thursday 18** The general election is in just three week's time. Pray that all the candidates will present their views honestly and with consideration. Pray that we all may be guided wisely in considering how we should vote.
- Friday 19** Pray for Chloe Blessing, Anu Verghese, and Martin Lord.
- Saturday 20** Pray for our Sunday school teachers preparing for tomorrow's lessons.
- Sunday 21** Pray for our Sunday evening fellowship.

- Monday 22** Pray for the Art Club.
- Pray for Roger Lake, Godwin Jones, and Christine Devereaux.
- Tuesday 23** Pray for JUMP.
- Wednesday 24** Pray for Elizabeth Scott, Leo Yohannan, and Dawn Allen.
- Thursday 25** Today is Ascension Day. The Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join in a global prayer movement for 10 days between now and Pentecost. It's not complicated! We are simply asked to pray in whatever way we want, and with whoever we want, for others to come to know Jesus Christ.
- Friday 26** Pray for Naomi Cousins, Jerry Verghese, and Chun Tsang.
- Saturday 27** Pray for the Youth Club.
- Sunday 28** The elders are responsible for today's morning service. Pray for them in their spiritual leadership of the church. Pray for Pam especially as she steps down from this role, and for wisdom as her successor is sought.
- Pray also for "Tea and Hymns" this afternoon.
- Monday 29** Pray for Hayley Newns, Peter Etteridge, and Sonia Sadaf.
- Tuesday 30** Pray for the Men's prayer meeting, and for the group who gather to play Short Mat Bowls.

## Weekly Church Activities

### ***Sunday***

10.45 am Morning Service  
Communic8 and Crèche  
6.00 pm Evening Service

### ***Monday***

1.00 - 3.00 pm Watercolour Art Club  
6.30 - 9.15 pm Girls Brigade (5-18 years)

### ***Tuesday***

10.00 -11.30 am **JUMP** (Join Us Mums & Pre-schoolers)  
During term time  
2.00 - 4.00 pm Short mat bowls  
8.00 pm Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT)  
(2nd & 4th week)  
10.00 - 12.00 pm Men's Prayer Meeting

### ***Wednesday***

9.30 am (1st Week) Open Prayer Meeting

### ***Thursday***

2.30 pm Thursday Afternoon Fellowship  
7.30 pm Bible Study and Communion

### ***Friday***

6.45 -9.30 pm Boys Brigade

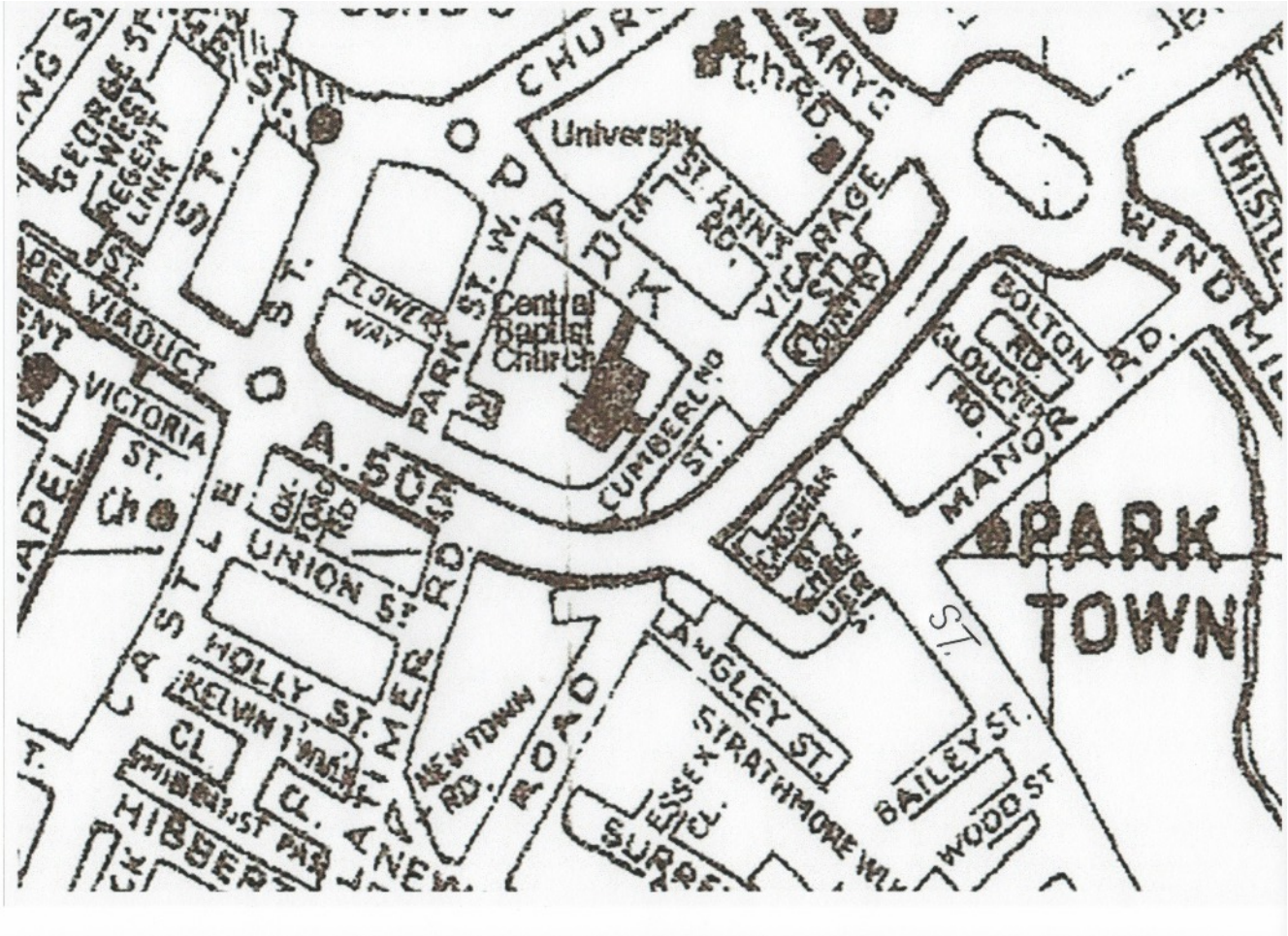
### ***Saturday***

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group -11 years plus

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