

CHELSEA'S ISSUE OF THE MONTH....

The storms in our lives!

Bonjourno fellow youth news readers! Hope you are all good and well.

A few weeks ago I did a talk about the storms that we encounter in our lives at a place called venue 2... and I think that God is telling me to share that with you too. So here goes....

So, let's be brutally honest right? No-one is fine alllll the time. There will come a point in our lives where things just go wrong. We feel as though the world is on our shoulders and that everything is pants. We might think 'God!! Where are you? And why aren't you helping me with all this rubbish that is coming my way??' Basically, having a lack of faith that God will sort everything- just like the disciples when they were fishing and a mahoosive storm struck them and their boat. They questioned Jesus, asking him 'don't you care?' Jesus calmed the storm and simply replied to them... 'Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?' All they had to do was trust in Him right? That's the same for us.

From this I think there are two main things we, as Christians can learn...

Jesus never started a journey he couldn't finish - so he won't ever put us in a situation he knows we won't be able to eventually pull through out of.

Jesus never gets rattled- once we invite him to help us with our journeys he will not leave our side. He's the one who won't walk out on us. Regardless.

However, we might pray for God to take us OUT of the bad situations we're in and having to face/battle our way through. These prayers are what I like to call the 'Forrest Gump prayers' (A prayer that the girl in the film says is 'Dear God, please make me into a bird so I can fly far, far far away.') These prayers are so easy to pray, I do it all the time... asking God to relieve me of something that I don't think I can handle but I've challenged myself and now I'm challenging you to not pray the Forrest Gump prayers. Pray for God to HELP you with your storms and to GUIDE you through them rather than OUT of them.

One last thing before you get completely bored :P When your storm comes- and it's raining and I mean mega raining not just a pathetic dribble... thunder is all you can hear and lightning is all you can see I promise you that you will hear God's voice amidst all of that saying...'cast all your cares on the

Lord and he will sustain

YOU' (psalm 55:22) God is like a rainbow- the good stuff that comes from the rubbish and even if it seems like it is still raining- that rainbow will be there- guiding you away. Wade xx

Things people say... as analysed by an annoying pedant

"He turned around and said to me..." [Did he actually turn around? If so, had he previously got his back to you? Or was he facing you and just fancied doing a 360, or 720, degree turn?]

Boy (talking about the Head teacher at the school he attends): *"I've got a new Head"*. His Dad: *"Oh, I though you looked a bit different."*

"I keep my CDs in a rack" [Isn't there anywhere in this country you can use?]

"Are you blind?" [an advert for people to read – in the Evening Telegraph – trying to find people who might be eligible for compensation due to faulty treatment of eyes a few years ago]

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THE GALLERY ...



One local resident was kind enough to write to *the Evening Telegraph* to say what a good job had been done – and we'd like to thank Rockingham Forest Housing Association for the donation they made towards the cost of hiring the skip.



As mentioned last time, a gang of people (youths, former youth and one future youth) invaded Osborne Close, Gloucester Crescent and Balmoral Avenue in Rushden on an otherwise peaceful Sunday afternoon (Sunday 13th September). Their mission? To collect unwanted items to put in a skip. Their outcome? Success. Their verdict? Quite cool. Local people's verdict? Very helpful.



Auntie Agnes's Advice

Question: I heard Nick Griffin who was on *Question Time* say that his party, the British National Party, is a Christian party. But some of what I've heard him say about people who aren't from this country sounds very harsh. So is the BNP a Christian party?



Answer: No, from what I hear about what the BNP believes, it doesn't seem like a Christian party at all. Nick Griffin is a well-educated man, and can sometimes be quite persuasive in what he says (but doesn't seem to have been on *Question Time*). But I think that his party's racist outlook, in which it seeks to treat white people more favourably than others, means that



supporting the BNP isn't an option for Christians wanting to be followers of Jesus in their everyday lives. Christians should probably be concerned at some of the things that the BNP is concerned about, such as the lack of jobs in some areas, and the power that the big political parties have. But that concern is better expressed through praying for *all* political parties and leaders, and perhaps getting actively involved in one of the other parties.

To submit items to *Youth News*, or ask for it to be e-mailed to you each month, e-mail youthnews@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or ring 01933 316927.

LOOKING AHEAD...

There *won't* be a Passion & Glory in November – as those planning it work out the best way forward.

Sunday 15th
November, 7.30pm:
United Prayer Meeting at Highfield Community Baptist Church: all welcome

Friday 27th,
Thebandwithaname
at St Mary's,
Northampton.
Details on 01604
761104.

STILL WANTED!

A new RACY web master

After doing a lot to develop the RACY website and uploading this journal each month, Jonathan Waller is off to uni. If you want to take over, or know more about what's involved, please speak to Andy P on 01933 316927.

WHAT A WEIRD & WONDERFUL WORLD!

Snowball fight of the month: in January 1863, during the American Civil War, some troops started a snowball fight. Things escalated and, by the end, more than 9,000 soldiers were involved. The fights were later banned among troops after rocks were put into some of the snowballs, causing severe injuries.



Remember may the force be Play. What a cliché!



The Play Rangers are going from strength to strength, by the time this news letter goes out we will have just finished our successful ice skating events in Rushden on the 17th of October and in Oundle on the 24th of October. This event I know has been attended by some of you reading, and I hope you enjoyed it.

Looking to November we plan on doing several events in Rushden with Fruit, Fuel, from Whitefriars, and St Mary's youth group. There are also plans to set up street football in the area so please keep a look out for this as it will be free and be running, in a location to be confirmed, near you.

The big event for us will come in February half term, provisionally booked for the 17th, all are welcome and it is to celebrate Play in East Northamptonshire. It will be run in part by many young people and I hope that you will support them by coming. So pencil this date into next year's diary, if they have been made.

The Play Rangers are funded by The Big Lottery, run by Cultural Community Partnerships on behalf of the East Northamptonshire council. So far we have provided a huge summer programme, Laser games week, Ice skating, Bouncy Castles and much much more.

- Ben Sharland

