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Ideas and contributions for future issues of the Methodist Post always welcome. For the November issue, please send copy to: jovernon1@gmail.com by 10th October. Thank you.

**Cover photo:
Glorious Yorkshire in Autumn**

How fortunate we are to have such fine moors clothed in heather and all close at hand.

Heather was once disregarded as it had strong associations with poverty. Moorland dwellers had a hard life with low productivity as their few sheep foraged on the not very nutritious tips of the heather shoots and sparse grassland. Besom brushes made from matured heather would be sold in the markets whilst in the middle ages heather was used to make beer. It was also used in the tanning of leather and as a yellow dye for wool.

Today, heather honey is much prized with hives being transported to the moors in July and August in time for the purple flowering which lifts the spirits of all who behold it or taste the product of its nectar.

Arthur



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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Last month our friend's son, just turned four started school. He is quite small, full of life and enthusiasm, and loves pre-school, but this seemed such a huge step for him to be making. After all, if he had been born two weeks later, he wouldn't have been in this year's intake. My goddaughter on the other hand went back to her second year in school and she relishes every minute, as she has since she first went; once she got over the initial nerves.



During September, many Methodist Ministers moved to new stations, and for quite a few this would have involved not just moving themselves but the whole family. This would involve finding new schools for their children, and all the stresses and anxiety that this brings about. Some children have to move schools a great deal, and I know that Sue my wife changed schools several times because of her Father's job.

Sue says that each time she went to a new school what she felt was fear; frightened of what the new schools would be like. She remembers the most traumatic move being to Cardiff where the school she went to didn't teach Biology as a separate subject, didn't teach German (both of which she had been studying at her previous school), and having studied the Victorian period for a year towards her GCE's, had to learn all about the Tudors in a very short space of time. Fortunately, the school helped her with Biology and the headmaster himself taught her German and got her through her exams. Although at one point she did appear the naughtiest girl in the school having to wait outside his office every Tuesday and Thursday morning!

Beginning a new school or even a new year in the same school can be a daunting prospect. These days we make it as easy as possible. Children visit their new school beforehand and get to know their new teachers.

This isn't just true of our school years, of course. Beginning a new job, moving home, losing a loved one, even retiring, all these events in life can make us very anxious. But perhaps it is possible to see a new beginning not as something to be fearful of but as a challenge to be excited about. Life is full of challenging beginnings. From the moment we are born we face new beginnings. We can react with fear and anxiety or we can embrace the possibility that the new thing might well be thrilling. I always say to people that if you're going get anything out of something you've got to throw yourself into it.

Christianity is all about new beginnings. But the kind of new beginning Jesus talked about happens when we make a mess of things and have the chance to start over again. He said that no matter how many times we mess up, if we are sorry then God will forgive us and let us start again. He even went so far as to talk about being born again. That has always been such good news to me. Because I know full well that time and time again I make mistakes and I need the chance to begin again. Many of us are too proud to admit that we've messed up. But to do so can set you free. It can be liberating.

Deep down most of us know when we've gone wrong. Take that bold step, admit it to yourself and to God - ask him to forgive you and ask him to help you make a new beginning; which he will gladly do.

Steve

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.

added to their number those who were being saved.

GIVE thanks
SILENCE **Pray**
ACT **read & reflect**

praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

The President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference 2017/2018 remind us to take daily steps forward on our journey with God.

Boston Spa Methodist Church October Diary Dates



Sunday 1st	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service, to include Holy Communion, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Monday 2nd	6.30 for 7pm	Harvest Supper
	6.00pm	Reflections Service, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Wednesday 4th	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
Friday 6th	7.30pm	An Evening with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mrs Heather Shipman
Tuesday 10th	2.00pm	WFG: Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 11th	7.30pm	Men's Group (<i>see p.15</i>)
Friday 13th	12 noon	Light lunches to be served prior to...
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert (<i>see p.11</i>)
Saturday 14th	10am-4pm	Art & Crafts Festival, Village Hall (<i>see p.12</i>)
Sunday 15th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Dr Alan Bell
	6.00pm	United Service of Holy Communion, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Tuesday 17th	10.30am	Evergreens Luncheon Club
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
Friday 20th	7.30pm	Evening Concert (<i>see p.11</i>)
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Tuesday 24th	2.00pm	WFG: Circuit Dedication Service of Sunshine Money
Wednesday 25th	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Andrew Marshall



Regular Bookings (*Events in italics are outside groups*)

Monday	3.15pm	Ping Pong Club
	5.00pm	Senior Table Tennis
	7.30pm	<i>Yoga (Epworth)</i>
Tuesday	4.45pm	<i>Rainbows; 6pm Brownies; 7.30pm Senior Section</i>
Wednesday	9.30-11.00	Busy Bees for pre-school children and their carers (term-time only)
	1.00pm	<i>Upholstery Group (Wesley)</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Yoga (Epworth)</i>
	9.00am	<i>Pilates (Wesley)</i>
	11.00am	<i>Yoga (Wesley)</i>
Thursday	1.00pm	<i>Upholstery Group (Wesley)</i>
	Evening	<i>Slimming World (Wesley) (from 12 October)</i>
	Saturday	10am-Noon

For up-to-date information, see noticeboards/website: www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk
Church rooms may be booked for private functions. Contact **Anne Hovell: 01937 843445**



Boston Spa Church Rotas – October

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Church Stewards
1st	Joan Dyer Pauline O'Melia	HARVEST	Barbara Hudson Jean Walne
8th	Jo & Iain Vernon	Eva Mills	Pauline O'Melia Bob Hutchinson
15th	Julie Thompson Val Woodhams	Betty Aspinal	Joan Dyer Heather Grant
22nd	Heather and Claire Grant	Ursula Turner	Heather Grant Bob Hutchinson
29th	Mike & Jean Henzell	Chris Tunnicliffe	Joan Dyer Jean Walne

Saturday Coffee	
7th	Brian & Jackie Marsden
14th	<i>(No coffee morning)</i>
21st	Mike & Jean Walne
28th	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson
4 Nov	Heather Grant

Sunday Coffee	
1st	Julie Thompson, Val Woodhams
8th	Bob & Wendy Wade
15th	Ursula Turner, Eva Mills
22nd	David & Barbara Parrott
29th	Ken & Judith Grimditch
5 Nov	Jean Walne, Sheila Anderson Jackie Marsden

Busy Bees	
4th	Christine Mitchell
11th	Jean Walne
18th	Carmen Ashton
25th	HALF TERM

Cleaning	
2nd-15th	Roger & Chris Tunnicliffe
16th-29th	Dennis & Carmen Ashton
30th Oct -12th Nov	Jackie & Brian Marsden



Birthday Greetings

Women's Friendship Group
4th – Peggy Snell, 22nd – Mary Ibbotson, 23rd – Audrey Owers



Margaret (Molly) Birkby Fowler 1936-2017

On Wednesday 13th September, following her death on Thursday 31st August, members of the church family and friends joined together with Molly's family to celebrate her life in a Thanksgiving Service led by Revd Steve Jakeman.

Molly Fowler was born in Pontefract on 14th January 1936 to Annie and Granville Millward, the eldest of two children, the youngest being her brother John. Who sadly died a while ago. Educated in Pontefract she went on to St Catherine's College in Liverpool and not only attained her

teaching qualification but also completed a Religious Teaching Certificate, majoring in Old and New Testament Studies and Church Doctrine.

Her first teaching post was at West Park Country Secondary School in Leeds teaching Maths and then Molly moved to Ackworth School in Pontefract where she taught GCE Maths, and Science to the Junior School. It was here that she was to meet her husband to be Peter Fowler, although not long after that she moved to Welwyn garden City to take up a teaching post at the Mater Dei School for Girls teaching both GCE Maths and Physics.

Peter followed Molly down south, and it was on 2nd April 1964 that they tied the knot in Ackworth rather than take both families all the way down to Welwyn. During this time Molly continued teaching and she was promoted to Acting Head of Department in 1966 Peter and Molly moved back to Bramham in 1969 and she took up a post at Castleford School which is where she met Norman Thomas, a long-standing member of Boston Spa Methodist Church (BSMC).

1969 was an auspicious year for Molly and Peter for this was the year that their son John was born, and about the time that Peter and Molly came to join us at BSMC.

Many of the church family have many memories of time spent together with Molly and Peter, sharing similar interests in food, music and Canasta. Molly who loved music quickly joined the choir, enjoying both singing and joining in Church productions of G&S operas and other musical theatre productions.

Molly enthusiastically supported the life of the church, taking on roles not only of Church Steward but also of Circuit Steward. She was a great supporter of Methodist Women in Britain, starting from when it was still known as Women's Network through to the present day.

Molly trained for and was accredited as a Worship Leader at BSMC, and was well known for the Songs of Praise Services which she organized, including the last one held here in July, which was appreciated by so many people.

Molly lost her husband Peter in 1983 to Leukemia, and from then on brought up their son John on her own, whilst continuing her teaching career.

Molly was kind, caring and happy to give her time in supporting not only this church. but also, Meals on Wheels, Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association, Inner

Wheel (Rotary Association) and the Village Hall in Long Marston where she lived. She particularly loved her family and was very close John, Jayne his fiancée and John's daughter Aimee and on the very windy day when we joined together to give thanks for her life, the love in which she was held filled the Chapel.

It is with a mixture of sadness for having lost a friend but with gladness for her that she is now at peace, after a brief time in hospital, that we give thanks to God for the life and love of our friend Molly Fowler.

Gerald Payling: We were saddened to hear of the death of one of the much-loved and respected members of our congregation at Boston Spa. Gerald passed away on Saturday 16th September.

There will be a full obituary in next month's magazine.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all his family and to Joan Dyer at this very sad time.



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- 8th 10.30am Communion Service, led by Revd Uell Kennedy
- 15th 10.30am Contemporary Service – All age worship led by Revd Steve Jakeman
- 22nd 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Mr Joseph Kwallah
- 29th 10.30am Morning Worship, led by Mr John Binns

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Vestry
1st	Sheila & Katy Biercamp	Ros McCall	Alison Smith
8th	Margaret Suggate	Alison Smith	Michael Whaley
15th	Catherine Catton	Joyce Forth	David Barrow
22nd	Alison Smith & Julie Norman	Carol Smith	Jason Turner
29th	Hazel Greenwood & Carol Smith	Margaret Suggate	David Mountain
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.
Mother Teresa



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HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

On Sunday 10 September we welcomed Rev Steve Barlow to lead our Harvest Festival service. Our children were challenged to recognise the fruit and vegetables brought as thanks for a plentiful lifestyle we all are lucky enough to have. We then discovered the diversity of food we all liked and sang about them. Thanks to everyone for the plentiful contributions of Harvest goods.

The following evening we all gathered for our Harvest Supper in the style of a Faith meal. The range of food was amazing and there was no shortage of anything. Safe to say everyone went home rather full! We were entertained



with music and songs from Ken Waller who sang a quite wide variety of songs (which we all knew) but words were supplied just in case. Kathryn Whaley then auctioned off the remaining produce for which people donated generously, and a total of £144.50 was raised for the Nepal Project.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way, donated food and attended on the night to make the evening such a success.
Ros McCall



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Lunchtime Concert

Our next Lunchtime Concert will be held on Friday 13th October, at 1pm with the return of **Dapper's Delight**.

Susanna Borsch and Adrian Brown gave a really charming concert 2 years ago with voice, recorders and anglo-concertina. They live in Amsterdam with their 8 year old son, Rufus, who travels with them. This is a unique concert and an absolute delight in every way. Please come and enjoy it; you will have to wait another two years for their next performance! Light lunches will be served from noon. Concert admission is £5.



Our next lunchtime concert will be held on **Friday 10th November** when we welcome Richard Hinsley on the piano. Tickets £5.

EVENING CONCERT

We are delighted to present The Elysian Singers at our next Evening Concert on Friday 20th October, at 7.30pm. Admission £5 to include light refreshments.



The Elysian Singers, based in Wetherby, has just over 30 members. The choir was founded in 1974 as a small madrigal group, but has expanded and changed over the years. It now sings mainly 'serious' music, secular and sacred, mostly unaccompanied, in four or more parts. The repertoire stretches from the 16th century to the present day. The Director of Music, Jonathan Power, joined the choir in 1998. He is the Head of Performing Arts at Salendine Nook High School, Huddersfield. Jonathan himself sings with the international touring choir "Sine Nomine".

The choir last sang in Boston Spa Methodist Church for their 40th Anniversary concert in April 2014.

Tickets available from Judith England 01937 844376 or on the door.
To find out more about the Elysian Singers, visit their website at www.elysiansingerswetherby.org.uk

Check our website for further details of all of our concerts:
www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk



As in previous years we have been asked to run the café at the Art & Crafts Festival on Saturday 14th October, from 10am-4pm in the village hall. This is a good opportunity for outreach in our community, and also fun to work as a team in the café!

If you are able to help on the day on a rota system, or will bake something for the refreshment stall, please contact myself or sign the list in the Church hall. Thanking you in anticipation.

Heather Grant Tel. 844755

The Boston Spa Art & Crafts Festival, to be held on Friday 13th October, 10am-5pm and Saturday 14th, 10am-4pm, was started in 2009 as one of a number of community events to celebrate the centenary of Boston Spa Village Hall. The success of that first event resulted in the decision to run the Festival as an annual event. A feature of the event is that the artists are present throughout the two days of the Festival. This year will see the ninth annual Boston Spa Art and Crafts Festival.



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Christmas Tree Festival

6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th December 2017

I hate to mention the 'C' word so early, but whichever way you look at it Christmas will soon be upon us, and this year, as last year, plans are well under way at Boston Spa Methodist Church for the annual Christmas Tree Festival.

The Festival will open on Wednesday 6th December at 2:30 pm and this year St Mary's School will open the Festival for us. The Festival will then continue through the Thursday from 12:00 noon until Sunday when we will close, as in the past two years, with our Festival Carol Service.

There will be food, music and, of course, beautifully decorated trees, so make a note in your diaries, and if you are able to help in any way please speak to me.

Sue Jakeman



Jazz Worship 'swing a new song to the Lord'

On 27th August 2017, Boston Spa Methodist Church was pleased to welcome our friends from St Mary's for a very special service of Praise and Worship with the music played for us by Jeff and Anne Barnhart, two incredibly talented musicians from the States, who were in the middle of their UK tour. They were joined on the double-bass by our very own Rev Steve, and led us in lively and uplifting worship.



The digital piano, very generously given to us by our brothers and sisters at Cross Gates Methodist Church, certainly came into its own; coming alive at the fingertips of Jeff, as he, Anne and Steve played amazing hymns which included *What a Friend we have in Jesus, Amazing Grace, Sing of the Lord's Goodness, Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah*. The service was rounded off with a rousing rendition of *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

What a privilege it was to be able to praise our Lord with such joy and enthusiasm, as we are encouraged to do by Psalm 150. Our thanks go to all those who helped to make this celebration possible.

Our Roving Reporter



Andrew Morgan

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Getting to know you

We have been glad to see some newcomers in church recently. They have agreed to tell us something about themselves so that we can get to know them better. Here is the first of several such items.



Tony Jefferies

Tony was born in Bath. His wife died 19 years ago. Tony and his son moved to Boston Spa in May of this year, to be closer to his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren who moved to Yorkshire some 15 years ago and live near Boston Spa.

Tony worked for 43 years in the NHS, in administration, management services and management development. When a service reorganisation made his post redundant, he continued to work for some years as a self-employed consultant.

Tony loves the real village atmosphere of Boston Spa. It is on the flat, has a post office, a small library, a garage, 2 pubs, a pharmacy and a range of essential independent shops.

He wanted to find and join a welcoming church. Tony believes that a church is really the people who worship there; the building provides the facilities for worship, meetings and fellowship. He was looking for a church big enough to be effective but small enough for its members to know each other; where the leadership was enthusiastic and positive; and which was clearly Bible-based. It had to be welcoming and friendly. It should be a church where sermons were well-prepared and delivered, where the services were simple to understand and where it was easy to know when to stand, sit, listen, sing and pray. It should be a church where congregation members welcomed people at the door, issued hymn books, led services, read lessons and led prayers. It had to be very close to Tony's home, and where he was likely to meet members in the street when out shopping, and so on. Worship and fellowship had to go hand in hand.

Some neighbours told him that our church is a welcoming church, so Tony decided to try us out. On his first visit, Sue (our minister's wife) spotted him as soon as he entered the body of the church and introduced him to a number of people who spoke to him not only before the service but downstairs after worship. Tony felt welcomed and at ease. Since then he has come to know more people and feels very much at home. He believes that he has found what he was looking for.

Tony was interviewed by Carmen



Boston Spa Methodist Church Men's Group

Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm: OPEN MEETING – all welcome
Speaker: Melvyn Cook will present an illustrated talk on Sri Lanka

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The water of life?.....

Human life could not exist without water. It is one of the largest single components of almost every organism on earth. As I write this, it is also one of the largest single components of our radio and television news bulletins and newspaper coverage. They're telling us that too much water can be disastrous.

Tropical storm Harvey has dumped on Houston, Texas, a year's rain in just a few days. We have seen the pictures. Atmospheric conditions kept it trapped over Houston rather than moving on steadily. Now, it is over Louisiana and wreaking damage there. In Houston alone, tens of thousands of people have been made homeless by the flooding and the storm force winds. The damage is incalculable. There have been explosions at a large flooded chemicals complex. The governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, said today that the worst is not yet over.

Why do we know so much less about the floods that have ravaged India, Bangladesh and Nepal (and now Pakistan) this year and are still doing so? At least 1,200 people have died and millions have been stranded by the worst monsoon floods in South Asia for many years. They are threatened by food shortage and disease. Are they less newsworthy than Harvey and the United States?

But there is another side to the picture. Too little rain is as disastrous as too much. Parts of Africa are suffering their worst drought for 70 years. In February the Kenyan government declared the drought there to be a "national disaster", and Kenya is only one of the countries affected. The UN has declared the drought to be the biggest humanitarian crisis in over 70 years. Millions are in danger of starvation.

So, as we take our clean water supply – literally "on tap" – for granted, let's think of people sitting on their roofs in Houston, waiting to be rescued, or stranded by rising water in Mumbai, or children dying of thirst and starvation in Africa; and let's at least pray for them. And – wherever there's need – let's give and do what we can to help them.

Dennis

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Christian Motorcyclists Association

If you arrived at church for our regular morning worship at Boston Spa on 10th September, you could be forgiven for thinking you were in the wrong place, as the photo on the right will bear out.

We were in for a very different service, led by Mr Mike Fitton, who is the UK Chairman of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA).



“As motorcyclists there is nothing more exciting than riding a motorcycle, but as Christians we have discovered that there is nothing as fulfilling as knowing Jesus personally.”

Mike had a wonderfully relaxed approach and he spoke powerfully. I was particularly struck by his telling of “The Silent Sermon”, which will remain with me for a very long time. During the service, Mike had the help of his wife Sandy, who gave a moving testimony, and other members of CMA, who brought us the readings and prayers, all of whom spoke with great conviction and from the heart.

Of course, Mike has a particular affiliation with our church, having spent part of his youth in Boston Spa. Our church also hosts the CMA regional annual gathering.

I was certainly glad that I hadn't missed this service!

Jo Vernon

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Christian enters the City of Gold

Refreshed and excited at the prospect of reaching the Celestial City, Christian and *Hopeful* stepped out purposefully and in no time found that the light reflected from the gold from which the City was built shone so brightly that they could only look upon the glorious sight through smoked glass. As they drew nearer, two men with radiant faces and clothed in shining raiment of pure gold thread met them and enquired as to whither they came and what dangers they had overcome during their journeying. Upon hearing of their adventures they told the pilgrims that they had but two more problems to face before they could enter the City. "Do join us then" entreated Christian, "that we might thereby be strengthened in facing our final ordeals"; "but we cannot" the men replied, "for it is by your faith alone that you may cross and enter therein". And so, with trepidation, Christian and *Hopeful*, accompanied by the two men, continued towards their ultimate goal.

Ahead lay the City gate, but to their utter dismay they saw, that between them and the gate, a great river flowed and they could see no bridge by means of which to reach the gate. "Is there no other way" they asked, "only that afforded to Enoch and Elijah" (Genesis 5 v 21-24, 2 Kings 2 v 11) the men replied and despite their appeals for help, they were instructed that they could only cross by virtue of their own faith. And so it was that Christian and *Hopeful* came to stand on the banks of the river, fearful that they would, on this final assault, be defeated.

As he stepped into the water and began to wade into the ever deepening stream, Christian felt that he was about to drown and cried out, but *Hopeful* entreated him to 'be of good cheer' for he could feel the solid ground beneath his feet. Christian, in contrast, was so greatly troubled that he continually cried out in desperation and confusion. As his life flashed before him he was weighed down by a sense of guilt for all of the sins that he had committed. 'I shall not reach the city' he cried, as visions of hobgoblins and various manifestations of evil overcame him, 'I will surely drown in these turbulent waters.' *Hopeful* struggled to reassure him but Christian was sorely troubled until he was reminded by his companion that "*Jesus Christ maketh thee whole.*" These words of life struck Christian like a bolt of lightning and he suddenly brightened and cried out "look, I can see the gate and there are men awaiting our arrival". As they stepped from the waters, Christian and *Hopeful* were joined by two men who awaited them and led them to the steep path which led to the bright shining city.

Whilst they stood and beheld the path, the two '*shining persons*' spoke to them of what lay ahead in the Heavenly City of Mount Zion, Jerusalem. They told them that they would receive white robes, would meet Abraham, Elijah and all the prophets and would be able to talk with God each day. They reassured them that they would no longer be troubled by the horrors of the Earth, that here there was no sickness or disease, no sorrows or death, no pains or evil, only that which is good would accompany them in the Celestial City. Christian and *Hopeful* then asked what would be expected of them in the city and were told that they must accept all the joy that was given to them and that they would wear the crowns of gold. They learned that they would meet old friends

and happily receive all who came after them and would be seated near to God when He sat upon the throne of judgement and passed sentence upon all that were evil; and when God came down from the throne, they would join him as the trumpets sounded their return to the city.

Thus enlightened, the Pilgrims drew near to the gate where they were greeted by a great crowd. The heavenly host exclaimed with a loud voice that 'they had come to join the marriage feast of the Lamb,' whilst trumpeters made *continuous and melodious noise* and may bells did ring in greeting.

And so it was that Christian and *Hopeful* arrived at the gate where they presented their certificates which were taken to the King that he might peruse them and so, seeing that each were good men, he gave the order to bid them enter. As they did so, each was changed; their appearance was as ones clothed in gold with crowns of gold upon their heads and they heard the angels calling one to another, "*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord*".

After these events had taken place, Christian looked from the city towards the river and there he perceived that "Ignorance" had sought the connivance of a ferryman called *Vainhope* who had carried him without any disturbance over the troubled waters. Without greetings or any of the joyful sounds which accompanied Christian and *Hopeful*, he arrived at the gate, where *Vainhope* was asked for his certificate of faith and obedience. Having no such document, the guardians reported to the King who instructed that Ignorance be 'bound head and foot and taken away'.

Then concludes Bunyan "I awoke, and behold it was a dream!"

Condensed from an 1851 copy of the original (Pub: David Bogue. London)

Arthur Faulkner

Note: Whilst this is but a highly condensed version of the original, I have tried to be true to the text and have included representative accounts which illustrate not only many of the great truths of the scriptures but also give an insight into the views held by a post reformation Puritan preacher and writer. Some of the understanding expressed by Bunyan is, no doubt, at variance with our modern way of thinking which is perhaps, a rather watered down version of the truth. Nevertheless, I have been impressed by Bunyan's extensive knowledge with over 200 biblical references and only wish that in these times we could engender an interest in reading the Word of God in order to strengthen our faith.

This work only covers Part 1 of the book with a further 100 pages being devoted to an introductory memoir and apology of the author as well as part 2 which is all but 20 pages short of part 1 in length. The book concludes with a very extensive index/concordance.

If anyone would like to see a full version, please have a word with me.

Arthur

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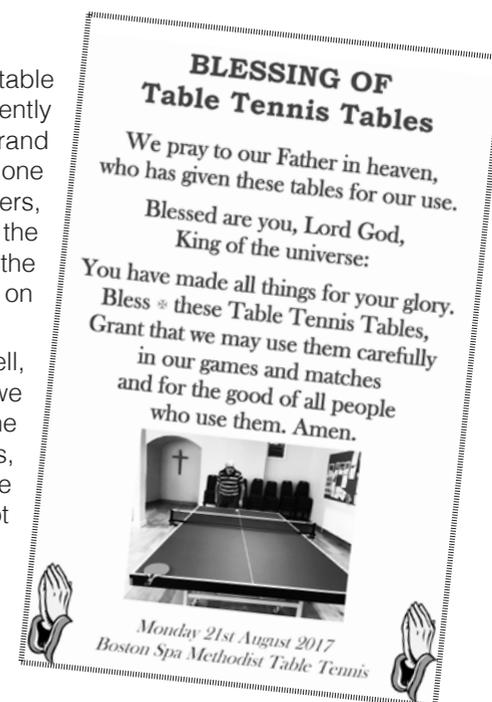
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