

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Norman.

Joel's work in India

Joel's Father.

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Yemi and family

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Rita And Family.

Those have Fallen
Away

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

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“Money Where Does It Go?”

I have to work at my attitude about paying taxes. I listen to Jesus and render to Caesar what is due Caesar. Even in the depravity of the crumbling Roman Empire I have no reason to believe tax pounds were spent to support the homosexuals among them. There were more than a few then, but support from taxation is not indicated.

Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) was an English historian. His greatest work was completed in 1788 and was titled “History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.” This work was described as the greatest historical work of the 18th century.

Gibbon was not overly friendly toward Christianity. Rather, he was somewhat skeptical. Then, we also should recognize what he would call Christianity at that time.

A fairly careful student will become alarmed to discover causative factors listed in the Fall identified by Gibbon also very prevalent in our society.

Both chambers of the Houses of Parliament and Lords are confronted with an Amendment that would define marriage. We have had an excellent definition since the Garden of Eden. One man married to one woman forever.

Now comes along an incredibly small percent of



people all mixed up about sexual orientation and they demand worldwide change.

Will the Houses of Parliament and the Lords hear the voices of six thousand years or the demands of an incredibly small but loud band of sexual perverts?

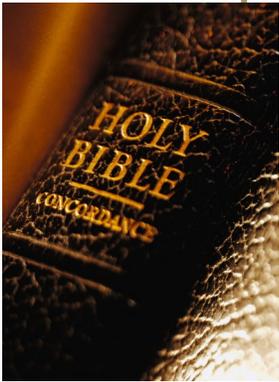
Hear what God says about this lifestyle: “Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity

for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.

Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion (Romans 1:24-27).

Bible Studies for the Week of Sept 9th, 2007



AM Sermon..... No Details Given (Trevor)
 Scripture Reading for Sermon No Details Given
 Adult Bible Study **Next Class 23.09.07-Inspiration of the Bible**
 Scripture Reading for service..... Psalm 146; Luke 21:1-19
 Sunday School Class..... No Details Given
 Thursday Bible Class..... Galatians (Trevor)
 Ladies Bible Class
 Men's Bible Class

Appeasement

*“We watch in dismay
 as whole
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 which is Biblical.”*



I am concerned about the move many members of the church are making away from the scriptures. I know many of you who read this are, too. You become part of a fellowship precisely because they search the scriptures for their practice and teaching, and find the very earth shift beneath your feet. Paradigm changes? New hermeneutics? We thought we had left that when we left the denominations!

And those of us who are dismayed at the sight of drift in our institutions are faced with a dilemma. **Do we speak out?**

We desire peace and love amongst the brethren. We are aware of shrill and angry sounds coming from extreme right wing sources and feel a little uncomfortable, not so much at the

message, but at the tone and unkindness in which it is given.

So we are tempted to be silent while churches change. It makes me think of Winston Churchill's statement that "appeasement is the philosophy where we hope the crocodile eats us last."

I am counseling neither bitter denunciations of brethren nor an obsession with negative preaching. We need to preach the "whole counsel of God." We watch in dismay as whole congregations surrender to that which is popular rather than that which is Biblical. We observe in fear as Christian colleges to whom we owe a great deal slip away from the truth. I say this not in anger but with a broken heart!

But I also say it with the knowledge that eventually, if we do not stand up for truth, the crocodile will turn on us, too.

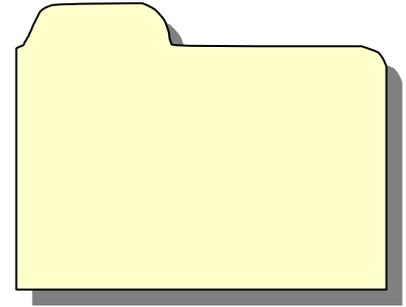
"Son of man," the prophet declared, "I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I



speak and give them warning for me" (Ezekiel 3:17).

For The Files: Week Beginning September 2nd 2007

Sunday Bible Class	13
Sunday AM Worship.....	33
Sunday School.....	6
Sunday Prayer Time	13
Tuesday Men's Study - Once in the Month	4
Thursday Evening Study	No Details Given.
Contribution.....	£135.50
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner.

Gospel Meeting

Brethren I think you would all agree we had a great Gospel meeting. Many brethren came and two new visitors. Praise the Lord. Can I thank those who made the evening a great success. Those who cleaned the building and of course those who made the tea and coffee etc. Trevor and I really appreciated it.

This is only the first of many I have planned.

Two weeks of Adult Bible Studies!

Brethren from the 8th September till the 19th September I will be away from Summer Lane. with this in mind there will be no Adult Sunday studies until the **23rd September.**

Two Sundays without studies.

I appreciate this is disappointing to you all, as it is for me, so what I have done while I am away is set two weeks of adult studies for you to do on your own or together.

Upon my return I will ask each of you in turn to submit your studies to me.

I have given Mandy these studies to hand out today for those of you who I know attend study on Sundays regularly.

Yes, you don't Have to do them, but to be honest if you don't, **why not ?**

I am not being hard, but for two weeks there will be no study so I have set you all some study to fill the gap until my return.

I have printed **FOUR** extra lessons for those of you who do attend but not on regular weekly basis. Ask Mandy and she will give you one to do.

Studies I attach to NL.

You will no doubt have noticed that these past few weeks I have been attaching bible studies to the news letter for you all to do in your own time. Of course there is no obligation for you to do these lessons, or even look at them, but I pray that you will

undertake to enlarge your knowledge of the scriptures by doing them.

In a few weeks I will attach another lesson for you all, it will be a long one. But as stated, I pray that you will take the time to undertake to complete all studies I attach.

Away.

As already stated I am not with you for two Sundays. I have been invited by a dear brother and his wife to visit them in the USA. While I am there his home congregation have asked to meet with me to discuss many topics which involve Summer Lane. Upon my return I will update you all on the progress I am sure will be made in our forward walk in christ.

There are no plans for me to give up full time work at this time as the meetings I will be having are not in connection with this.

Unfortunately I will have divide my time with full time shift work and work in the Lords name at Summer and Milton Keynes. Too be honest brethren I feel privileged to continue doing this as I am sure the Lord knows best. In regards to this I praise his holy name.

Give Mandy and the boys a call while I am away.



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IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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See Mandy for adult lessons, those who attend Sunday Study.

Congregational Meeting: 07/10.07
After services. All items placed in the suggestion box will be discussed then.

NO News Letter next week.

Gospel Meeting Here: 08.12.07

Birthday: Non Noted

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

ScripturesSay.com

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

Visit our web site: www.SummerLanecoc.com

Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Ladies Bible Class Every Second Monday 12:30 PM
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

September 9th 2007

September 16th 2007

Sunday Morning

President

Norman

Edwin

Preaching:

Trevor

Trevor

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Trevor

Eric

Lord's Table

Norman

Gareth

Roy

Norman

Eric

Philip

Closing Prayer

Duties

Flowers

Hazel

Funmi

Tea

Irene/Sue

To Be Arranged

Building clean for Sept:07

ALL PLEASE

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