

Newsletter July 2018

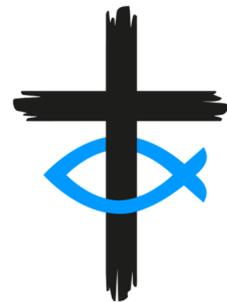
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Preachers in July

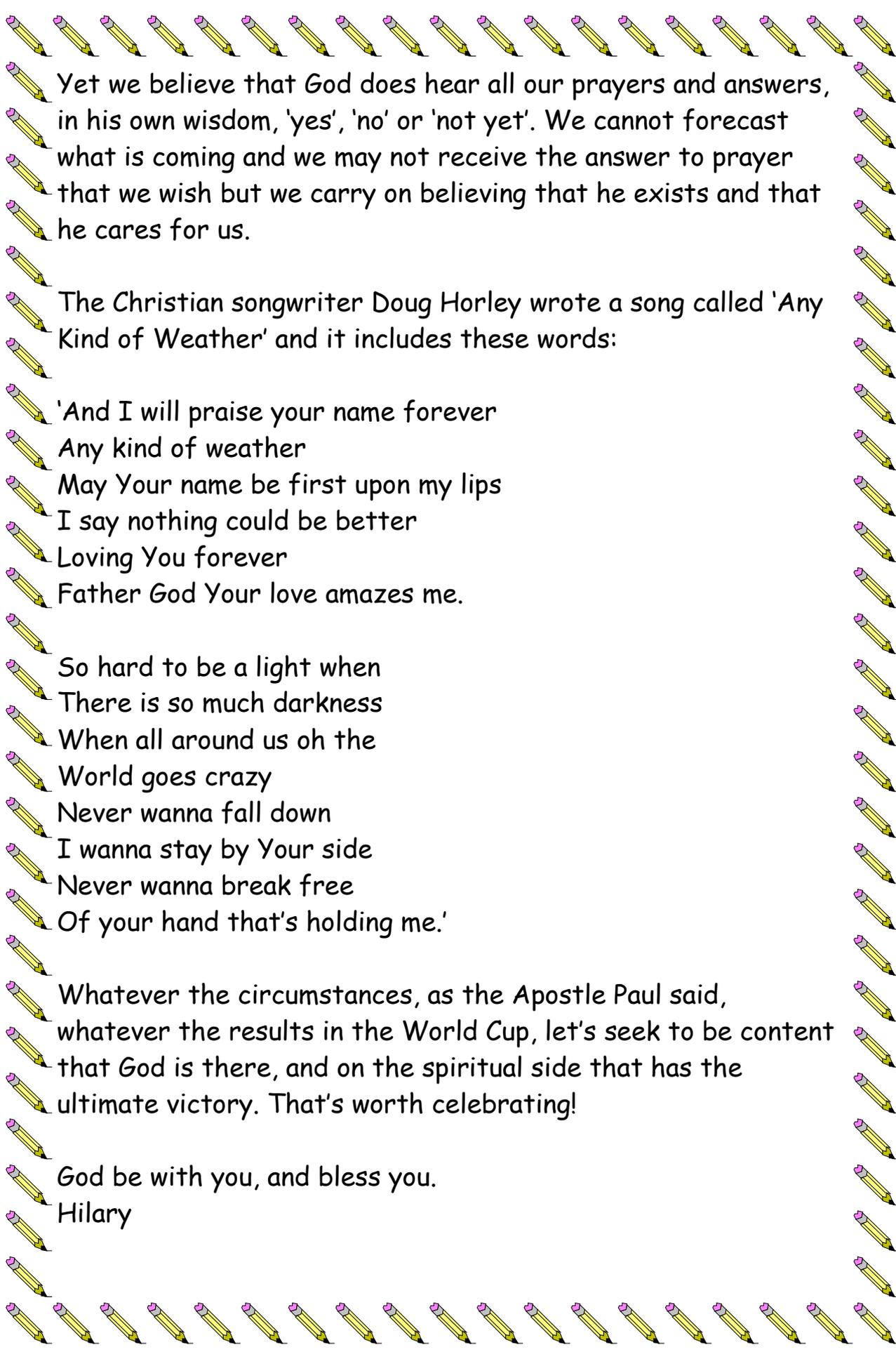
1st Miss Hilary McClintock
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29th Miss Hilary McClintock



Dear Friends,

If it is July, it must be summer! Conversations often involve the weather - too hot, too chilly, or about right - for the opinion is often quite subjective whatever the actual temperature reading. A heatwave is forecast for the first week of July, and although accuracy of forecast has improved much from the days of fuzzy felt stickers of sun and cloud images on a board, one can never be sure of what will occur. Some people are happy with sun, some want rain!

That made me reflect about how God answers prayer, because we cannot have sun and rain at the same time, just the way teams in a World Cup game cannot both win, no matter how fervently supporters on each side may be praying! No one is ever really happy with a draw, even if it provides a helpful point that contributes to winning the group!



Yet we believe that God does hear all our prayers and answers, in his own wisdom, 'yes', 'no' or 'not yet'. We cannot forecast what is coming and we may not receive the answer to prayer that we wish but we carry on believing that he exists and that he cares for us.

The Christian songwriter Doug Horley wrote a song called 'Any Kind of Weather' and it includes these words:

'And I will praise your name forever
Any kind of weather
May Your name be first upon my lips
I say nothing could be better
Loving You forever
Father God Your love amazes me.

So hard to be a light when
There is so much darkness
When all around us oh the
World goes crazy
Never wanna fall down
I wanna stay by Your side
Never wanna break free
Of your hand that's holding me.'

Whatever the circumstances, as the Apostle Paul said, whatever the results in the World Cup, let's seek to be content that God is there, and on the spiritual side that has the ultimate victory. That's worth celebrating!

God be with you, and bless you.

Hilary

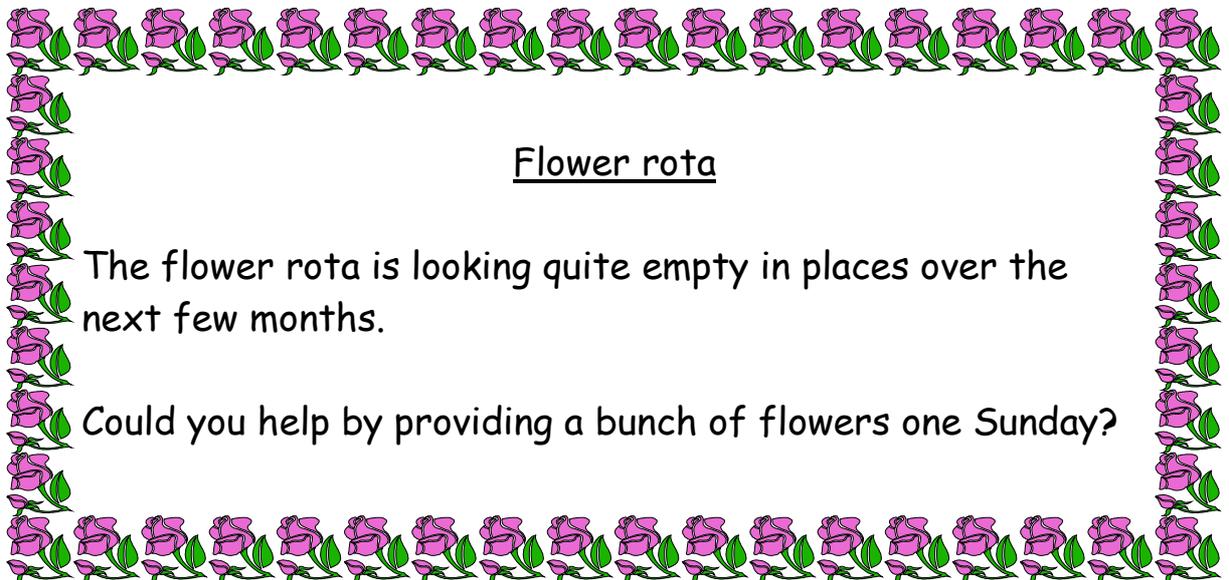


Date for your diary

Harvest festival at St Andrew's
will be on Sunday 14th October

The service will be followed by
Harvest Lunch
in support of WaterAid

Please keep the date free



Flower rota

The flower rota is looking quite empty in places over the
next few months.

Could you help by providing a bunch of flowers one Sunday?

What are you doing in July?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Elder</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Reader</u>
1st	AM Campbell	M Holloway, H McMullan	AM Campbell
8th	C Gooding	J Pinchess, V Gormley	J Pinchess
15th	P Gorton	D Gorton, F Smith	G Gorton
22nd	A Elliott	AM Campbell, F Fraser	AM Campbell
29th	D McMullan	H McMullan, A Vanner	A Vanner

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
1st	H McMullan
8th	A Vanner
15th	F Smith
22nd	
29th	



Serving Elders: AM Campbell, F. Smith

Communion Table: P Gorton

The August Newsletter is due to be distributed on Sunday 29th July 2018. Any items for inclusion should be with Peggy Gorton on or before Thursday 26th July please.
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