

# Newsletter September 2018

**St. Andrew's  
United Reformed  
Church**

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## Preachers in September

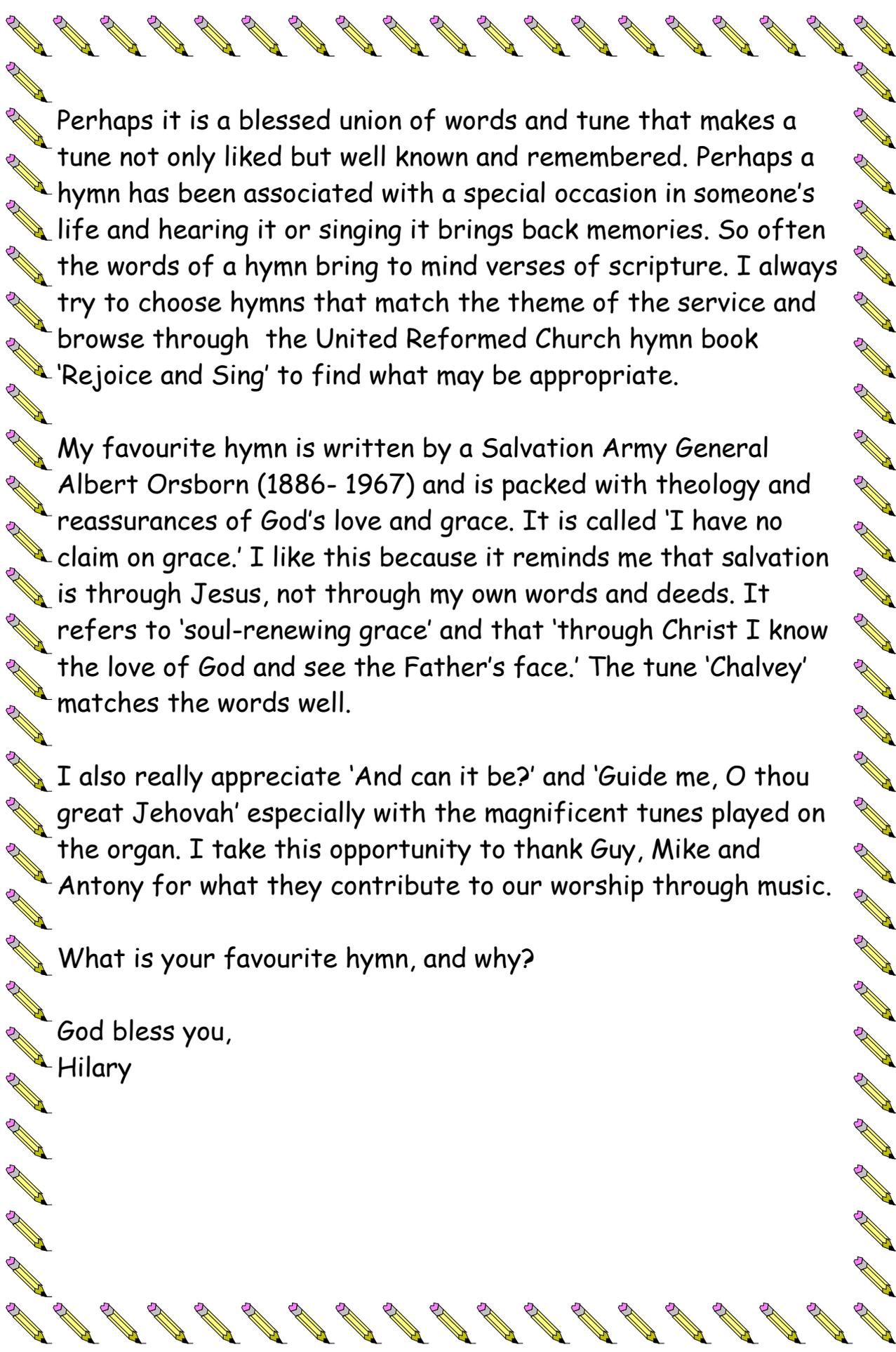
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30th The Minister



Dear Friends,

A study by BBC 'Songs of Praise' in 2013 surveyed tens of thousands of people to arrive at the nation's top 100 hymns. They are as follows:

How great thou art  
In Christ alone  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
Dear Lord and Father  
Here I am, Lord  
And can it be?  
Abide with me  
Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah  
Make me a channel of your peace  
The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended



Perhaps it is a blessed union of words and tune that makes a tune not only liked but well known and remembered. Perhaps a hymn has been associated with a special occasion in someone's life and hearing it or singing it brings back memories. So often the words of a hymn bring to mind verses of scripture. I always try to choose hymns that match the theme of the service and browse through the United Reformed Church hymn book 'Rejoice and Sing' to find what may be appropriate.

My favourite hymn is written by a Salvation Army General Albert Orsborn (1886- 1967) and is packed with theology and reassurances of God's love and grace. It is called 'I have no claim on grace.' I like this because it reminds me that salvation is through Jesus, not through my own words and deeds. It refers to 'soul-renewing grace' and that 'through Christ I know the love of God and see the Father's face.' The tune 'Chalvey' matches the words well.

I also really appreciate 'And can it be?' and 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah' especially with the magnificent tunes played on the organ. I take this opportunity to thank Guy, Mike and Antony for what they contribute to our worship through music.

What is your favourite hymn, and why?

God bless you,  
Hilary

Abu Ben Adam

Abu Ben Adam (may his tribe increase)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace  
And saw, within the moonlight of his room  
Making it rich, like a lily in bloom  
An angel writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Abu Ben Adam bold  
And to the presence in his room he said  
'What writest thou?' The vision raised its head  
And with a look of all sweet accord  
Answered: 'The names of those who love the Lord  
'And is mine one?' said Abu. 'Nay not so'  
Replied the Angel. Abu spoke more low  
But cheerily still and said 'I pray thee then  
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men'  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night  
It came again with awaking light  
And showed the names of whom love of God had blessed.  
And lo! Ben Adam's name led all the rest.

Written by James Henry Leigh Hunt  
Contributed by the Church Secretary

Date for your diary

Harvest festival followed by Harvest Lunch  
will be on *Sunday 14th October*

Please add your name to the lunch list if you can stay.

## What are you doing in September?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Elder</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Reader</u>
2nd	A. Elliott	V. Gormley, J. Pinchess	S. Vaughan
9th	P. Gorton	F. Fraser, M. Holloway	G. Gorton
16th	F. Smith	P. & D. Gorton	P. Gorton
23rd	C. Gooding	J. Pinchess, A. Vanner	J. Pinchess
30th	D. McMullan	H. McMullan, F. Fraser	S. Vaughan

Serving Elders: F. Smith, A. Elliott

Communion Table: F. Smith, J. Pinchess

### Flowers:

2nd	V. Gormley
9th	
16th	
23rd	J. Pinchess
30th	



The October Newsletter is due to be distributed on Sunday 7th October 2018. Any items for inclusion should be with Peggy on or before Thursday 4th October please.  
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