

Grace Bulletin

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Grace Baptist Church Dorchester

The Internet - For Good or Evil



Our God is a God of providence. What do we mean by that? We mean that "all things work together for good to those that love God and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) By His sovereign will, He provides all things needful for all His children. He orders everything in the whole creation and all down through history to one end, His own glory. But within that purpose He intends the eternal happiness of His children.

What God Used in the Past

If we look back, for example, to the time of the Reformation, when Luther, Calvin, Zwingli and the others were rediscovering the truths of the Bible concerning salvation and justification by faith, the movable type printing press had recently been invented. The result was that the Bible itself, and the message of the reformers was rapidly sent throughout the Christian world of that day in the language of each nation.

Without the printing press producing multiple copies of the New Testament in the original Greek, it would not have been so readily available to Luther. He would not have produced his 95 Theses etc.. The Reformation conceivably might never have taken place.

What God may use Now

It has been said that the Internet is the greatest communication tool to be invented since the printing of books. In respect of access to information, it has rapidly overtaken all other means put together.

Whether you love or hate computers (and mobile phones), they are an unavoidable part of our social and cultural life. The question we should ask is, "What part does and will this play in **the providence of God?**" It is obvious to us all that it can be used for evil as well as good. We hear of the spread of pornography, fraud and of the chaos caused by 'viruses' deliberately spread on 'the Net'. But just as the Word of God spread throughout the world at the time of the great Reformation, may it not be that God will use it for a new and greater reformation for the harvest of souls in our time?

F.S.



For Your Prayers

Titus has sent a text from Indonesia to ask for prayers for his health. He is suffering from a liver infection it seems.

Continue to pray for Tim and his door-to-door evangelism. Pray that he will find continuing support from the churches by way of volunteers to go out with him and sufficient financial support to meet increasing petrol costs.

Pray for the Pastor's ongoing Internet ministry.

Church & Pastor's Links

www.gracebaptistchurch.org.uk

www.grace-gospel.org

www.wordsowers.org

www.sermonaudio.com/fredk

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Thought for the Month



But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Cor. 15:20

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

For Your Diary

Fri 2nd Good Friday Devotional Hour 10.30 a.m.
 Sun 4th Easter Day 11 a.m.
 Wed 21st Jim Henry OAM Dorchester 11.30 a.m.
 Sun 25th Communion Sunday
 Communion Offering for The Network Trust supporting
 Tim Serjeant in his Door-to Door evangelism.

Pastor's Sermons at SermonAudio.com



Go to www.sermonaudio.com/fredk

Pastor's Letter

Dear readers,

Christ is risen - Hallelujah!

Let me wish you all a happy and much blessed Easter!
 The Weymouth IE Church members hope to join us again for the
 Devotional Hour on Good Friday. Do invite friends and neighbours
 to this and our Easter Morning worship.

Internet Ministry

I have no wish whatever to 'blow my own trumpet', but I thought it
 would be good to let you know a bit more about my own Internet
 ministry.
 I began the "Grace Gospel Software" before the World Wide Web
 came into existence. (I.e.before 1991-4) writing simple programs for
 Church and individual use. With the Web's emergence in 1995 this
 was expanded with www.grace-gospel.org web site which still oper-
 ates today and has thousands of visitors a month. One of the first
 free web Bibles was programmed by me as a *Windows 3 Help* file.
 Over a million visitors have visited this site since a counter was put
 there about three years ago and I continue to receive emails from
 the web site from all over the world.

Some of the sermons preached at our church have been available
 there for some time. But about a week before writing this, I was per-
 suaded to make them available on SERMONAUDIO.COM. This is a
 service that cost about £20 per month. An anonymous gift was of-
 fered to pay for the first few months, through church funds - so I felt
 it right to go ahead. Within only six days, with only 10 sermons so far
 uploaded, there have been over 130 visitors a large proportion of
 whom have listened to, or downloaded sermons already!

Also there are other web sites and Blogs which I maintain. See the
 addresses of some of them on the front page.
 My main reason for informing you of this, is that *I covet your prayers*
 for this opportunity of reaching vast numbers with the Gospel in this
 way.

Away on Holiday

Mary, Tim and I shall be away from 19th April until 5th May. We are
 returning to Spain - this time for a holiday! Brother Gordon Roberts
 will be responsible for ministry while I am away.

Bible Study

We have recently started a new study at our midweek meetings
 looking at 1 and 2 Timothy. Do join us if you can. Thursdays 7.30 p.m.
 venue announced each week.

Annual General Meeting

We need to agree a date for the AGM. Sat 17th has been
 suggested at 10.30 a.m. at Sydling.

With my love and prayers,
 Frederick.

The Grace Baptist Church, Dorchester

A church in Dorchester, where the Bible is accepted as
 the Word of God and where the Gospel of Grace is
 proclaimed.

We meet for worship on the Lord's Day (Sunday) at
 11 a.m. in the Y.M.C.A., Sawmills Lane, off Weymouth
 Road, Dorchester.



The YMCA is one of four Halls beside the Sports
 Ground behind the Car Salesroom next to Tesco's -
 (Ample free parking. Turn into Sawmills Lane by the
 pedestrian traffic lights.)

All are welcome.



Thursday Evenings 7.30 – 9.30
 Bible Study -we meet in one
 another's homes. Phone for
 location. Bibles provided.

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 We are pleased to call on you at your home at any time
 at your request. Free Bible Study materials are available
 and also a free Bible for anyone who does not have one.

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