

HBC LADIES' NEWS

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Welcome

Welcome to the fifth edition of the **HBC Ladies' News**.

Many thanks to Kordula and Barbara who, in July, provided tea and cakes to all who visited their gardens.

As we still are unable to meet, Carol Jackson has provided this interesting description of the life of George Müller from Heroes of the Faith Blog from canonjjohn.com

Next Month

Part 2 of the Life of George Müller

Nature Notes - Our local Naturalist will show us what to look out for when walking in Harston.

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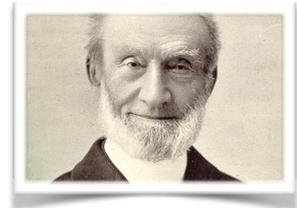
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George Müller (1805-1898)

Part 1

One of the fascinating things about Christianity is how very different the great men and women of God are. George Müller (1805-1898) was not just different, he was unique.



Müller was born in the then Kingdom of Prussia (now Germany). He grew up into a young man who was frequently involved in petty crime, often to do with what we would call 'scams' and even a time in jail did nothing to reform him. However, in 1825 Müller attended a prayer meeting in someone's home where he encountered Christ.

With his life dramatically transformed, Müller felt called to mission work and ended up in London working amongst Jews. An illness led to him going to Devon to recover his health and that began life and ministry in the West Country. It became evident that he was gifted as a preacher and an evangelist, and he became the minister of a chapel. Soon he and his wife moved to Bristol. There he became involved in creating Christian schools and supporting missionaries. Müller established 117 schools which offered Christian education to tens of thousands of children, and he continued to support a great number of missionaries throughout his life.



Müller is, however, remembered above all for his extraordinary achievements with orphans. In the Britain of the early 19th century the combination of large families, extreme poverty and a high level of adult mortality had resulted in many orphans, most of whom ended up on the street. The state ignored them and in 1836 Müller and his wife began taking in orphans.

To be continued in the October edition . . .

Update - Food Hub



The community food hub at the Baptist Church has grown very popular. People visiting the hub have increased greatly to more than 40 people on some days.

We are receiving private donations of own garden produce or of long life food either in the box outside the church or via the local shop. Donations of freshly ground coffee from Cocobolo in Harston and of home-made jams are greatly appreciated and are now for sale in the food hub. The money from these sales is then used to buy more of the needed long life essentials.



Our fresh fruit, vegetables and bread is donated by different local supermarkets and businesses in order to help reduce food waste. Everyone is welcomed to help themselves to these items.

We also started to deliver food boxes to those who are not able to come to the food hub themselves either due to disability or due to quarantine. These boxes are all very well received.

Any donations of food or offers of time to volunteer are greatly appreciated. Please get in touch.

Kordula

Book Reviews

How to Pray – A Simple Guide for Normal People (Pete Greig)

ISBN 978-1-529-37492-6

£10.99 Amazon/Eden Books

I struggle with prayer. My mind wanders, I fall asleep or I forget. With that in mind, and that I consider myself 'normal' (you may disagree!), this book appealed.

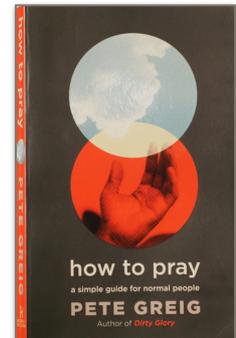
Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement for more than twenty years.

*In this book he writes about keeping it (prayer) simple (**P**ause, **R**ejoice, **A**sk, **Y**ield), keeping it real and keeping it going. He discusses adoration, petition, intercession, unanswered prayer, contemplation, listening, confession and reconciliation. At the end of each day Pete uses his own version of the ancient prayer of Examen: Replay (the day), Rejoice, Repent, Reboot.*

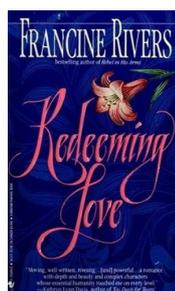
Interspersed throughout are short biographies pertinent to the topics covered. For example: Susannah Wesley (mother of ten children, including John and Charles) who launched a Sunday School in her kitchen and home schooled her own children. A woman of prayer, but with nowhere quiet to hide away, she would pull her apron over her head - this was her prayer room and her children knew that she would not be disturbed.

Initially I felt that my time might be better spent in prayer rather than reading about prayer. However this book has helped me to re-establish a pattern of prayer along with a deeper understanding of contemplative prayer (how to pray without words).

Christine Spreadbury



Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers



I quote from the back cover "A powerful retelling of the book of Hosea, *Redeeming Love* is a life changing story of God's unconditional redemptive all-consuming love"

As the quote says it shows how much God loves us.

Barbara Bull