



Parkwood Herald

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As I ponder what is on my heart at the moment, it almost feels as if our country is being torn apart in so many different ways. Not just in the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire and the Finsbury Park attack, but the political unrest and uncertainty of our country's government.

It seems at the moment that week after week another disaster or event takes place that creates a bigger divide in different parts of our country. The song 'Lord of all Hopefulness' keeps going round and round in my head, so I decided to look at the background to it and found something I wasn't expecting...

Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy - the title refers to the best-selling novel about evacuation, entitled Mrs Miniver.

Joyce Torrens (1901-53), wrote under the name of Jan Struther. She became famous for a newspaper column in which she presented herself in the character of Mrs Miniver, a briskly sensible and humorous middle-class woman whose spirit seemed to embody a certain sort of plucky Englishness.

Mrs Miniver was turned into a film in 1942: heavily promoted in the USA, where it won the Oscar for Best Picture, it became crucial in the effort to woo American public opinion to support entry into the war against Hitler. I found, there was not a single battle scene in the film, yet through its portrayal of the hardships suffered and overcome by a middle-class English family during the Blitz, it aroused the sympathy of ordinary Americans most effectively.

This hymn was written in 1929 at the request of Torrens's London neighbour, Canon Percy Dearmer of Westminster Abbey, for his new edition of Songs of Praise.

Torrens herself - who had little interest in Christianity - chose the shapely tune Slane, an old Irish melody that was a slightly altered form of the Irish folk tune sung to a ballad, 'With my love come on the road'. It is

a tune that has been slightly altered several times over the years.

Slane is a hill near Tara in County Meath, Ireland, where the sixth century St Patrick lit his Easter Eve Paschal fire challenge if the pagan King Lóegaire, who had decreed that no-one should light it until the royal fire had first been kindled on the hill of Tara to celebrate the return of spring.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

I pray, this is our prayer in the coming weeks - for hopefulness, eagerness, kindness and gentleness towards all those around us, no matter what situations we face that people will reunite and work things through together. Most of all, that we know God is present and at the heart of all things, and through that knowledge we find God's peace in our hearts.

Rev Jo Brown

'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'

JULY BIRTHDAYS

26th Mary Eastwood
26th Audrey Holdsworth

Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2017

15th July
19th August
16th September

DROP in LUNCH

Last lunch for this session was 28th June.
Watch for new start date, depending on
venue.
September at the earliest.

Lighter side of life:

A little boy asked his mother why the vicar got
five weeks holiday a year whilst his dad only got
four.

His mother answered, "Well if he's a good vicar,
he deserves it. If he isn't his congregation needs
it."

DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST 2017

Saturday 1st L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Saturday 1st Amelia & Simon's Blessing Service @ Parkwood 2.00pm
Sunday 2nd 10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Sunday 2nd Church family meal at Pennine Manor. Booking Essential. See Elaine.
Saturday 8th Wimbledon Afternoon with Rev Jo & Charlotte: 2.00pm - 4.30pm See above
Sunday 9th 10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Wednesday 12th Special Lunch for British Red Cross. See above.
Saturday 15th Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 16th 10.45 Service led by Mrs Laura Tunnacliffe
Tuesday 18th Steve & Jane Day will be at New North Road Baptist Details on Board Let
Naomi know by 13th if you intend going for catering purposes.
Sunday 23rd 10.45 Service led by Rev Tim Moore
Saturday 29th Joe & Freda Garden Party 11.00am 'til 2.00pm
Sunday 30th 10.45 Service led by Rev Jo Brown, followed by Faith Lunch

AUGUST

Saturday 5th L V G Coffee Morning @ Mechanics 10.00am-12noon
Sunday 6th 10.45 Service led by Mr David Brook (NOT Messy Church)
Sunday 13th 10.45 Service led by Mrs Kathryn Beetlestone
Saturday 19th Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 20th JOINT SERVICE @ SLAITHWAITE 10.30AM START.
Sunday 27th 10.45 Service led by Rev Jo Brown

PLEASE NOTE

Drop in Lunches
Special Lunch
Wednesday 12th July
Noon for 12.30pm.

No fixed price:- Donations please. All the
proceeds to British Red Cross.
To book a place or for more information
please ☎ Barbara 01484 651681.
Vegetarian option available, please order
when booking.

WIMBLEDON AFTERNOON TEA

Jo and Charlotte would love to see you at our
open house.

July 8th 2.00pm - 4.30pm



Cagney and Lacey will be very excited to see
you too.

If you would like to come, please let us know
by June 24th.

We look forward to seeing you all.