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2 Corinthians 4: 8-9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed ; perplexed, but not in despair ; persecuted, but not abandoned ; struck down, but not destroyed.

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to cope and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as soon as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on the hob. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, 'Tell me what you see.'

'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied.

Her grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The grandmother then asked the granddaughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg.

Finally, the grandmother asked the granddaughter to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked,

'What does it mean?'

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became

hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, problems at work or some other trial, have I become hardened? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff upper lip and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain.. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May we all be like the COFFEE bean.

[Spend some time now reflecting on Philippians 4: 6-7.](#)

Rev Jo Brown

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7th Joe Lloyd

16th Ken Fairclough

18th Ken Rothery

23rd Sandra McSweeney

29th Gareth Beaumont

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

Extra! Extra!

Action for Children News

On Saturday Oct 1st 5 supporters from Huddersfield of AfC went to a training day to Manchester Art Gallery. We left Huddersfield before 8.30am and made good time until we hit the outskirts of Manchester. Road works like you've never seen and the police out in force looking for a runaway. The purpose of these days is to bring us up to date with new projects and to tell us how money is raised and how it is spent. Also over lunch there is an opportunity to socialise and find out what other groups are doing.

2 years ago this day was intended to be for the people living in the NE area. Now it is for the North of England and 53 people attended.

It was amazing to learn that the Home Collecting boxes had collected, in the year Aug 2014-July 2015 £1/2m. And this mainly from small change. If anyone would like a box I have 1. And I can easily get some more.

Parents on the Ball is one of their latest projects. This was originally started in Scotland and intended to help difficult families to learn to cope, provided a simple inexpensive nutritional lunch and then an hour long activity session for both adults and offspring. The success of this speaks for itself when so many other football and rugby clubs have copied the idea. But it isn't all about sport. Other leisure activities are available. Photography, well being for girls 11-16 and parenting skills.

Another new project is the Multi Systemic Therapy . More about this can also be found by looking up MST on the internet.

This works in many ways. MST goes where the child is and therapists are on call 24/7. They encourage parents to take back control of their children where this is a problem and encourage the whole family to take part in sports and other recreational activities. It has been proven to work with keeping children at home. Keeping children in school. Keeping children out of trouble. Improving family relations. Decreasing adolescent psychiatric problems and decreasing drug and alcohol dependency.

Thank you to all at Parkwood who support AfC. Your support is appreciated both by me and by those who are helped by your contributions.

**There is an afternoon concert by the Pennine Singers on Sat Nov 19th.
Lindley Methodist church 3pm to be followed by light refreshments.**

Tickets from Barbara Rushforth.

To save you from looking up the passage stated at the end of the ministers address:-

Philippians 4: 6-7 New International Version (NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Mr Ken Rothery 2005

Birthday:-
18th November

Happy Birthday Ken



Theme Dress Sunday School 2007

Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday November 19th
10.00--3.30
Craft stalls and refreshments
all day.
Admission £1 children free.

Help needed to set up on Friday but also **URGENTLY** needed to man the stalls, door and catering during the Saturday. Just an hour or two of your time would be appreciated. Donations appreciated for the cake and homemade stall. Also for the catering.
Thank you for your continued support.

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Sunday School Queen 2003

Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2016/17

19th November CRAFT FAIR
17th December
21st January

Action for Children Concert.

Pennine Singers

Sat Nov 19th 3pm.

Lindley Methodist Church,
East St. Lindley.

Tickets £7.50 inc refreshments

see Barbara for tickets.

See separate notice.

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

Wednesday 2nd	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Sunday 6th	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Tuesday 8th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Tuesday 8th	CT LCV Meeting @ Parkwood 7.30pm
Wednesday 9th	Focus Group & Leadership Team Meeting at John & Elaine's 7.30pm
Sunday 13th	10.45 Holy Communion & Remembrance Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Tuesday 15th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 16th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Saturday 19th	Christmas Craft Fair 10.00am to 3.30pm Hot & Cold food watch for posters.
Sunday 20th	10.45 Service led by Ms Naomi Sharp
Tuesday 22nd	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Sunday 27th	10.45 1st Advent Service led by Mr Phil McSweeney
Tuesday 29th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 30th	Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome

DECEMBER

Sunday 4th	10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service with Rev Jo Brown
Tuesday 6th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 7th	Flower Demonstration with Karen @ Parkwood
Friday 9th	MWiB Carols 10.30am @ Huddersfield Mission
Sunday 11th	10.45 Service led by Mr Barry Lee
Tuesday 13th	Cheerful Chat 10.00am to Noon All Welcome
Wednesday 14th	Christmas Drop in Lunch 12.30pm All Welcome
Saturday 17th	Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 18th	10.45 Band Service and Concert @ Parkwood Own Arrangement
Sunday 25th	10.30 Christmas Day Service led by Rev Jo Brown