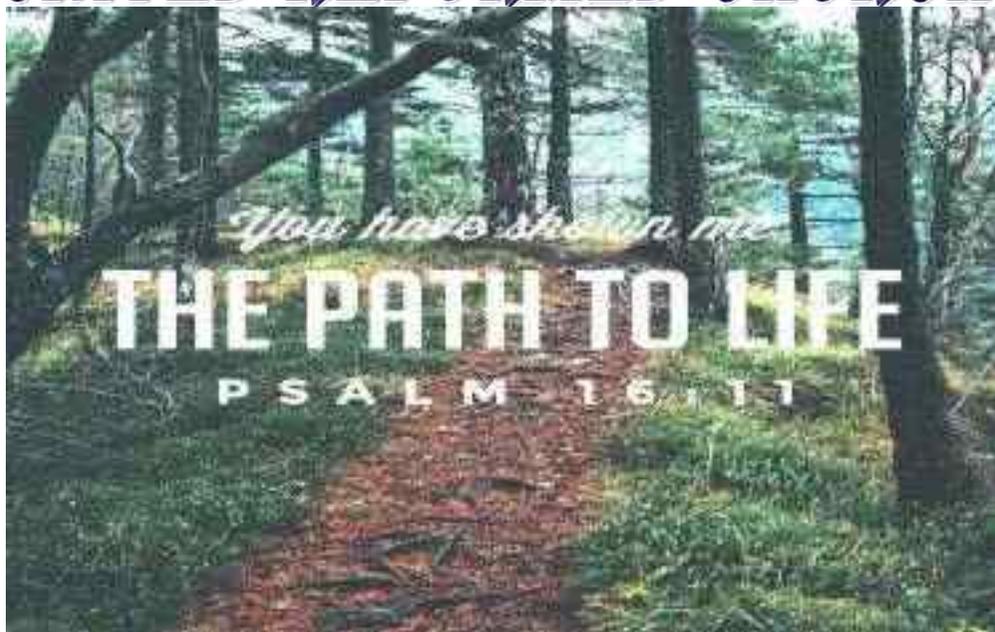


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to

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



You have shown me

THE PATH TO LIFE

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JUNE 2018

ELDERS' LETTER

Jen and I, as joint Church secretaries, have always felt it is very important that our Church family are aware what is happening at PURC and in the wider church community. With this in mind we have reproduced a shortened version of our AGM report for "Contact" so that everybody will get a flavour of what was said.

Synopsis of Secretaries AGM Report held on 22nd April 2018.

It is a whole year since we became joint Church secretaries. Where has the year gone? We seem to have been secretaries for years!

New Elders ● 3 new elders voted in unanimously by Church Meeting.

Gillian Price, Gill Turner, Daniel Kehoe

All were welcomed warmly by the Church Family.

2017 The pattern of Church life continued as normal with the usual array of daily, weekly, monthly, yearly services and events. Life seemed good and comfortable.

Thanks Given

- to everybody who helped, in whatever way, to ensure the life of our church continues in its mission.
- to all who filled in a data sheet
- to those who suggested new ideas, events. More always welcome.

Goodbyes

Goodbyes were said to several friends – all remembered with love and fondness and often with a smile and a chuckle!

Ministry

- Dwindling numbers of lay preachers and ministers causing real concern across the whole of the NW Synod.
- Service Time Trial introduced in the Penwortham/Leyland Pastorate.
- Rev. Dave Coaker would preach at both churches, more or less, every Sunday.
- It was recognised the arrangements weren't ideal but the family at PURC addressed the changes in a positive way.

THEN....

- Rev Dave announced he was leaving for pastures new in Grays, London.
- PURC was now a church in vacancy.

ELDERS' LETTER cont'd

Missional Partnership.

- A new initiative from the North West Synod to address the dwindling numbers of ministers and lay preachers.
- Our church would be in a group with Longridge, Fulwood, Leyland, Chorley and Adlington.
- 2 ministers would serve all churches in our group.
- Elders would be encouraged to attend "Baptism, Sacrament, Funeral, Worship" training to support the ministers and their churches.
- Named mentors would offer help.

Elders Discussions

A lot of time has been spent discussing the impact Missional Partnership will have on the life of our church.

- The principle of the Partnership is sound but the practicalities, and organisation are proving more traumatic.
- The fine detail is missing.
- The Elders recognise the need for change but feel that until issues are resolved we have to look after ourselves. Do what is best for us.
- Pulpit supply has become more onerous as finding people to take Communion and Parade has become a real problem.
- Your secretaries have attended the Sacrament and Baptism training.

Looking to the future.

- To create Worship Group 2 (Shirley, Alan, Bill)
- To create a Pastoral Link Group. A group of members looking to the care and welfare of our church family. Reporting back to a Pastoral Elder who would report to the elders. Meetings and discussions to follow. Volunteers welcome.
- A new initiative is to produce a weekly list of the Notices thus ensuring everybody knows what is going on.

Manse

The Elders have received a proposal for a new Manse Scheme. This will be discussed and reported back to Church Meeting in due course.

We want to thank you all again for your support. We will continue to work on your behalf for the benefit of PURC and the wider church.

In His Service

Jenny and Beverley

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL

Church Meeting 3rd June 2018

The service on Sunday the 3rd June will be led by your Worship Group with Elder Participation. (They don't know yet.)

The following will be amongst the items to be discussed -

- Missional Partnership
- The new "General Data Protection Regulation"
- The new Pastoral Link Group

Everybody is welcome.

See you there,

In His Service,

Jenny and Beverley

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

To keep the information you share with us as safe as possible we are in the process of re-writing our Data Protection Policy in line with the new regulations (GDPR).

When completed we will present the finished document to Church meeting.

2017 Data Sheets

In 2017 we all completed our new data sheets.

Names, date of birth, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, in case of emergency contact names and numbers, were all included.

We use this data to help us keep in touch either by phoning, sending an e-mail, delivering PURC Contact magazine and, if there is an emergency, contacting a loved one.

Photographs of church events are displayed only within the church building.

We want to assure you that all data is kept securely and is only used for church business within PURC and not in the wider community.

If you prefer not to receive "Contact", e-mails etc or if anything is giving you cause for concern, please speak to us.

Jenny and Beverley

PURC EVENTS - JUNE 2018

MEN'S GROUP

Meets : 12.00 noon
Mon. 4th June at Church,
meet for a Lunch event at
12.30pm at The Ribble Pilot.
Next Meeting : 3rd September
(Nigel L)

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets: 2.30pm Wed. 6th June
in the Guild Room
Topic : "Programme Discussion"
Led by : Brenda Kendall
Next Meeting: Wed 4th July
(Brenda K)

CRAFT GROUP

Meets: 2.00pm
Tuesday. 12th June
in the Guild Room
Next Meeting : TBA

THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

Meets for Tea/Coffee & Chat
every 2 weeks at 1 pm
in the Church Hall.
Meet Thurs : 07; 21 June
(Pat D)



Messy Church meets at

Penwortham United Reformed Church
Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB

Saturday 2.30pm - 4.30 pm

Messy Church is a fun family event aimed at 0-11 year olds.

PURCMessychurch@hotmail.com - 01772 462229/ <http://penworthamurc.org.uk>

Coming Dates are: No June Mtg. (Pen. Gala); 14 July (Beverley S)



PENWORTHAM EVENT - JUNE 2018

PENWORTHAM OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 24th June from 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Raising funds for local charities: Galloways, Tender Nursing
Care and the Personal Support Unit

Spend the afternoon visiting local gardens which aren't
usually open to the public. Plant sales and refreshments
available.

Programmes: £3 before the event; £4 on the day.
For more information please speak to Maureen.



PENWORTHAM GALA - JUNE 2018

Penwortham Gala will this year take place on the 9th & 10th June in Hurst Grange Park with a parade and lots of interesting things to see and be a part of. **The Ecumenical Service (with hopefully good weather) will be at 11.00am on 10th June**, if inclement, another venue will be arranged. Please bring fold up chairs and for anybody needing a lift please see **Anne Hall**.

Procession starts from Hill Road South at 12.30pm on 9th June Official opening by the Mayor will be at 2.15pm followed by Amanda Rogers School of Dance; Cat Morewin (singer); Double R Arts (dancers); Rhythm Dancers; KTB Band; Harrison Newsham (singer), Jamie Tinkler (Olly Murs meets Michael Buble) The Brilliant Dublin Raiders. On 10th June - The Ecumenical Service at 11.00 am; Teddy Bears Picnic 12.30pm and Mr Jolly Children's Entertainer 2.00pm.

PURC ANNUAL CHURCH TRIP



Church Trip : Saturday 7th July 2018.

We are pleased to confirm that the coach is booked to leave church at 9.30am for **Kirkby Lonsdale and Ambleside.**

The return time is planned for approximately 8.30pm.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on this popular annual outing.

Although the weather cannot be guaranteed, we can usually guarantee a good time.

At the time of Contact being produced we are still to arrange the evening meal but, once completed, a form will be placed on the Foyer Notice Board for you to add your name and make your menu choices. We will attempt to keep the cost to around £25.00 per person to include transport and the evening meal.

Please await further announcements!

We very much look forward to seeing you on the day, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Many thanks, Jenny Oliver & Robert Bulloch



CHARITY NEWS - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13-19 MAY 2018



Many thanks, as always, to all those people who supported Christian Aid Week, especially those who gave up time to collect and to those who helped count. We are very aware of how tiring and time-consuming it can be.

Fortunately the weather was great although there were a couple of occasions when I looked longingly at people in their gardens relaxing with a glass of something cold and refreshing!

Through your efforts we have raised **£1384.15** for Christian Aid. The Christian Aid Week this year focused on Haiti and the need for earthquake proof homes. We are told that £20 could buy high - quality cement for walls and £60 could buy aluminium sheets to provide a safe roof. I trust that PURC's contribution will be of benefit to many Haitians.

Thank you again for your generous support for Christian Aid Week both in terms of time and money. Barbara E. & Cath A.

A BIG THANK YOU to Barbara and Cath who put so much effort into organising, extended collecting, counting, banking and reporting (Ed.)

PURC EVENT - AUGUST

At Home



Would you like to come to an
"Afternoon at home"
in the Church Hall?

There will be light refreshments, a quiz etc.....This is in the planning stage and we need to know if you have any more ideas.

Please let RITA,
MAUREEN, NANCY or
BARBARA B. know and then we can go ahead
and pick a date and plan. We hope that it
will be a chance for us to spend time in a
social setting and have time to chat to
each other during the week.

We look forward to your ideas.



WHAT'S ON - JUNE/JULY 2018

JUNE 2018

Saturday	2nd	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	3rd	10.30am	Family Worship (and Church Meeting)	Church Elders
Monday	4th	12 noon	Men's Group - Lunch	The Ribble Pilot
Wednesday	6th	2.30pm	Women's Group	Side Rooms
Thursday	7th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Saturday	9th	2.30pm	(No Messy Church) Penwortham Gala	Hurst Grange Park
Sunday	10th	11.00am	Ecumenical Service-Penwortham Gala	Hurst Grange Park
Tuesday	12th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
Sunday	17th	10.30am	Family Worship (with Worship Gp 1)	Rev'd Frank Kendall
Wednesday	20th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Thursday	21st	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	24th	10.30am	Junior Church Anniversary	Junior Church
Sunday	24th	1.00pm	Penwortham Open Gardens	Various Locations

JULY 2018

Sunday	1st	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev'd Nigel Lemon
Wednesday	4th	2.30pm	Women's Group - Lunch	Penwortham Golf Club
Thursday	5th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Saturday	7th	9.30am	Annual Church Trip	Lake District
Saturday	7th	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	8th	11.00am	Family Worship	Ernest Wrenall
Tuesday	10th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
Saturday	14th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	15th	10.30am	Family Worship	To be advised
Wednesday	18th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Thursday	19th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Family Worship	To be advised
Sunday	29th	10.30am	Family Worship	Worship Group 1

Holy Communion will be celebrated as informed by Church Notices

All services have a Junior Church & Crèche (Beverley S & Brenda K)

OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

Weekly Offering

Bill McC

30 th	Apr	£569.00
6 th	May	£462.00
16 th	May	£659.00
20 th	May	£551.00

Flowers

(Robert B./Cath A.)

3 rd	Jun	Alan & Gill Turner
10 th	Jun	Penwortham Gala
17 th	Jun	Jean Frew
24 th	Jun	Val Tiffin
1 st	Jul	Val Nicholls
8 th	Jul	Hugh & Freda Dawkins
15 th	Jul	Basil & Hylda Hurst
22 nd	Jul	Jean Henley
29 th	Jul	Rita Taylor

Sunday Coffee

(Robert B.)

3 rd	Jun	Viv Moore, April Rukin, Sue Bushell
10 th	Jun	Penwortham Gala
17 th	Jun	Joan Kidman, Celia McCartney
24 th	Jun	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
1 st	Jul	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward
8 th	Jul	Rita Taylor, Nancy Fox, Joyce Boreham
15 th	Jul	Anne Hall and Gemma Strange
22 nd	Jul	Viv Moore, April Rukin, Sue Bushell
29 th	Jul	Joan Kidman, Celia McCartney

Closing date for the July "Contact" is Sunday 24th Jun
Issue date for the July "Contact" is Sunday 1st July



Recently I heard a talk by Jenny Ashcroft, the children's services manager for Barnardo's in Lancashire. Jenny told us about Barnardo's Bay 6 Project in Leyland which provides accommodation to 16 to 21 year-olds.

Jenny explained that young people who are in need of housing and support can be referred to Bay 6. These homeless youngsters are given a place to sleep in their own private bedrooms, and have use of shared communal areas in three accommodation blocks in Leyland. Barnardo's, which has 17 one-bedroomed flats in total, offers support in everything from finding a job to dealing with bills, and the youngsters are also taught practical life skills such as cleaning and cooking. (It dawned on me that Bay 6 sounds like 'Basics' which is what the youngsters learn – basic skills for life).

The residents are given a lot of support in terms of education and getting back into work helping their confidence and giving them more self esteem to develop healthy relationships. They all have to be willing to live by the House Code and engage with the support offered which includes looking after their mental health and counselling if needed.

Jenny said that they have a fantastic relationship with Runshaw College and help youngsters improve their attendance and grades. Some of the young people have gone on to university, or into nursing and one was even a Scots Guard at Buckingham Palace.

One resident said that there is a very positive culture at Bay 6. He said "We all feel safe and able to speak out about how we're feeling. It quickly became my home and we're all a big, slightly weird family. But it's the best kind of unconventional family."

Jenny's message was that it's all about giving these young people the belief in themselves, that they can do things. Bay 6 has a huge impact on their lives and for many of them, Bay 6 really does feel like home.

Read more at: <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/bay6project.htm>

Maureen W

Chad-Serving the Kanembu: There's a new ministry among the Kanembu in Chad. Pray that the established church in southern Chad would have a growing enthusiasm for evangelism and that we may be effective partners in the gospel. Pray that God would be calling people to serve on a team among the Kanembu and that he would also be preparing the hearts of the Kanembu to be open to hearing the gospel, and to the idea of having a team living among them. *(AIM International)*

Malawi - Farmland moves forward: Bimbi in Malawi has high temperatures, low rainfall and frequent droughts. Most of the local population practise subsistence farming but this is seriously undermined by the climate. Our partner, Word of Grace Church, has a large piece of land adjacent to the church building, which could be irrigated and farmed to provide an opportunity for the church to help five different villages in the area. It has taken a long time to get the correct permissions in place but it is ready to go forward now. Pray for this project which has the potential to grow 35 hectares of green crops and supply food and income for many. *(Emmanuel International)*

Bulgaria -Emerging and Developing: Bulgaria is still ranked as part of 'Emerging and Developing Europe' in IMF's recent World Economic Outlook report. Since the end of Communist rule, Bulgaria has been undergoing a slow and painful transition to a market economy. It has made significant progress since joining the EU in January 2007 but remains the poorest country in the EU. Gender inequalities are still prevalent. Despite economic improvement, there is high unemployment and many church leaders leave the country to find work. Please pray for Christian agencies working with vulnerable children and families, and for Christian media ministry to positively impact the nation with the gospel. *(Transform Europe Network (TEN))*

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EXTRACT FROM STORIES FOR CHANGE 143

Susan Nyathi My name is Susan Nyathi and I am the vice chairperson of the Bhejela 3 Garden near Gwanda in Matabeleland South. There are six in my family: my husband, two children, my grandmother and mother in law. We live near the sand river – a river that flows under a bed of sand. We have a joke in Zimbabwe: **“What do you do if you fall into a river round here?” “Just get up and dust yourself down.”**

When we came up with the idea of the garden project, everyone was invited to be part of it and prepare the land, dig the area for the pump and put up the fence. Those that helped were offered plots. Some of our first members now have plots nearer their homes so we have been able to offer new people a chance to join us. We grow many vegetables such as sugar peas, maize, tomatoes, chomoulier, spinach, and king onions. Dabane Trust, who receive money from Christian Aid, told me it was good to plant shallots in between plants like carrots to stop pests, and it works. It is very, very, hard and hot work in the garden but all the families eat more healthily now. We can see the benefits. Dabane Trust built a Joma pump to bring water from the dry river bed behind the dam. It is then pumped up to our garden. The water goes into our big green tanks.



Soon Dabane Trust are going to bring us a new solar powered pump. We do not have to sit there and pump the water up to the tank. That is hard work. We are going to keep the old Joma pump though, as a back-up, just in case! It means there will be two tanks in the garden. We have also talked about raising the dam level to trap as much water in the sand behind it, but that would be a very big task.

Let's get the new pump first. Getting water from the river has really helped us in so many ways. The garden has made a huge difference to everyone but the new pump will make things even better.



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REPORT FROM ST. PETERSBURG - ANDREW CLELLAND

Greetings from St Petersburg! At the time of writing I'm already half way through my semester here. This time I'm staying with a Babushka and one of her daughters in their flat laid out like an old Soviet communal apartment

My university campus is located just behind the Smolny Cathedral. The work here is much more challenging than it was in Yaroslavl. After my second week here I spent the weekend in Murmansk with my two St Andrew's Uni. friends Sean and Julia. We went on an excursion to learn about the Saami people of the Arctic Circle. I'm exploring the wonderful sights and culture of St Petersburg including Krestovsky Island, the Summer Garden, Peter and Paul's Fortress and visited The Museum of the Arctic and the Antarctic, which had some fascinating exhibits.



I attended a Russian Orthodox Church service in St Isaac's Cathedral, led by a priest in "Old Russian" who chanted the service, with responses sung by a small, conducted choir. The churches are full of icons For Easter, at midnight, church bells were rung; throughout the day people formed circles round churches chanting "Christ is risen: he is risen indeed" and lots of Easter cake (called kulich) was eaten.

In terms of culture, I've managed to watch two ballets and on my birthday visited an art-nouveau restaurant, savouring Russian delicacies such as egg with truffle and caviar, smoked sturgeon, Kamchatka crab and fine vodka.

Anti-Western feelings haven't been too evident here. The British consulate in St Petersburg has been shut, however that hasn't affected us. In the second half of the semester Sean, Julia and I will be doing a lot of travelling to the Far East of Russia. After that we will be making weekend trips to Kaliningrad, Kazan (with a large Muslim population), Yaroslavl, Moscow and Sochi (for a light reprieve at the end of term)!

Best wishes to everyone back home from the Motherland.
Andrew Clelland

WORDSEARCH

Genesis 1:24 - 2:25

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BEAST	HEAVENS
BEHOLD	KNOWLEDGE
BLESSED	LIKENESS
BREATHOFLIFE	MAN
CATTLE	MEAT
DOMINION	MULTIPLY
DUST	PLEASANT
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FISH	SEED
FRUITFUL	SUBDUE
GARDEN	TREEOFLIFE
GENERATIONS	WOMAN

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HYMNOLOGY?

Dentist's Hymn..... Crown Him with Many Crowns

Meteorologist's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

Builder's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation

Tailor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy

Golfer's Hymn There's a Green Hill Far Away

Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises!

Optician's Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I Might See

Taxpayer's Hymn..... I Surrender All

Electrician's Hymn..... Send The Light

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QUOTES OF INSPIRATION

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." – Mother Teresa

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done." – C. S. Lewis

"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read."
– John MacArthur

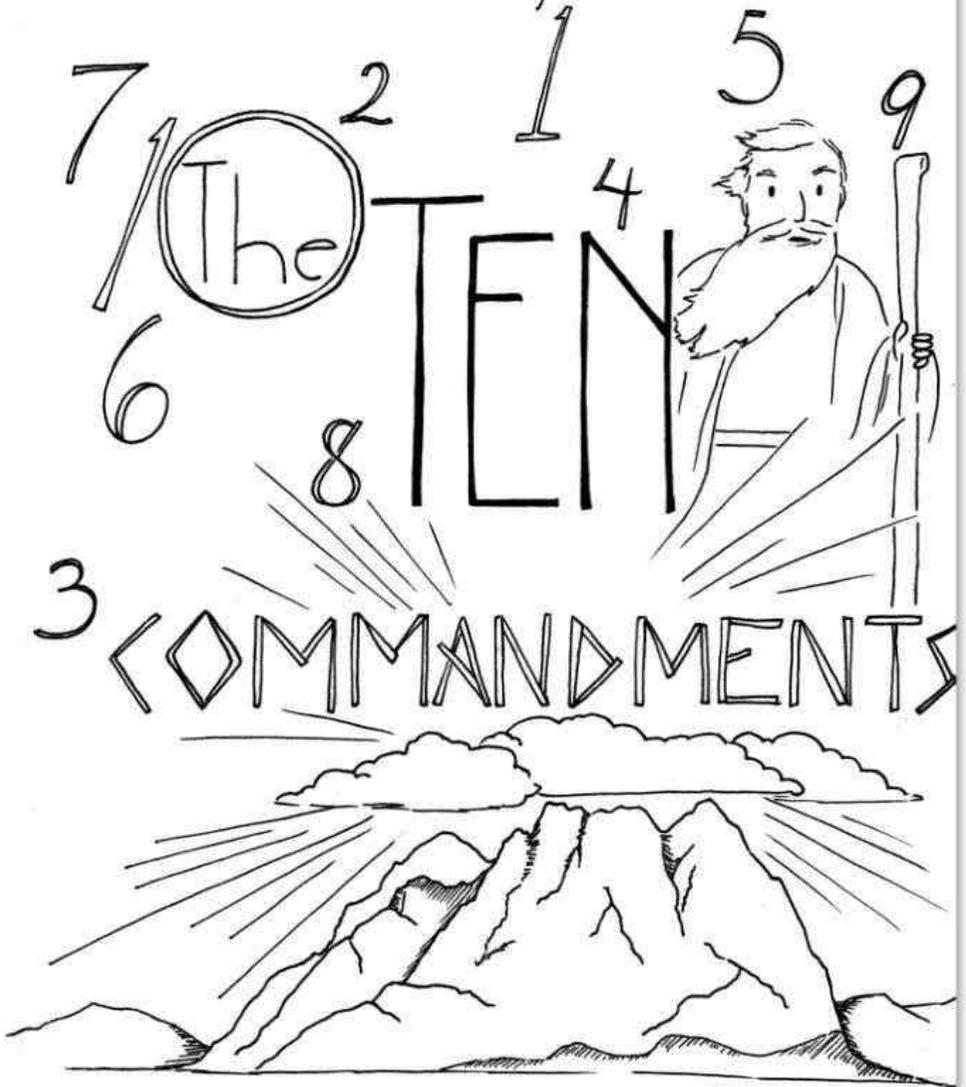
"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." – Jim Elliot

"Let God's promises shine on your problems." – Corrie ten Boom

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."
– Hudson Taylor

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The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain"...



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