

# Nailsea Baptist Church

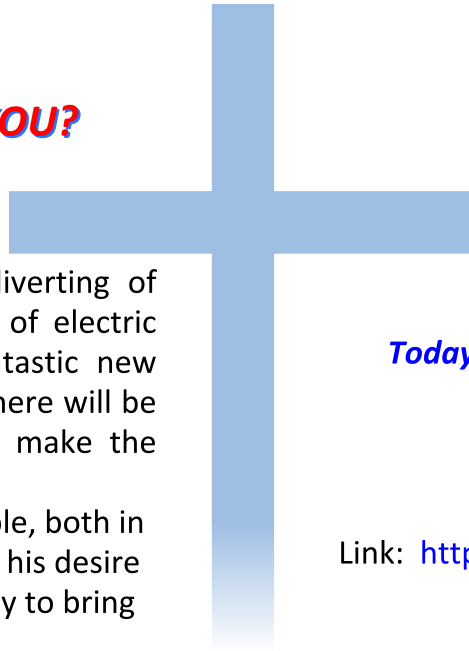
“ Taking the good news of Jesus into our lives and out into God's world ”



Sun Sept 20th



***IS THIS YOU?***



***Today's On-Line Service at 10.30 am***

**"Reaching Maturity"**

**Led by Sue Burns**

**Preacher: Crawford Telfer**

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/20SeptemberNBC>

With all the digging of roads and diverting of traffic in Nailsea, we are very aware of electric power. But at the end of these fantastic new power lines and underground cables there will be transformers, like the one above, to make the electricity usable by us.

Transforming is a major topic in the Bible, both in the way that God transforms us, and in his desire that we in turn should transform society to bring it nearer to his ideal Kingdom.

***Are you a transformer?***

(Romans 12:2; Matthew 5:16)



## *A Never-Forgotten Day*

15th August is a special date for me - VJ Day – the date in 1945 when victory was declared over Japan, bringing to an end 4 years as a P.O.W. for my Dad. As it was the 75th anniversary this year, there was a special televised Remembrance Event at the National Memorial Arboretum, which I found very moving. I recalled visiting the Arboretum some years ago and there, in the section devoted to the Far East, being able to press a button and seeing his name engraved on the wall. Amongst his memorabilia I have a little booklet entitled 'A Church in a Troopship' which gives an account of God at work! This particular ship set sail from Scotland on 6th December, bound for Durban in South Africa. On board were two young men “crying out to God for souls to be saved and Christians strengthened and that, undeserving though they were, they might be fitted and used to this end.” They started by advertising a Bible Study Circle which had a first attendance of just 6. It was intended that this would run weekly but this was soon changed, by demand, to nightly! Just one more excerpt from this booklet: “One special occasion must be mentioned. It was indeed a memorable event never to be forgotten. Christmas Eve is a special occasion and hark...in the warm evening air of a tropical port Christmas carols resound from a thousand voices. The aft part of the open deck was packed with a sea of faces and even the boat deck was thronged with officers. Q.M.S Jack L-----'s (this is my Dad) Christmas message was the Gospel. Hallelujah! We preach Christ, and Him crucified. What an opportunity! We cannot tell the effect of that Christmas Eve service. We just know that it will live on in our memories for ever.” I don't know what happened to the rest of the troops on board that boat but I do know that Dad was very soon captured and spent the rest of the war as a P.O.W. But this thing I do know, that his faith never wavered, and despite all the atrocities he suffered, it was stronger than ever. He eventually returned home on 18th December, 1945 and in September 1946 entered Cardiff Baptist College to train for the ministry. Oh, how he loved his Jesus!

*Joyce Homan*

Please send items for next Sunday's notice sheet to Mike Collier (collier1942@yahoo.co.uk) by Wednesday 4.00 pm.

***You, Lord, are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One who lifts my head  
high.***

***I call out to the Lord,  
and he answers me from his holy  
mountain. I lie down and sleep. I wake  
again, because the Lord sustains me.***

(Psalm 3: 3-5)

To think about...

**More people are good because  
they are happy rather than  
happy because they are good.**

*(Walter Savage Landor, Imaginary Conversations)*

Please note that Peter Burns is on holiday for a few days, returning on Thursday September 24th.

## **This Week's Prayer**

On all those who are dispirited and dejected,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who have lost hope or joy,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who are unable to cope,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who are weak and heavily-burdened,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all those who are fearful and anxious,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who are lost or have strayed,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who feel lifeless or dead,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who feel forsaken or betrayed,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

On all who are powerless and helpless,  
**eternal Father show your love.**

In Jesus's name, Amen

## This Week's Zooming

- Tues 22nd Growth Groups:  
Love/Collier (3.00 pm @ Jean's)  
Smith; Paige (7.30 pm); Thurlow (8.00 pm)
- Wed 23rd Growth Group: Howard
- Thur 24th CHURCH PRAYER MEETING (8.00 pm)  
Growth Group: Acts246
- Sun 27th AFTER-CHURCH ZOOM COFFEE SESSION  
- details of Zoom link available next week

*God sends his rain  
Upon the just and unjust fella.  
But more upon the just,  
Because the unjust has the just's  
umbrella.*



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