

# Brightstar



**March 2010**

Dear Friends

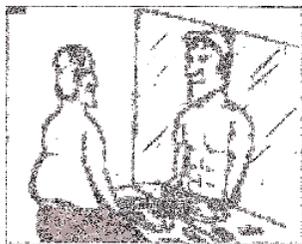
President Barack Obama used phrase '*Yes We Can*' as his during the Presidential campaign inspire confidence in Americans



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doubt others across the world that change both on a personal and collective level was possible. I wonder how many of us have used similar words in seeking personal confidence in what we can do or be as individuals. '*Yes I can*' are words we may have said to our self before an interview or other personal commitment to change ways or attitudes.

Very often it helps to say such words in front of a mirror!



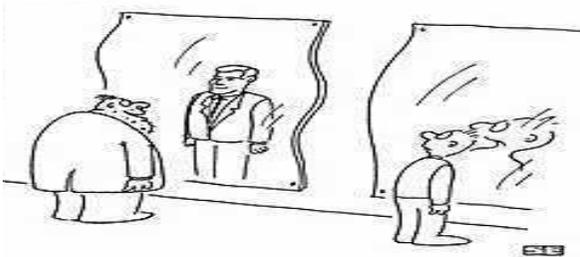
How do you see yourself in front of a mirror? Perhaps we have a mixed reaction, looking at the bad as well as the good points. Of course there are mirrors and

'mirrors'.

unclear mirrors - centuries ago it was not possible to make clear glass and the phrase 'for now we see through a glass darkly', which is still used today, arose meaning to have an obscure or imperfect vision of

. Paul the writer of several letters in the Bible coined the phrase in I Corinthians chapter 13 (see if you can find the verse) when speaking of whether he could know himself.

There are distorted mirrors - think of the fun most of us have when we walk through a 'hall of mirrors' often found at fairgrounds or seaside resorts. It can be very amusing to look at distorted views of our self or those we are with. Having fun is something that most if not all of us would agree is necessary in life but there may have been times when we have asked ourselves a more serious question such as "*How does God view me?*"





There are two-sided mirrors - such as the shaving mirror I use which has a normal view on one side and a magnified view on the other! Do you like looking at yourself close-up? Some don't for it shows up imperfections, blemishes, grey hairs, warts and all! If we see such a view of ourselves what do we do? Do we try to deal with what we see or do we prefer to flip the mirror to the view where they don't show up so much, thinking we can't do anything about our image. The mirror of God tells us we are **loved, forgiven and free** of all our marks!

There are two-way mirrors - The TV show 'Big Brother' is full of them. They look like ordinary mirrors, but they can be used from the other side to see whatever goes on in the room. I know some of you have been distressed over personal issues in your life and you may have found comfort in realising that even when we are not aware of God, He is still aware of us.

And then there is the truthful mirror - In Snow White, the wicked step mother said: 'Mirror, mirror on the

wall, who is the fairest of them all,' and the mirror told the truth!

What if a mirror could speak?

The Bible is a perfect mirror for Jesus is reflected there. Seeing Him we can say with confident "*Yes, we can*" for we will know we have someone who has the power to inspire us as individuals and as people of this church and community to bring about an amazing change in all that we seek to do and be!

This year, as we progress through the weeks of Lent and towards Easter, let us look at our reflection through God's mirror to see clearly what the future holds for us so we may know the truth as summed up below...

**AH MIRROR, MIRROR OF THIS  
BOOK,  
TODAY WE THANK YOU FOR THE  
LOOK,  
WE ARE ABLE NOW TO SEE... THE  
PEOPLE YOU WANT US TO BE.  
WE TRULY, TRULY KNOW YOU CARE,  
AND GIVE TO US, SO WE MIGHT SHARE.  
A THOUSAND, THOUSAND THANKS TO YOU,  
FOR NOW WE KNOW... WHAT WE MUST DO**



David

## **Preachers for March**

March 7th 9.45a.m      Rev. Barry Middleton  
(3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent)                      Service to include Holy Communion

March 14<sup>th</sup> 9.45a.m      Mr. Brian Loader  
(Mothering Sunday)              All age worship  
    Coffee will be served  
    After in the hall

March 21st 9.45a.m      Rev David Kemble  
Breakfast from 9.15a.m              Café Worship  
(Passion Sunday)

March 28th 9.45a.m      Mrs Heather Bentley  
(Palm Sunday)

April 4th                      Rev. David Kemble  
(Easter Day)                      All age worship and Family  
    Communion  
Coffee will be served in the hall after the service

## **Joyce Edna Mayes**

15.8.1920 – 12.2.2010

*The following is the eulogy from Joyce's Thanksgiving Service held at Seaton Road on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.*

Joyce, if you'll forgive me for saying, seems to have been in our lives forever and I include myself in this for from the very first day I met her 6 months ago she has demonstrated, what I'm sure has been a lifelong practice of loving God and his people in remarkable ways. You will no doubt agree her qualities included a heart full of kindness and love; there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for anyone if she was able. Joyce supported and encouraged many in her lifetime from the youngest to the more mature. She had a sense of humour that instantly had one smiling inwardly as well as on the outside. Mind you she also possessed an alert mind - there weren't many things that got past her sharp eye. So many qualities that stemmed from her faith in Jesus Christ and her willingness to follow his example.

It seems she had the best possible start in life being born into a loving Christian home at Bramford on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1920. She was the eldest of three girls, Nancy and Marion being her sisters. Nancy recalls how as a child Joyce had an instinct for getting along with others taking a great interest in their welfare. She was popular at Guides, school and church where she attended the Sunday school. Joyce always set herself high standards from her early years and her framed certificate of gaining a first class merit for Religious Education is cherished to this day.

She was a happy child and her enthusiasm to achieve the very best she could continued when she passed her 11 plus which took some considerable effort coming from a family with average means. She had ambitions of becoming a history teacher but her opportunities for further education were limited and so she went to work at the age of 14 in service. Her hard work was appreciated by the families she served but it took its toll of her health. After recovering from a serious illness she came to Felixstowe and was taken under the wing of the Mason family here at Seaton Road Methodist Church. Her friends at the time were Violet Mason and Peggy Abbott. It was here that her eye was taken by a dashing young man by the name of Archie Mayes. In fact they met for the first time at the laying of the foundation stone for this chapel on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1937. My - what an incredible presence Joyce became here helping with the Sunday school and Youth Club, organising and leading the young wives group which developed into L.E.F. She was a member of the Christian Endeavour group and organised flower festivals and many more major events.

In 1939 she did go to university, Oxford no less. This was after she had registered for war work and was chosen to train as a Post Office Manager, a post she undertook at their Headquarters in Ipswich. This was also an anxious time for Joyce as Archie was called up and served as a medic in the Royal Navy where he was involved in the trauma of war on more than one occasion.

It was a happy day, however, when in 1941 they were married here in their beloved church. Following the war years Archie and Joyce set up home in Felixstowe and inevitably Joyce continued where she had left off in the church, serving as both secretary and treasurer in addition to many other and varied roles. In 1953 they moved to Newbourne where they managed very successfully a small holding and true to her

nature it wasn't long before Joyce had immersed herself in the local community including becoming President of Newbourne Women's Institute. In everything she did Joyce never gave anything less than her best and this I know has been very much appreciated by many people on a personal level that I have spoken with in recent days. She had a remarkable gift for getting alongside folk in showing genuine love and care. Her support and encouragement of Archie in his work for St John's Ambulance was recognised by the organisation even though she was never in uniform herself when she was awarded the title of a serving sister in the Grand Priory of the most venerable order of the hospital of St John of Jerusalem. Joyce made the most out of every opportunity that came along in life.

There were disappointments along the way such as not being able to bear children but this was more than compensated for when Joyce and Archie adopted Denise as their daughter. She loved you very much Denise and you gave her much joy and happiness in life. She was immensely proud of you and this was certainly true when you were received into membership of the church which I know was also a very special day for you.

After finishing at Newbourne Joyce managed a greengrocer shop in Felixstowe before her retirement in 1987. Her insatiable appetite to serve her God, however, continued and she was a leading figure in saving our Church Hall from demolition in working enormously hard alongside others to raise the necessary funds. She loved to see progress and the beginning of Café Worship and the Computer Club were initiatives that excited her in recent years. She attended the luncheon club and led the women's own group organising speakers. I could go on and have probably left huge chunks of Joyce's very active life

untold but hopefully you may have a flavour of her nature which will be sadly missed by many.

Joyce did have time to relax, would you believe, and turn her talents to other pursuits such as painting and many of her works are displayed in the family home today. She loved to play the piano, do crosswords and read and she looked forward to her holidays including many abroad to an amazing array of countries as well as closer to home with friends and family at Gunton Leisure Park.

The last few months for Joyce have been a struggle but as always she looked for the positives even though she was unable to get out of her home that much. Her faith in her God and his people never waivered though and she was thrilled when she heard the message of Christmas being sung by members of the church who called one Sunday to sing carols outside her window. I am sure she would wish me to say to you and her many friends and family here today that God is good and being wrapped in his love is the thing she would wish us all to know in our lives.

God Bless you Joyce for you have richly deserved your reward this day. Amen.

### **A sincere thankyou**

Archie and Denise would like to thank everyone most sincerely for all the cards, kind thoughts, words and prayers and support that they have received during this difficult time. To know that not only have they got the love of our Father, but the love of all the Church Family caring for them is a much valued support.

## **Felixstowe Town Pastors**

Preparations for the Felixstowe Town Pastor scheme are gaining pace for the planned start in April.

We, at Seaton Road, were pleased to be able offer our premises on 20<sup>th</sup> February for some of the training of the Town Pastors. There is a training session for Base pray-ers on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity.

For the scheme to be successful it still needs more people, from all the churches in Felixstowe, who are willing to go out as Town Pastors, pray at the prayer base and pray in their own homes. A promotional video has been made, starring our own David Kemble, if you would like to know more about the work.

Please think about whether you can take part in this exciting venture and please remember it in your prayers. The Commissioning Service will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at the River of Life Church, Felixstowe and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like more information please see Rev. David Kemble or Mary Pattinson.

## **Plant Sale**

Seaton Road will once again be holding a plant sale this year. There will also be a cake stall and refreshments. More details in next month's magazine.

### **Plant Sale at Seaton Road**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am to 12 noon.**

Please book the date now and think about offering your help with the stalls, refreshments and/or providing cakes for the stall.



# **ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

## **MUSEUM STREET METHODIST CHURCH, IPSWICH.**

**SATURDAY MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

Viewing from approximately 11.45 am (after  
all classes have been judged)  
Concert and presentation of individual and  
church awards at approximately 3pm.  
Refreshments of hot and cold drinks, filled  
rolls etc will be on sale during the day.

Come and share the talents of the Circuit.

## **Sponsored Walk and Ipswich Circuit Vision**

Following the suggestion of a sponsored walk for the four churches in the Felixstowe Mission Area it has now been confirmed that this will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

The walk will take place along the promenade and will start from Trinity at approximately 10am (time to be confirmed). It will also finish at Trinity where light refreshments will be available.

You can walk as long or as short a distance as you like.

Sponsor forms, to collect money for your own church, are now available from Mary Pattinson but the main aim is to get the Mission Area together so if you would rather not get sponsors don't let it put you off, just join in the walk. If you are unable to walk but would still like to join us you would be most welcome to stay at Trinity for the duration of the walk.

Following the walk, the Ipswich Circuit Leadership Team will meet with everyone at 12 noon to talk about Felixstowe's mission as part of the Circuit vision. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to stay for this. If you cannot attend the morning event you would still be very welcome to join us at midday. Further details



will be available soon.

## Prayer Diary For March 2010

Please keep this list handy and include the topics in your private prayer time.

Mon	1st	March	Responsible use of earth's resources
Tues	2nd	March	The fair-trade movement throughout the world.
Wed	3rd	March	Our Minister Rev David Kemble and his work in the Mission Area, the Circuit and as Port Chaplain
Thurs	4th	March	For our mission area Family and Children's Worker Mrs Elizabeth Kemble as she seeks to establish her role.
Fri	5th	March	The recently bereaved and all those who seek to support them.
Sat	6th	March	All those in our armed forces, especially those on active service.
Sun	7th	March	All our Circuit ministers as they lead worship today.
Mon	8th	March	The work of Rev Michael Allen, Paul Taylor and FTCCOP
Tues	9th	March	The work of Christian Aid and others supporting the poor.
Wed	10th	March	Mission partners all over the world
Thurs	11th	March	Our Brownies and their leaders
Fri	12th	March	The Port of Felixstowe and all who work there.
Sat	13th	March	Our sister churches working in Walton: St Mary's and MRBC and our united witness as Walton Churches.
Sun	14th	March	Our Church Family and all those who act as Mothers.

Mon	15th	March	Our Playschool, its leaders ,and those who attend.
Tues	16th	March	Prisoners of Conscience everywhere.
Wed	17th	March	Nicky Wright and the Parish Nursing Ministry in Felixstowe
Thurs	18th	March	Those affected by the recent earthquake in Chile
Fri	19th	March	‘Little Fishes’(Our Parent’s and Toddlers Club) and those who lead it, and attend.
Sat	20th	March	The People Of Haiti as they rebuild their lives.
Sun	21st	March	All involved in Café Worship and outreach today
Mon	22nd	March	The Homeless and those who work to support them.
Tues	23rd	March	Refugees and all those who have been forced to leave their homelands through famine, war or oppression.
Wed	24th	March	Level 2 Youth Project and those it serves
Thurs	25th	March	The work of the Felixstowe Christian Youth worker and the Boost Bus
Fri	26th	March	The Town Pastors scheme and all involved in that vision.
Sat	27th	March	All those of our fellowship who find it difficult to get out.
Sun	28th	March	All those leading worship in our Circuit throughout Holy Week and Easter.
Mon	29th	March	Families in Walton
Tues	30th	March	Rev. Alan Taylor and the Circuit Leadership Team
Wed	31st	March	Our Town Councillors and all who make policy decisions.

**Felixstowe Mission Area**  
**Holy Week and Easter Services 2010**

Palm Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	United Kirton Donkey Procession starts at Kirton Methodist –finishes at Kirton Church . ( No service at Trimley as they join this)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Easter Meditation at Seaton Road
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Communion service at Kirton Chapel
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity
Good Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30 am 10.30am 11.30am 4.00pm	United Service for Walton Churches at St. Mary's (followed by procession to Triangle, Felixstowe for 11.30am) Service at Trinity (followed by Triangle) Felixstowe Churches Together Witness at Triangle. Trimley Meditation Service (followed by tea.)
Easter Day 4 <sup>th</sup> April		Churches Together Sunrise Service 8am Communion at Trinity Easter Services at usual times in all four churches.