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From the Manse.....

Thankfully, praise God, in 'recovery mode' following a bout of ill-health, 'er-indoors' prescribed an away-day from the Manse. So on a bright sunny day we headed north following the A9 towards Caithness. No, it's not the end of the earth, but you can see it from there! Why on earth, you may ask? Why not? shout many of the Caithness folk in our parish! Well, it goes back to our time when I was Assistant Minister at Dunblane Cathedral in the early 80s. Whilst there, we were privileged to be presented to HM the Queen Mother who was paying a private visit to the then Minister. Her genuine warmth and kindness, along with her innate ability to put us and those around at ease, was quite remarkable. She could have been my Granny! From that time on, we would aye watch out for her on TV with her winsome smile and yes, as always, putting others at their ease. Time passes and she is no longer with us, save for a legacy of memories to so many. As you may (sic) guess, our day out was to the Castle of Mey, where her presence was still palpable throughout. The homely touches were everywhere, and far from the regal life into which she and her husband were to be dutifully led. One feels for the time when she and her husband must have felt so imprisoned by the heavy responsibility to the nation that was to be following the Abdication - a role for which he felt so unfit. Interestingly enough, when we did meet her, the Lady-in-Waiting was Lady Bassett, who was later to write a book called 'Each in his Prison'. It was an anthology of writings by people who had endured and overcome different kinds of captivity and describes what inspires people to rise above prisons of conscience, of mind and of soul. It has echoes of Psalm 142 and the very telling phrase in verse 7,

'Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name'.

Amen to that! May the peace of God be with you all. Yours aye, Duncan

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Barry Higham

Our church community was saddened by the loss of Barry who was laid to rest on 23rd July. In addition to being a loyal husband and family man, Barry was a committed Elder of our church and a friend to all. From my perspective, as his Minister, the abiding memory I have of him is of his beaming face! One of the most amiable people we are likely to meet, he had integrity, compassion and a dignity that allowed him to be at ease with anyone and they with him. His sudden passing took us all by surprise. The suddenness of his demise at least spared him a prolonged time of ill-health and thus having passed through his 'Gethsemane', he died in faith. Our sincere condolences to Florence and to all members of his loving and extended family at this time.

The 10 Commandments (parts 4/5 cont.)

4. *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.* The Jews' sabbath and the Christians' Sunday are a divine institution. To set one day in seven apart is not just a human arrangement or a social convenience. It is God's plan. He made the sabbath for man, Jesus emphasized,⁴ and since he also made the man for whom he made the sabbath, he adapted it to man's need. Man's body and mind need rest, and man's spirit needs the opportunity for worship. The sabbath is therefore a day of rest and a day of worship. Not only are we to keep it as such ourselves, for our own good, but we are to do all we can for the common good to ensure that others do not have to work unnecessarily on this So Sunday is a 'holy' day, set apart for God. It is the Lord's day, not our day. It is therefore to be spent in his way, not in ours, for his worship and service and not just for our selfish pleasure.

5. *Honour your father and your mother.*

This fifth commandment still belongs to the first half of the law which concerns our duty to God. For our parents, at least while we are children, stand towards us *in loco Dei*: they represent God's authority. Yet often it is in their own homes that people, young people especially, are at their most selfish and inconsiderate. It is all too easy to be ungrateful and neglectful, and to fail to show our parents due respect and affection. How often do we write to them or visit them? Or do they need financial support which we could give but deny them?

(A Monthly series on the Commandments in A&B (By Rev John Stott. Publ..IVP)

New Christian bookshop to open next to Kirk's HQ

A NEW Christian bookshop is set to open in the heart of Edinburgh's city centre, next to the Church of Scotland's headquarters. The Kirk has announced that a Living Oasis Bookshop will temporarily fill the vacant premises on George Street, where Wesley Owen previously was. It is being launched by the Nationwide Christian Trust. Angus Macpherson, convener of the Church's Central Services Committee, said: "The Central Services Committee is very pleased that Living Oasis are temporarily taking over the George Street bookshop. We warmly welcome them and wish them every success. "

Treasurer's £ Note!

Our Treasurer, gently and tactfully reminds that the cost of electricity in our churches rise just as much as it does in our own homes! Every Church Service, Wedding, Funeral, meeting or function in the building uses electric, and has to be paid for. So please help us to keep our church open and witnessing in our community with your generous support.

Needin' a Rest

Seeing their Minister a bit "rin-doon"
The congregation votes him a long rest.
A friend who'd met him on the Continent said,
"I thoct he was lookin' his vera best."
"That's mair than like, bit it wasna him,
Twas the congregation was needin' a rest!"

God created all that is, out of nothing!

Original receivers of this revelation would see that God began with nothing but His own Word as He began to create the world they knew. He formed a chaotic mass out of which He began to bring order and light, which would stand in great contrast to the darkness and chaos of Egypt which they had left behind. Their God was a God of order, able to start with nothing and build what He willed. So too, in their own lives, God was about to bring out from the darkness and chaos they lived in Egypt, a people well-pleasing to God, by the same ability to create out of nothing. He did not have to have good men to begin to build His church. Later, as men's skepticism increased, God increased His teaching that natural men were sinners, as chaotic as that mass with which God began; but, God could bring life where there was none, and order where there was none, by His same Word (Ezekiel's dry bones). So what about us ? In our day, humanity has increased its knowledge of the universe **but still does not know** how it all began! As 'our' world becomes more chaotic, we have even greater opportunity to show how God begins with nothing and builds His church. Perhaps we need to challenge skeptics to stop looking for answers to their problems in this world and to look to the God who brings order out of chaos, creating that which is good, out of nothing. After all, God does not need us, we need Him!

Television Today!

Someone once said, "Television is a device that permits people who havn't anything to do, to watch people who can't do anything!"

Bible Wordsearch

Armor of God

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Psalm 14

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The Service on Sunday 8th August at Findhorn will be conducted
 by the Rev David Anderson

Funerals

Our sincere condolences to all who are bereaved

23rd June - Barry Higham, Whiteinch, Kinloss