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From the Manse...

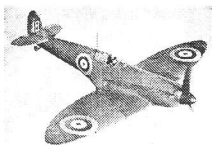
This month, our country recalls and commemorates the dark days of the Second World War, and in particular, the critical weeks that came to be known as 'The Battle of Britain'. Following a number of intense phases of bombing by the German Luftwaffe, the fourth phase began on the 7th of September 1940 with daylight attacks on London and its docks. This was to last for nearly a month and reached a climax on the 15th September, when over a thousand sorties were flown against the capital in the afternoon and at night. The odds against the RAF were 2,790 to 650 aircraft! Between the 24th August and 15th September, RAF Fighter Command lost 103 pilots killed and 128 seriously wounded with 366 fighter aircraft put out of action. On Sunday 15th September there came what Sir Winston Churchill called "one of the decisive battles in the war". In his own immortal words, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few". Today, 70 years later, major conflicts are thankfully rarer and, attrition rates lower. They are still however, a tragic loss to the country and as equally unbearable to those who are left to mourn loved ones. Let us continue to pray for those who have experienced such a loss, whether in past or in ongoing conflicts. May these words offer some comfort and hope:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness"

(2 Timothy 4 vs 7, 8)

May God bless you and keep you. Yours aye, Duncan

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Floods in Pakistan

MILLIONS of people in Pakistan are now at serious risk of an epidemic of diseases such as cholera because of contaminated water and a lack of sanitation, the country's Prime Minister, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, has said. Mr Gilani said that his country was experiencing "the worst natural calamity of its history". Aid agencies are increasingly worried that the disaster could worsen dramatically if epidemics strike. The UN estimates that about 1600 people have died, and 20 million have been affected, with eight million people made homeless by the torrential monsoon rains. An estimated 8000 are still cut off by the floodwater. North-eastern regions of India are also suffering from flash flooding which has caused landslides. Hundreds are reported to have died in and around the Leh region, in Ladakh. In Britain, the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal has raised £33 million so far. It is the first appeal to record a rise in donations in the second week, suggesting that awareness of the scale of the disaster - the floods cover an area the size of England - appears to have overcome any traces of compassion fatigue. (Can there be such a thing as this ? Ed.)

Is it a take-over, but not as we know it ?

THE Church of Scotland has put forward proposals which would see its St Andrew Press arm run by a distinguished international religious publishing house. Under the plans, St Andrew Press would be operated by Hymns Ancient and Modern but retain its own unique identity in Scottish publishing. Hymns Ancient and Modern already runs the publishing arm of the Church of England and is a charitable organisation with an international reputation and an annual turnover of almost £6m. Under the proposals, which require to be approved by the Kirk's Council of Assembly next month, the Church would continue to publish a range of exciting and inspirational material aimed at the market in Scotland and overseas. Reverend Mark Johnstone, Convener of the Mission and Discipleship Council which oversees St Andrew Press, said: "These proposals would place St Andrew Press with an established publisher in the religious market and open up new markets for our books and our authors here in Scotland, in the UK and in all major international markets. Dominic Vaughan, the Group Chief Executive of Hymns Ancient and Modern said: "The Trustees of Hymns Ancient and Modern are delighted to be given the opportunity to pursue a successful relationship with the Church of Scotland and to be associated with such a great publishing house as Saint Andrew Press."

The Ten Commandments (parts 6/7)

(Continuing the monthly Series by Rev John Stott. Publ.IVP)

6. *You shall not kill.*

This is not just a prohibition of murder. If looks could kill, many would kill with a look. If murder can be committed by cutting words, many are guilty. Indeed Jesus said that to be angry with someone without a cause, and to be insulting, are just as serious, while John draws the right conclusion when he writes, 'Any one who hates his brother is a murderer'. Every loss of temper, every outburst of uncontrolled passion, every stirring of sullen rage, every bitter resentment and thirsting for revenge - all these things are murder. We can kill by malicious gossip. We can kill by studied neglect and cruelty. We can kill by spite and jealousy. We have probably all done so.

7. *You shall not commit adultery,*

Again, this commandment has a far wider application than just to unfaithfulness in marriage. It includes any sort of sex outside the marriage relationship for which it was designed. It includes flirting, experimenting, and solitary sexual experience. It also includes all sexual perversions, for although men and women are not responsible for a perverted instinct, they are for its indulgence. It includes selfish demands within wedlock, and many, if not all, divorces. It includes the deliberate reading of pornographic literature, and giving in to impure fantasies. Jesus made this clear when he said, '... every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart'. Just as to entertain murderous thoughts in the heart is to commit murder, so to entertain adulterous thoughts in the heart is to commit adultery. This commandment in fact embraces every abuse of a sacred and beautiful gift of God.

Dedication Service at Kinloss

On Sunday 29th August the Minister conducted a Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving to mark the completion of the refurbishment of Kinloss Church.

The oldest church of the linked charges of Alves, Burghead, Kinloss and Findhorn, has now been sensitively transformed into a dual purpose building that will not only provide a warm and welcoming place of worship, but also a much needed community facility. Parishioners are urged to 'bring a friend' to Sunday worship and welcomes all visitors.



Kirk Session

Members of the Kirk Session are reminded of their next meeting to be held in Kinloss at 7pm on Monday 6th September

Bible Wordsearch The Four Horsemen

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Psalm 23

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Will be celebrated at Kinloss Church at 10am on Sunday 26th September.

Visiting Preacher

On Sunday 17th October the Morning Service will be conducted by the Reverend Bill Reid (formerly of the Scot's Kirk, Paris and one time Minster of St Laurence Church, Forres)