

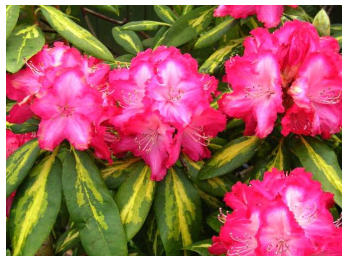
FROM THE POTTING SHED

Well here we are again, Easter is over and at last it's getting warmer. Seeds can be sown, potatoes and summer bulbs planted and there is the promise of crops to come. Here's my list of a few chores to keep on doing.

- Keep on mowing the lawn and weeding the beds and borders regularly.
- Plant up hanging baskets and patio containers with summer bedding but keep them protected from frost.
- Keep on sowing more salad crops, bulb fennel, and French or runner beans.
- Plant out beans and courgettes but keep them protected from frost.

Plant of the Month

Now to a new regular feature of my column. This month I want to feature an April- May favourite of mine - Rhododendron "President Roosevelt". This is an evergreen medium sized hybrid Rhododendron which has foliage with a bright yellow variegation. It has a slightly lax and leggy habit and flowers in late April and early May. The flowers are pink with paler centres and a frilly edge. Like all Rhododendrons it likes an acid soil, of which we are blessed in this area.



Happy gardening and God bless!

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Newsletter

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Trinity Web Site

Due to the failure of the server that hosts our web site, we are unable to offer an email version on the newsletter this month.

Book review

"Sons of the Father" by Gordon Dalbey

There are some books, which captivate your attention and you, either read straight through the book or take your time thinking about each chapter in bite size chunks. Sons of the Father is a book which can touch a raw nerve and stimulate an experience at the same time of how God can heal the "father wound" that many men experience today. Gordon touches on many issues including how to relate to women in a healthier way, take more initiative as fathers, overcome addictions and other obstructive behaviours, so that they can become men of strong family based principals. It will be for some an amazing and life changing book and will touch many who feel wounded in what is described as today's fatherless generation. The

book has been published for some years now but has a quality about it that is relevant to the current age. Gordon has used illustrations from his personal experience and suggests practical pathways, which can lead to healing and wholeness in a bruised and hostile world.

As with all the books reviewed in the pages of the men@trinity newsletter the books can be purchased from the Lighthouse Christian Resource centre. It is ISBN No 1- 84291-081-7

A selection of books for men are available from the LightHouse Book shop, 2 Railway Approach, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 1BP www.lighthouse-centre.co.uk 01342 302660

men@trinity thoughts for the month

Those of you who have had the opportunity to hear Geoff preach in the past month know that he has “been blinding us with science” about the creation of the universe. Clearly he has been reading lots of facts and figures about the universe and passing them on. For Geoff, and many of us, the wonder of creation both on a grand scale and the minute is but evidence of a brilliant designer. Knowing the designer is even more wonderful. These facts just add to the wonder.

It somehow seems possible for the more intelligent brains to be able to dismiss this all a chance. I think of Stephen Hawkins who is an atheist and believes this was all a matter of chance. He’s probably one of the worlds leading mathematicians, physicists and cosmologists all rolled into one. Commenting on the big bang theory of the origin of the universe he writes these words:-

“if the rate of expansion, one second after the big bang had been smaller by even one part in hundred thousand million million(100,000,000,000,000,000), the universe would have re-collapsed before it even reached its present size”.

To me, simple as I am, that probability is so utterly amazing that it yet again points to a perfect creator!

The physical universe is governed by physical laws. You don’t believe me? Then try walking off Beachy Head and I guarantee you will discover that the law of gravity really exists!

Just as surely the moral universe is also governed by such laws. These are spiritual in nature and they underpin our world. Breaking these laws also has consequences: if you are unsure of that just read your newspaper. Do we blame God for things that are actually the result of choices that we make?

16th June 2006

Chinese – meal out @ Wing Wah

A Fresh look at the Church

Having just looked at the May/June edition of Everyday With Jesus my attention was caught by the title for the next two months and in particular the verse of scripture from Jeremiah 6 v 16 “. ...Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for where the good way is and walk in it...”

We need to look at and understand how the church should be in the 21st century by learning from the 1st century church. This is the challenge of moving with the times yet retaining the distinctive characteristics that have been handed down with time so that our mission will be effective.

Let us consider the issues that “ Everyday With Jesus” has printed on the back cover: -

- 1) Discover God’s vision for the Church
- 2) Identify the changes that may need to be made
- 3) Be part of a community that reflects God’s glory

If you haven’t already bought a copy of Everyday With Jesus than the Lighthouse Christian Resource Centre will have then in stock or speak to Doug Bentley if you wish to place a long-term order.

