

In the Barn!

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God's Victory Banner

depicts William the conqueror's defeat of England. The tapestry portrays various events throughout the conquest, culminating with William's victory the Battle of Hastings which occurred in 1066.

The amazing thing about the Bayeux Tapestry is that it is 70 meters long woven from 8 different kinds of yarn to portray its message. As I think about people and their lives, I think of them in a similar fashion to those worsted strands. Each persons journey through life is like one of those worsted yarns, as we live our lives they entwine with those around us. And God is weaving those individual bits of yarn together to announce his victory over sin, Satan and death here in Ingleburn.

As God's people we have been redeemed for him and for each other. It is not one of the things we often think about, but God salvation of each of us means

In the year 1066 A.D. the Normans or French conquered England. To commemorate that victory the Bayeux Tapestry was commissioned. For those who don't know - a tapestry is basically a giant rug you hang on a wall. It was commissioned somewhere towards the end of the 10th Century. And it

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by John
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The unexpected can come upon us without warning or prior notice.

The Garage at Peak Hill where I had the Parish Car serviced was owned by Bert. He was always very busy and never had time for a chat. However this day after telling him what I wanted with the car he said to me, "John, what am I going to do? The Bank will not lend me anymore money. Being in the drought the Farmers are very slow at paying their accounts. All the Bank could say was to reduce my staff. See that young man over there, he is the best mechanic I have ever employed. He has a wife, a young baby and is paying off his house. It is very frustrating." Then he was called to another customer and I was glad to be there so he could use my ears to vent his frustration. I don't know

what Bert did, perhaps not paying himself but each time I was at the garage the young mechanic was still there.

On my way to Scripture at Kandos High School I decided I just had time to call at the Railway Station and pick up a timetable. Bob was the station master and a member of the Parish Council. As I opened his Office door I said, "do you have a timetable Bob, I am on my way to the High School for Scripture". He didn't acknowledge me and said, "I can't understand this, no warning, no idea this was going to happen and I will be here by myself until the end." I asked what was going to happen and he told me the line was going to close for passengers and be replaced by Buses. The line would be used for freight and needed for the kandos cement works. A few others who worked at the Station would be made redundant while he held the fort until he was retired which was less than 12 months away. I stayed a few minutes longer as I listened to this man utterly stunned about what was to happen. By now I was late for Scripture but thought 30 minutes at High School was better than 40 minutes. As I left I said I would call on him and his wife on Saturday morning. Within 6 months the passenger service ceased and was replaced by Buses. I suppose I picked up the timetable as I cannot now remember. Let us never under

estimate how useful our ears are to other people when they need someone on whom to vent their feelings.

Sometimes we are asked to do something unexpected. This was the case in Warren. A young man was at the front door wanting to see the Minister. He told me his wife had given birth to a full term still born baby and could not afford a funeral. He had been to the shire council and found out he could dig the grave himself to the dimensions they gave him. He only needed one witness and could I be at the cemetery next day at 11.am to be that witness and have a short service. A friend had bought a cheaper coffin for him in Dubbo.

I arrived at the cemetery to see the grave already dug. He then brought the small white coffin from his car, knelt down and placed the coffin in the grave. I took a very short service. When finished he picked up his shovel to begin filling in the grave. I thought if I had a shovel in the back of the car I could help him. Then I realized as I did not know this young man I could be invading His grief and privacy. I asked which property he worked on so I could come and see him and his wife. He said they were leaving Warren as soon as possible as it was too sad to live there any longer. I left him to fill in the grave of his still born baby shedding tears he may have in his own privacy.

During our stay in Bathurst while our home was being rebuilt in late 2013 because of termites we saw a woman at the other end of an isle in Coles. We immediately recognized

each other. Cheryl and her husband had been teachers in Rylstone when we were there nearly 30 years before. We had kept in contact but had not seen each other for some time. June and I explained why we were in Bathurst. We were then invited to tea the next night as Stephen would like to see us too. June happened to remark my Birthday was in a couple of days so this could be a celebration. We had an enjoyable evening catching up on old times and when leaving I was handed a Birthday card to be opened the next morning. When I opened the card inside was a cheque made out to both June and me. I said look at this June a cheque for two thousand dollars. June reminded me that Stephen had said his parent's estate had been finalized. Then I looked again at the cheque and counted the noughts. After the two there were four. This was \$20,000 dollars. June and I were flabbergasted. I rang to express our thanks and Cheryl said when she told Stephen our situation they prayed about it and asked God how much they should give to help the Masons. This is the amount God told us to use of His money as we are only stewards and it is His to do as He directs. Cheryl said they were only being obedient. This amount certainly did help towards the building costs.

In life let us be ready for our ears to be used. To do something out of the ordinary and be humble and grateful when receiving an unexpected gift as we encounter our Encounters.

God Bless. John Mason

we have been saved for each other. Though the primary focus of our salvation rightly falls on the grace God has given us by sending His son to die for us, we should also remember that we have been saved for one another. Each person of God's church matters to Him, and therefore we need to matter to each other. We need each other and have been given as a gift to serve one another.

Since we are a gift to one another, Peter encourages us to love one another. As He says:

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to

one another without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God." (1 Peter 4:8-10)

God uses the love we have for another to entwine our lives together and weave us into the victory banner He is displaying throughout the world. The various gifts and abilities God has given us need to be used to encourage and build one another up. Let us serve one another in love, without grumbling, and in the process display the great victory God has won for the sake and glory of His Son.

In Christ,
Adam.

COVID Memes

**Let's make a
quaranTUNE playlist.
I'll start - "Don't
Stand So Close To
Me" by The Police.**

One way to stop panic buying...



Find-A-Word

Acknowledge	Cheque	Open	Stewards
Bathurst	Dollars	Passenger	Tapestry
Bayeux	Encounter	Privacy	Victory
Birthday	Garage	Remind	Warren
Build	Grave	Scripture	
Cemetery	Noughts	Something	

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PRAYER POINTS



- Pray that we will be able to return soon to church and be able to encourage one another as the victory banner of Christ in our local community.
- Pray for the church leadership as we think about coming back together. Pray that plans will be made in manner that is both loving and respectful of the leadership of both the diocese and the government.