A farewell leaving interview with Mark Russell

Laying Foundations – the Kings Lynn Centre of Mission

Rose Hudson-Wilkin CA, the new Bishop-designate of Dover
Since Church Army was established by Wilson Carlile in 1882, we have been committed to not only doing evangelism but enabling ordinary Christians to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ so that everyone, everywhere can have the opportunity to meet the living God. 137 years on that vision is unchanged and I am continually inspired by our evangelists as they work tirelessly to see the love of Jesus shared in a relevant way to a constantly changing culture.

Mark Russell, who has been the CEO of Church Army from 2006 until June this year, shares with us some of the stories, celebrations and challenges from the last 12 years (page 6).

On page 14 we catch up with James Hawksworth, our Lead Evangelist for the Kings Lynn Centre of Mission, who is laying deep foundations for a lasting worshipping community on one of the poorest estates in England. Read also, how Reunion is inspiring adults to pick up callings that they may have left behind in their youth and fulfil the vision they feel God is calling them to (page 12).

I hope you will feel inspired by the stories in these pages and challenged to look afresh at how God wants to use you in your local context,

God bless you.

Des Scott
Interim Chief Executive
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In May, Beth Burras took a 39 mile pilgrimage through the Peak District, stopping at 12 churches on the way to Eyam, a village of historic and spiritual significance. The pilgrimage lasted three days and Beth raised £519 for Xplore.

Well done Beth!

No More Happy Endings

*The Amber Project* ended last year with their fantastic pantomime *No More Happy Endings* in which a ragtag troupe of villains blur all the lines between their individual stories, in the hope of making the traditional main characters crash together and fail. Peppered with original jokes, brilliant singing and clever twists, the *Amber Project*’s incredible performance still left audiences with a thought-provoking message about accepting ourselves for who we are. (review by Isaac Stovell)

Welcome Helen Shepherd

We caught up with Helen, our new Regional Development Officer for Wales, to ask her about her role as she oversees our current centres of mission in Wales and helps to develop new ones:

“It is a really exciting time to be joining the team. Right now there is lots of attention on evangelism and mission within the Church in Wales. Church Army has really a really good relationship with the Church in Wales and now because of funding there is huge potential for different dioceses to have new centres of mission.

Did you know we blog?

Finished reading your latest Catalyst and looking for more? Head over to the Church Army blog which is constantly updated with posts from a number of our contributors. Read about current events, cutting edge research from our Research Unit, reflections on Biblical passages and more. Head over to www.churcharmy.org/blog

12 in 12

Our Medway Centre of Mission Evangelist, Stephen Ramshaw is currently running 12 races during the course of 12 months to raise money for Church Army’s frontline work.

“I want to give people hope in a place where there is low aspiration, security where there is practical need and a Saviour in a place where many people don’t know how much God loves them…This is a big challenge for me but one I am looking forward to getting stuck into.”

You can sponsor Stephen by visiting uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StephenRamshaw

Equip Launch

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Together we raised an AMAZING £3,367.35 at the Quiz last week! This is going to make a tangible difference in real people’s lives. You guys are incredible!

Dan Dwight (Thank you for capturing the night!)

5 Mar 2019

A HUGE congratulations to our very own Maureen Greaves who’s won at The Women of Sheffield awards for her contribution to community and giving back to the world! @SheffieldStar

GREAT news for #InternationalWomensDay! #Sheffield #WomenOfSheffield

5 Mar 2019

So thankful for all that our street pastors do when people are vulnerable on our streets at night.

25 May 2019

These guys are world-changers for Jesus! A fantastic @xplore_d group - thanks for the snap Hannah!

“Thanks to @ChurchArmy for providing such an awesome tool for young people! You guys ROCK”

Click here to find out more about Xplore www.xplore.org.uk

7 Jun 2019

Tears have been shed as we’ve celebrated @markrusselluk & given him a proper send-off. // And the staff has been passed on to reliable hands of the wonderful @desscottuk as interim CEO.

8 Jul 2019
Thanks for joining us, Mark. After nearly 13 years, you’re about to leave Church Army, how are you feeling?

I am looking forward to my challenge ahead, but I’m really not looking forward to setting this role down. It has been a quarter of my entire existence on this planet, half of my entire working life, but it’s more than that: Church Army has become part of who I am. Setting down this responsibility is going to be very hard. I think deep down I’m probably in some state of denial!

A FOND FAREWELL

Appointed as Church Army’s youngest-ever chief executive in 2006, Mark Russell, has become a much-loved and respected leader. Now as he takes up his new role as CEO of The Children’s Society, we say a fond farewell to him. Before he left, Chris Hardy caught up with Mark to ask him about his time with Church Army over the past 13 years…

“MY PRAYER FOR CHURCH ARMY IS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY JESUS TO BE GOOD NEWS TO THIS WEARY WORLD.”
You joined Church Army in 2006, when a lot of people prefixed your introduction as CEO with “youngest-ever”. What did you set out to do?

I think what I set out to do was to try and help Church Army rediscover its founding purpose. So, for the first number of months I immersed myself in the story of Wilson Carlile; this radical young clergyman with a commitment to the poor, the lost, the marginalised and the broken. He had this really radical spirit to not just change the lives of people in desperate need but to change the church.

What I’ve tried to do for the last 13 years is to help Church Army live out the same charisma and the same DNA in a 21st century context. What I hoped we would achieve is when I left Church Army it would be in a strong and confident place knowing who it is, what it is for and wanting to grow and make an even bigger difference in the years to come.

How do you think you’ve changed since 2006?

I’m older and I’ve got some grey hair but I like to think I’m a little wiser and a lot more experienced. Looking back, I’ve had a lot of time to reflect and I am unbelievably moved at the trust Church Army had in me.

I was a 30-year-old youth worker with spikey hair and surfer beads, with a staff of three and a budget of £10,000, and the Church Army trustees met me and trusted me with the leadership of a multimillion-pound organisation with hundreds of people. I like to think I now know how budgets work and spreadsheets and I’ve learned how to handle complex HR issues, but what I think I’ve learned about myself more and more is my need for and dependence on God for what I do each day.

And during that time, how has your faith been shaped and changed?

I think for any of us, whatever our role is in life, our purpose is to wake up in the morning determined that day to follow Christ and make an impact for Him. There are days that I’ve done that and days that are better than others. I’ve not got everything right and I’ve made my fair share of mistakes. I’m not perfect but I like to think my dependence on God is greater now than it was when I started.

What are you most proud of during your time at Church Army?

I think I’m proudest of our centres of mission. I’m proud of the fact we started with nine and we’ve now got 26 and we’re heading to 50 in the next five years. I’m proud of every single one of them; that they’re changing communities and being Good News.

I’m proud of the resources we’ve produced for the church like Faith Pictures, why on earth...?; Xplore and Reunion. I’m excited about the Research Unit and what they’ve done to resource the church and tell the story of what’s working in mission and evangelism.

And what I’m most proud of is the fact that we’ve taken Church Army from an organisation and grown it into a movement. We’ve become a Mission Community and therefore we are an inclusive community, whatever your role you are welcome if you live our mission and our values.

Often, we are moved to action because we are inspired by others. Who has inspired you as a leader?

They’re not people who have written books or done Ted Talks or spoken at Harvard Business School, but I’ve been inspired by a whole pile of people who’ve led me in my life. When I was seven, a woman called Emma was my Sunday School teacher in rural Northern Ireland. Nobody outside that village will have heard of Emma, but she spent her life pouring
her love, skill, heart and faith into a generation of kids, one of who was me. Her selflessness, constant positive spirit and her deep conviction that Jesus changes lives, has, without question left its fingerprint on me and how I lead today.

You’ve met many big names and large personalities. Who has left an impression on you?

There is a whole pile of people who are our retired Church Army Evangelists! I remember going one day to visit two sisters who were biological sisters and Church Army sisters! Lily Thrush was 103 and Elsie Thrush was 99 and between them they had 164 years of service to Church Army. I met these two amazing women who were still on fire with love for God and for people. What I’ve discovered is that Church Army Evangelists never really retire. They keep scoring goals in extra time. These people blow my mind.

I also remember bringing Desmond Tutu, the then Church Army President, to the Marylebone Project to meet our homeless women. He walked into the room which was full of women who’d been treated appallingly in life and whose opinion of themselves was so low they didn’t have the confidence to look up, and this little purple plaid Archbishop bounced into the room and said: “Look at you all, you’re beautiful and God thinks you are gorgeous!” The room changed! Their heads went up and they started to smile.

What will you miss most about Church Army?

That’s difficult. There’s 155 things that I’ll miss most, but if you pushed me, it’s people. I don’t work with colleagues, I work with friends. I care deeply for the people I work with. I’ve seen them grow and develop and I’ve seen them achieve amazing things.

What are your hopes for Church Army after you leave?

I leave Church Army in a place of growth where there is so much excitement and life. My hopes are we will reach the 50 centres of mission by 2027 which is the big ambition. I’m really proud that on my watch we’ve got our first centres of mission in the Republic of Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Also, as I’ve led this organisation I’ve come to realise that Church Army is full of brilliant people who don’t know how brilliant they are. They are incredible people doing incredible things, so I hope Church Army will continue to have confidence in itself as it’s changing the lives of thousands of people who are hearing the whisper of Jesus through its work.

To close, what would be your prayer and encouragement, for the Church Army community and its supporters?

My prayer for Church Army is that we will continue to be inspired by Jesus to be Good News to this weary world. What does that look like? It means to homeless people, we provide a roof. To hungry people it means, providing food. To a lonely person, fellowship and community. To someone suffering an addiction, providing freedom. To someone in debt, helping get out of debt. Whatever it is, I hope Church Army continues to be Good News and in doing so, is helping transform the world through faith shared in word and action.

View the full interview at www.churcharmy.org/afondfarewell
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40 years ago in 1979, at just 18 years old, Rose Hudson-Wilkin took a step of faith leaving her life in Jamaica and travelling to London to enrol in the Church Army Training College. This was just the beginning of her story. Since those early days, Rose has served in many roles including Chaplain to the Queen, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Priest of Westminster Abbey and most recently in June this year the Queen approved her appointment as the next Bishop of Dover. Chris Hardy spoke to Rose to find out more about her new role, something which she describes as a “miracle”...

Rose, how does it feel to have been announced as the next Bishop of Dover?

It has been an overwhelmingly positive experience. It is a miracle and I am looking at it as a miracle. I said that to someone on Friday and they said to me: “Don’t be surprised. We are in the business of miracles!”
What does it mean to you to have had the position of Chaplain to the Queen?

It was a privilege to have been given this role and it has certainly paved the path for my new role as Bishop of Dover because those who have appointed me would have seen that my passion for the Gospel is second to none. It is unquestionable, and I have the ability to reach a wide cross-section of people. I am as at ease with the man in the street who has nothing, as I am with the millionaire who has everything. To me they are all God’s children and that is how I approach people.

How do you see your evangelistic gifting continuing in your new role as Bishop of Dover?

Evangelism for me is the heart of all of this because it is about Good News and we are about Good News. It is words and action. That is what I want to continue in my ministry. I want that to be at the heart - I am sharing Good News, I am living Good News and I want to say to others, this Good News has changed my life. I want to share that Good News with others so their lives can be changed to.

How will you exercise the role of a Church Army Evangelist in your new role as Bishop?

When I was commissioned back in 1982 and admitted to the office of Evangelist it wasn’t like having a coat that I put on. I am always an Evangelist. I am always looking for opportunities to share Good News in word and deed and that will be precisely what I do in my role as a Bishop.

I will always be looking for every opportunity to share the love of God in Christ Jesus. Either by my speaking engagements, my preaching engagements, but also through the things that I do in my actions. Also by making sure I help to resource those who are working in the dioceses to encourage them and affirm them so that they too can confidently proclaim that Good News. Because without the Good News, what are we here for?

If we believe it, we have to live it. It must encompass all of who we are.

How do you think the church needs to change in order to engage with society?

The church needs to change by first of all rediscovering what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ. I think as a church we have lacked that kind of passion.

If you look at the Acts of the Apostles and the way they lived at that most monumental of times at the beginning of the church, they lived with a sense of belonging to each other and of belonging to God. We need to recapture that again as a church. We need to be much more confident, and that means being people who pray. We must be people who pray in season and out of season and share that joy with others. After all, when we discover a new pub, or shop or restaurant, we are happy to tell others about it. So why can’t we do that about our faith and what it means to us?

Rose, have you got any last words you’d like to share?

Can I say thank you to Church Army, because Church Army is where I first learned the craft of evangelism. I always say that I learned my theology at home when I saw, listened and watched the older generation around me with their indomitable trust in God. But in terms of learning the craft of Evangelist and increasing my passion for the love of God and the love of all His world and His people, I want to say that Church Army has played a significant and fundamental role in that area. And I look forward to continuing my very strong links with Church Army and supporting it in any way I can.

Read more about Rose’s life and ministry at www.churcharmy.org/rose
Have you ever stopped to think “is there something that God has for me to do?”

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“For me Reunion has been a slow and steady growing into a confidence and attitude towards the lost... Making room for evangelism for me was about making room for relationships and having a boldness to speak out for Jesus. Having the courage to build relationships of honesty and trust”

“Reunion is probably one of the most accessible riches I’ve experienced.”

“The Reunion community is the most important community I belong to other than my own church. Having others see value in me has been such a blessing as well as being able to see and add value to others.”

“I’ve really understood about people having their own story and that hearing and sharing story is powerful in mission. For myself I have much more confidence in sharing my story and I want to have lots to tell others... that means more time with God, whether it’s prayer, fellowship or building up others.”

“I have been able to see that I am actually enough in the work that God has for me to do - despite the huge scale of it”
Behind the old streets, maritime landmarks and the stone arched windows of Kings Lynn Minister, lies a much less picturesque reality of loneliness and isolation. With the rural Norfolk town being amongst the 10 percent most deprived areas in the United Kingdom, it is into this situation that James Hawksworth is working to lay deep foundations among its young people and establish a lasting, worshiping community. Chris Hardy reports...
As the gateway to the wealth and beauty of the North Norfolk coast, Kings Lynn at first glance has a lot to like. The town centre is buzzing with its beautiful historic buildings, market square and swanky coffee shops. But as our Evangelist, James Hawksworth, soon tells me, the reality for those living there is somewhat different.

James said: “When you look at Kings Lynn, it looks fantastic and aesthetically, really nice. But actually, throughout the whole town there is an overarching problem of isolation and loneliness – especially among the teenagers I meet. They know that they are isolated but they just don’t know what to do about it and are scared to pursue anything outside of their local community.”

“One of the key problems people face is that social services lie outside of Kings Lynn with no buses to connect them. This leaves them living on estates such as North Lynn with no means of getting help or changing their situation.”

With such challenges and lack of access to services, it is easy to see why Kings Lynn is in the lowest centile for education, skills and learning deprivation in the country (Norfolk Insight Deprivation Report) as well as being among the 10 percent most deprived areas in the country (Index of multiple deprivation).
Therefore, since the launch of our Kings Lynn Centre of Mission three years ago, James has been working hard to reach young people first and has made good connections with the schools.

James said: “Based on my previous experience as an Evangelist in Bradford, I have found it really helpful to work closely with schools as it lays a really good foundation stone from which to build youth clubs later. Youth clubs can come and go and when a youth club fails there is then nothing left for the young people, whereas schools are obviously a fixed presence in a community.”

One school that has opened its doors to James is Springwood High School. James is now a member of staff and a regular face around the school. Every week James meets up with students who are referred to him for mentoring.

“YOUTH CLUBS CAN COME AND GO AND WHEN A YOUTH CLUB FAILS THERE IS THEN NOTHING LEFT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE”

James explains: “One-to-one time with the kids is phenomenal, even the ones that don’t want to be with me. By the end of the time I spend with them they are opening up, more functional and coming across better to the teachers. I meet with students who are facing all types of issues including loneliness, brokenness at home and bullying.”

James, accompanied by his volunteer, Mason, took me to a lunch club he runs for Year Seven students each Wednesday. As we walked through the hallways the school was much like any other during the lunch hour - students scattered the corridors eating and chatting. But as we approached the small group of pupils waiting outside the classroom where the lunch club was held, there was a definite hum of excitement as James arrived.
Once inside, the students settled into the activities of eating lunch, laughing and playing the games James had brought. To a visitor, it may have looked like a group of students doing normal activities, but this was different. James has cultivated a space where students can speak freely about their lives with peers, feel connected and build confidence.

One student at the lunch club shared with me: “James helps us feel more confident about ourselves... everyone is very friendly.”

Another pupil said: “James helped me when I was having a hard time on the bus. He helps me build up my confidence and the lunch club has given me a place to go when I am sad.”

James hopes to use his success at Springwood High School to establish similar relationships with other schools in the area, especially those in the catchment area of the poorer estates such as North Lynn.

He said: “I didn’t come here to do youth work. I tried to avoid it. Then I came to realise that we can’t avoid it, it is the biggest need in the area. Everyone I spoke to said ‘we are losing our kids. They don’t go out, they don’t like stepping out their door.’”

“A lot of the isolation that we face in Kings Lynn is because the young people don’t like to go outside. And there are lots of reasons for that - bullying is the main one. A lot of the bullies hang round in the parks and the places where the kids would normally go, so I am looking for a building.”

“My end game,” James explains, “is that I want people to realise who Jesus is and build a relationship with God. I want people to encounter God. I want Him to be known and I want Him to be known well. I would love to start a youth club and the kids have started asking for one.”

Currently, James runs the centre of mission on his own. He said: “I am seeing so many kids and getting emails from so many teachers asking for me to see other individuals, but I can’t, I don’t have capacity. So I want to run a volunteer scheme using local churches to go into schools to assist with pastoral care.”

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MEET THE EVANGELISTS-IN-TRAINING

Jesus continues his work in the world today through his people, ordinary people who want to see lives transformed and that is why, at Church Army, we love equipping people with the resources and knowledge to go out to every part of the UK and Ireland to share the Good News of Jesus with people who desperately need to know Him. Every year we have a new intake of evangelists who will train to be commissioned by Church Army. This year we have 11 new people joining us. Let’s meet them!
AMY
Amy works with our Selby Centre of Mission. She is involved with youth ministry, schools work and Messy Church.

“I think Church Army’s DNA is what I am all about.”

JANE
Jane lives and works in Sheffield where she will continue to work with Muslim women in the inner city, many of whom are Arabic speaking.

JENNY
Jenny lives in Bristol where she is setting up a small group for adults with learning disabilities. She will also continue her volunteer work; arranging activities and providing support for refugees.

COLETTE
Colette is part of the mission team at St Mary’s church in London where she works with the homeless. She also runs an evangelistic event called Table Talk.

HEIDI
Heidi is based in the rural context of Dartmoor where she works with eight churches, supporting and expanding existing family and mission work.

MARIA
Maria, originally from Spain, lives in Northamptonshire and is involved with children’s ministry and has also started Community Church for the homeless and socially isolated.

“I want people to come to know the Lord in whichever way is possible, I don’t really care what it is.”
MATT

Matt is based in Cork where he oversees the youth programme for Carrigaline Union of Parishes as well as leading one of the church congregations.

ROBSON

Robson, originally from Brazil, lives in Ireland and works closely with his wife, Emma, at the Ballina Centre of Mission where he focuses on building community in the area through sports ministry with young people.

VANESSA

Vanessa works with the Aberdeen Centre of Mission where she is involved with Street Pastors, lunch clubs for the elderly, school assemblies and is hoping to set up a Messy Church in the area.

KIA

Kia lives in Hull where she and her husband have a ministry working with the marginalised in the city. She is looking forward to developing a vocabulary for the gospel that allows her to talk to anyone about God.

DYLAN

Dylan is from Cork in Ireland and is a volunteer at the Ballina Centre of Mission on The Big Blue Bus. He also works with Robson doing sports ministry in the community and telling people about Jesus.

Are you thinking about training?
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WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE MEEK?

Meekness is often a Godly characteristic that is misunderstood or even at times unwanted, but if lived out has the potential to turn the world “topsy-turvy”. Hannah Ling tells us more...

Recently I was reading through Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12) line-by-line and I kept getting stuck on “blessed are the meek”. To be honest, when Jesus said: “blessed are the meek”, I was thinking of it as an unwanted weakness. I couldn’t understand why Jesus was talking about the meek in a desirable way.

So, I did what any good millennial would do and Googled: “define meekness”. There were several definitions, but I found one that changed my perspective and I wrote a Tweet to share this new-found wisdom:

"I've never understood why meekness should be a desired characteristic until I found this definition: “meekness meaning restraining one’s own power, so as to allow room for others.”"

Imagine a world if we all did that!

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

I got a bit of a shock when this Tweet swiftly became my most popular Tweet to date. So, I had a little think about why it might have created so much interest. Two main things occurred to me:

1. I’m not the only one who struggles with the word “meek”

The word “meek” made me imagine someone shy and retiring, passive, a bit of a pushover and someone who lets people walk all over them.

But this new definition of meekness as “restraining one’s own power, so as to allow room for others” speaks of something entirely different. Of someone who is confident but not arrogant, active but not passive, who doesn’t need to be the centre of attention or acknowledged as right. It speaks of someone who values others and wants to raise them up, knowing this won’t be at the detriment of themselves. A meek person acknowledges their own power but shows restraint to share that power.
2. We need more real meekness in our world

Take a moment to think about how you view the world: politics, society’s view on success and status, how we treat wealth and the most vulnerable, and how we disagree with different opinions.

Perhaps so many people engaged with my Tweet on meekness because we know meekness is not what we see when we look at the world around us. But we want it to be.

This new definition helped me imagine a different world and how it might look.

So, what next?

Meekness has the potential to turn the world topsy-turvy in a Kingdom-of-God kind of way.

I’m going to be praying that God teaches us how to be meek. It’s not going to be easy, but I pray that the world would look different because we’re living differently.

Will you join in with my pursuit of meekness?

Hannah is Church Army’s Communications Officer. She’s got a love-hate relationship with social media but definitely thinks you should follow Church Army on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook! She loves going to the theatre, running in the peaks and exploring new cities with friends.

* This definition is a combination of two quotes – the first half from: E. A. Cochran, Receptive Human Virtues (2011), and the second half from: Matthew, A Discourse Concerning Meekness (1806).
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Instructions to your bank/building society: Please pay Church Army Direct Debits from the account detailed in these instructions subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Church Army and if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Name(s) of account holder(s): __________________________
Sort Code: [   ] [   ] [   ] [   ] [   ] [   ] Account Number: __________________________
Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

The Direct Debit Guarantee
The Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits. If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the organisation will notify you (normally 10 working days) in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the organisation to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request. If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the organisation or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the organisation asks you to. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify the organisation.
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Card number

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* change your name or home address
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We want to hear from you!
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Whatever it is, we’d love to hear from you. Send your questions to catalyst@churcharmy.org and we’ll print a selection of questions and answers in the next issue.
‘I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.’

Ephesians 3:16-19