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## MOVING ON

As I pen this, I write what will be my last piece for The Greeting. We have had quite a journey together, with a few laughs and a few disappointments thrown in for good measure. I have completed 20 years in regular church ministry and the act of leaving is very surreal. In fact I have discovered that leaving the ministry is much more difficult than I might have imagined. I think in some quarters leaving the ministry is as unimaginable as Snow White becoming embroiled in a dwarf scandal! Some things simply should not be, and leaving ministry appears to be fairly high on this scale.

I think a number of May Street's congregation understand the sense of call I feel from God to move on to new things but for others there may be a challenge as to how we understand and exercise ministry. Ministry is the use of

our gifts in serving God, in challenging world views and shaping culture. I have a terrible fear that sometimes our wider Presbyterian Church is unable to fully embrace new opportunities and new understandings of how to shape and challenge communities for the gospel of Jesus.

Of course I would prefer to stay within the Presbyterian Church, in my original calling to serve God with the abilities and opportunities he has given me, but that is not an option. I dearly love the Presbyterian Church, but there are times when a person must begin to move forward and follow where God is leading. Perhaps one day I will find myself returning to the church, enabled to preach and minister creatively under their auspices but for the time being my attentions must turn to building a ministry based around Sidewaysart and Artobiography. That said, I will always see myself primarily as a minister of PCI in God's service.



*Have a relaxing Summer*



Over my 20 years I have both enjoyed and disliked aspects of ministry. I have, in theatre speak, been allowed behind the curtain during the interval and sadly too often have seen a disappointing reality of church. Like a child my imagination of the 'wonder of the church' has been spoilt by the seeing of the puppet strings and realising that it is not as wonderful or free as it might first seem.

However, no-one is perfect and no church is perfect, but I do fear if we are to be treated with more respect by a postmodern audience we need to be continually creating new ways to express the same message but in ways which allow us to engage more positively with our communities. We need to lay aside all those damaging knee-jerk reactions which so often typify the church and which remove its authenticity and creativity, ultimately suggesting that there are unseen strings. If freedom is worth dying for, then it seems to be well worth living for as well.

It will be interesting to see how artobiography develops. I already have a number of commissions, in the main from London and Dublin. I hope that I will be able to get involved with some churches in using the arts to reach into their communities as well – something which I felt I could not pursue at May Street as this is not what ordained ministers are 'meant to do'.

May I thank everyone in May Street for their help and support over the last five and a half years – my life is richer for the experience. I will miss you, I will miss the city which I have come to love – even its pavements, its buses, its noise and grey days. I will miss the city workers and the Sunday congregation but to stay would be to miss God's will. I hope all can understand that.

I have many interesting projects to pursue, one which includes a painting for the front cover of a book but for Deborah and me it will be very much a faith journey. And so, perhaps I should end by quoting to myself, as well as to each reader, my own saying which I have often repeated during my time at May Street: "Why

dream in black and white when you can dream in colour?" So here's to colour-charged dreams for us all and may God richly bless each one of you.

KEITH DRURY

## **ARTO BIOGRAPHY**

In the same way that I have shamelessly plugged May Street at every opportunity over the last five years (did you know some media stations sent out memos to point out that May Street was being plugged and featured too often?), I now wish to shamelessly plug [www.artobiography.co.uk](http://www.artobiography.co.uk) and remind everyone that anniversary, wedding, birthday and all other event commissions are available. After all, it's all for a good cause as it helps to support the [sidewaysart.com](http://sidewaysart.com) church ministry.

Please feel welcome to visit my current art exhibition in the Waterfront Hall gallery which was formally opened by Don Mullan on Wednesday June 3. A good crowd turned out for the opening which was very encouraging. A TV crew even noticed that Deborah was the subject of one of the paintings and picked her out from the crowd and asked to interview her. It was only half way through the interview that they realised that Deborah and I were married!

KEITH DRURY

## **MAY STREET VACANCY**

South Belfast Presbytery has set up a vacancy commission to oversee arrangements for the forthcoming vacancy at May Street. Members of Kirk Session were involved in a meeting with the commission on May 26 and a further meeting will be held on June 24. The convenor of the vacancy, Dr Rodger Crooks from Belvoir, is a member of the vacancy commission and he will be responsible for arranging ministers to conduct the Sunday services week by week from August 1. On August 1 the Rev Derek McKelvey will conduct the service and will formally announce the vacancy. We ask for your prayers for May Street and all involved in the vacancy commission.

# CALVIN FOR BEGINNERS



## AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION TO MARK THE 500<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN CALVIN

.....AND A CHANCE TO HEAR THE STORY OF HOW MAY STREET CAME  
TO BE ONE OF THE FEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN IRELAND TO  
HAVE A JOHN CALVIN WINDOW

**AT: MAY STREET CHURCH**

**ON: THURSDAY JUNE 25**

**STARTING: 7.45pm**

This informal evening will feature a Powerpoint presentation on the life and times of John Calvin, delivered by our guest speaker David Watson from Ballyclare, an acknowledged expert on Calvin

This will be followed by a chance to examine the famous Calvin window in the May Street sanctuary in detail - and a discussion over a cup of coffee or tea in Urban Soul, the May Street basement cafe

All welcome – please spread the word

CALVIN – THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME



**Convenor:** *Dr Rodger Crooks from Belvoir, the convenor of the vacancy at May Street*

## FAREWELL SERVICE

As announced in the previous issue of The Greeting, the Rev Keith Drury has tendered his resignation as minister of May Street Church and director of city centre mission in Belfast. Although Mr Drury's severance date is July 31, he will be on leave for the month of July, which means that his final service will be on Sunday June 28.

After the service a farewell ceremony will be held in the lecture hall for Mr Drury and his wife Deborah. A special cake will be cut and tea/coffee served, and Arthur Acheson, the Clerk of Session, will make a presentation on behalf of the congregation to Mr and Mrs Drury.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund should give their donation to Andrew Acheson, the May Street treasurer. Please make all cheques payable to May Street Presbyterian Church and put them in an envelope marked "Mr Drury's presentation". All contributions will be gratefully received.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held after morning service on Sunday June 21 to recommend to the congregation a revised joint development scheme including May Street's premises and the adjoining car park site.

Draft heads of agreement have been drawn up to include May Street Presbyterian Church, County Trust, a charitable trust whose objective is the promotion of the Christian religion and Mizpah Properties, owner of the adjoining site which is presently used for car parking. If the proposal is approved by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, new trustees from May Street would be added to the charitable trust and the proposed agreement would supersede the earlier one which was intended to incorporate the existing church building in a multi-storey development. The previous agreement was not implemented because the planning application was withdrawn.

The sanctuary, including the basement and the gallery, would be placed in the ownership of the County Trust which would assume responsibility for its day to day management, long term care and continuing upkeep. Mizpah Properties would take over the remaining buildings including the lecture hall, parlour, toilets and kitchen, which would be demolished to make way for a new building, directly linked to the sanctuary on all three levels of the church. May Street congregation would be granted use of the sanctuary for its services, together with shared amenities such as toilets, lifts, disabled access and a concourse. The basement beneath the sanctuary would be altered to include a replacement kitchen.

The congregational committee discussed the proposal at its meeting on May 27 and unanimously agreed that it should be recommended to the congregation for consideration at the proposed Congregational Meeting on June 21.

Notice of the meeting has been given to the congregation in the Sunday intimations.

The key points of the proposed agreement are:

- 1 – The new development would be located beside May Street Church, and be integrated into the sanctuary, the original proposal to build over the church having been withdrawn.
- 2 – May Street congregation would continue to use the church for worship in the future.
- 3 – Taking responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the building, County Trust would invite new trustees from May Street and appoint a building manager; new toilets, disabled access and lifts would be provided.
- 4 – May Street Church would have free use of the concourse area linking the church and the new development.
- 5 – Mizpah would develop May Street sanctuary, including the basement and gallery, as a Christian resource centre.
- 6 – If May Street congregation ceases to use the sanctuary, County Trust would have the right to dispose of the property. In such circumstances, proceeds less expenses would revert to Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
- 7 – There would be no monetary exchange between the parties except any nominal amount legally required for completion of property transfers or leases.

Before the development team make a planning application, they have requested that the proposals be ratified by the church. This will require the agreement of May Street congregation, South Belfast Presbytery and the PCI Union Commission.

The proposals will be discussed at the congregational meeting, where members of the

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congregation will have an opportunity to have any points clarified.

The Kirk Session and Congregational Committee believe that the proposal, if adopted, would offer significant benefits to May Street Church, providing a new means of maintaining the building into the future, offering additional opportunities for worship, witness and outreach, whilst removing the responsibility for building maintenance costs from the congregation.

The Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the Communion Service, which commences at 11am on Sunday June 21.

## THE CHOIR

Since our Palm Sunday and Easter Day services, things have been relatively quiet for the choir.

At the moment, members are beginning to think of holidays. One of our altos, Ruby Fannin, recently went with her brother Arthur, to spend some time in Cyprus.

Their sister June, who is a former member of May Street, is currently living there with her husband, the Rev. Michael Houston. Michael was formerly rector of Portaferry and is currently undertaking a three year chaplaincy at St Andrew's Episcopalian Church in Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus.

Ruby and Arthur are regular visitors and while there in May, gave June and Michael a lot of support for the Grand Community Fête which was held in the rectory gardens.

Michael initiated the idea of a fête as a means of outreach into the local community, giving Cypriots and Turks an opportunity to socialise with each other. So even on holiday Ruby and Arthur found themselves fulfilling an outreach role! A considerable amount of money was raised in the process and is being distributed to Army Veterans and to a school, for the deaf and mentally handicapped in Northern Cyprus.

Our love and best wishes go to Derek Gourley, husband of Evelyn, another of our altos. Derek has recently undergone major surgery and we wish him well in his recovery.

At the end of July we will be sorry to lose one of our unofficial choir members, the Rev Keith Drury! As you will read elsewhere in The Greeting Keith is leaving us. We wish Deborah and him well as they embrace new challenges.

In closing, I would like to wish all members of the congregation a relaxing and restorative break.

VALERIE MORTON  
Secretary

## **ADIEU EMBRACE**

Embrace, the Christian group running the Streets Project in Belfast, has written to May Street to thank the church for the use of its premises to store clothing and goods in connection with its outreach to rough sleepers in the city centre, but to advise us that it is moving on.

Dr Scott Boldt said the charity was now centralising its operation at Edgehill Theological College at Lennoxvale in south Belfast and had cleared all its stock from May Street.

Dr Boldt said: "We are pleased with how the project is progressing and are very grateful for the use of the church. Please communicate this to the congregation."

We wish Embrace well with its valuable project and were glad to have been of assistance.

## **TUESDAY CIRCLE**

On April 28, which turned out to be a beautiful spring evening, the Tuesday Circle celebrated its 40th anniversary with a trip to Mount Stewart, the National Trust property on the Ards Peninsula.

We all enjoyed the lovely Co Down scenery during our journey down and were in good spirits when we arrived at our destination. A short tour of the kitchens had been arranged and we were shown some of the kitchen equipment that was used in bygone days and we marvelled at how splendid feasts could have been arranged without the aid of all the mod cons that we are used to today and we also had a little talk on some of the family history and saw the family living room which had been enjoyed in the past.

A total of 21 ladies were present and before our meal we were joined by Judy Morton, who we were delighted to have with us for the first time since her accident and illness. Having made our way to the modern dining room we were served with a lovely meal which was appreciated by all. A good evening's chat and tasty food are the perfect recipe for a pleasant evening and as we made our way home, everyone agreed it had been a great success.

But life in the Tuesday Circle catering corps can also be hard work. On May 14 the Presbyterian Women's Association from West Church in Bangor visited Belfast city centre for a spring outing and chose us to cater for them. They had visited the refurbished Ulster Hall and had been shown round the building. Then they come to May Street, where we served a ham salad lunch to 36 ladies. As is our custom we invited them to see around our church and as is usually the case, our visitors jumped at the chance to see what we take for granted or lovely historic church.

Our second engagement was with our old friends from St Colm's Training College. They came to us on May 22 for morning coffee and

lunch. This is an annual reunion and they always have a speaker. Our premises suit them very well as the participants come from various parts of Northern Ireland and we are so central. They bade us farewell and promised if possible they would be with us next year!

The meetings are over for now until the autumn so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a good summer. We look forward to meeting up again in September.

ENA KIRKPATRICK  
Secretary

### LORD MAYOR'S VISIT



**Signing up:** Councillor Tom Hartley, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, signs the visitors' book at May Street under the watchful eye of the Rev Keith Drury.

May Street played host to a VIP visitor on Thursday May 14. Councillor Tom Hartley, the then Lord Mayor of Belfast, was present at the weekly Thursday lunchtime business service.

Mr Hartley, a keen local historian, had expressed an interest in visiting "Cooke's Church" and was visibly impressed by the interior of the building. It was the first time that Mr Hartley, who is one of the Sinn Fein representatives on Belfast City Council, had been to May Street.

The Rev Keith Drury, who conducted the service, welcomed Mr Hartley to the service and invited the Lord Mayor to address those present.

Speaking from the communion table, Mr Hartley expressed appreciation for the invitation. He described it as "a great honour" to be invited to visit one of Belfast's most famous meeting houses and to be associated with his "Presbyterian brothers and sisters".



**Chain reaction:** The Rev Keith Drury welcomes Councillor Tom Hartley to May Street Presbyterian Church on the occasion of his visit to the Thursday service on May 14.

The Lord Mayor admitted that there was "something of a Presbyterian" in him. He said that when searching through family papers recently he had discovered that his grandfather had in 1982 been listed as a Presbyterian.

He said that during his year of office, which would draw to a close in a matter of weeks, he had been impressed by how many good people he had met. He said he had been reflecting on the motto of Belfast – pro tanto quid – meaning what shall we give in return for so much? Mr Hartley said it was important not just to take out of life but to give back.

"There are so many people who give of their

time for the welfare of others,” he added. In closing, Mr Hartley said he was delighted to be at May Street, to be in the company of those present and to share in their prayers.

At the conclusion of the service, Mr Drury invited Mr Hartley to join him in the vestibule to greet worshippers as they left.

ROBIN MORTON

### DEADLINE

The deadline for all contributions to the next issue of the Greeting is Sunday September 6

### JANE ADAMSON

As recorded in the last issue of The Greeting, the death took place on April 4 of long-standing May Street member Jane Adamson. Her funeral service took place in May Street on April 8 and was conducted by the Rev Niall Bayly.



**Fond Memories:** Jane Adamson was the first great grandmother to hold the office of Lady Mayoress of the City of Belfast.

At the service Mrs Adamson’s son Ian, a

former Lord Mayor of Belfast, paid tribute to his mother. He said that his mother had loved May Street and expressed appreciation to Mr Bayly for the way he had conducted the service.

Dr Adamson also acknowledged the role played by the Rev Jim Barnes and Kathleen Rea from May Street, and thanked Colin Johnston and Alan Taggart for their musical accompaniment at the service. He also expressed thanks to Dr Ian Paisley and others who had visited his mother during her prolonged illness. He also paid tribute to the caring staff at Breffni Lodge residential home and the Somme Nursing Home who he said had always treated his mother with care and consideration.

He said: “My mother loved this church, which was to her a sort of Presbyterian Cathedral. She spoke often of the famous Henry Cooke and Wylie Blue, who were ministers here. May Street Church was built in 1829, the same year as her old house in Marino.

“She would have been so pleased to see her family here today and her friends from the Somme Association, the Farset Organisation and representatives from throughout the political world in Northern Ireland.”

Mrs Adamson was a coalminer’s daughter, born at Crookedholm near Kilmarnock in Scotland on July 14, 1920. One of six children, she grew up in several locations in Ayrshire.

After the war, her father quit the mines to work on the railway. Among the perks this brought were free tickets for family trips, even to her grandmother’s house at Conlig in Co Down. It was from there that her mother had initially been lured to work at a dynamite factory in Ayrshire.

At the age of 14, Mrs Adamson went to work for a dentist at Old Cumnock in Ayrshire, later moving to work for the assistant dentist who had set up his own practice in Glasgow. At the age of 18 she left Scotland to join her cousin John Adamson, who had just set up his own business in Conlig.

Soon romance blossomed and after three

months, John proposed marriage. The young couple were married in Scotland and returned to Conlig where business flourished. They ran a shop which sold groceries, petrol and hardware, and soon the living room of their house became a drapery shop.

They took over the local Post Office, opened two other shops and sold home-made ice cream. Among their customers was the young Lord Dufferin.

But their priority was their three children. Isabel married Earl Beagle, an American doctor who is now a professor of medicine in Seattle. Alexis became a senior social worker and is married to Clive Graham, a Laganside executive. Ian became a medical doctor, now retired, and is a noted linguist, speaking no fewer than 10 languages.

Dr Adamson, a member of the Ulster Unionist Party, was elected as a councillor in Belfast in 1989 and served as Lord Mayor in 1996. At that time he was unmarried, so his mother became Belfast's Lady Mayoress, at the age of 76. She was the first great grandmother and the oldest person ever to have held the office. Dr Adamson, who subsequently married his wife Kerry, said his mother had greatly enjoyed her role as Lady Mayoress.

At the funeral, Dr Adamson said his mother had been a lifelong champion of mutual respect, tolerance and understanding. She had instilled simple Christian values in her children and had been a wise and loving counsellor. Dr Adamson said his mother would be sadly missed.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of the congregational committee will be held at 7.30pm on Monday July 6, followed by a meeting of the Kirk Session.

## **BELFAST HOUSE OF PRAYER**

I welcome this opportunity to bring all readers of The Greeting up to speed with how we are getting on at the Belfast House of Prayer, which by kind permission of May Street

Kirk Session and congregational committee, meets in Urban Soul on Thursday evenings and Saturday nights.

Our latest initiative, which was rolled out on June 8, is to start doing two early morning outreach sessions each week for business people - or anyone for that matter - who would like a place to start their day God focused. The times for those sessions are Monday and Wednesday mornings from 6.30am to 8.30am, and anyone is welcome to just come and spend some time with the Lord before the work day begins.

We continue to do intercession on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, and equipping/releasing on Saturday nights, also at 7.30pm. Saturday nights are about giving believers a chance to step out in their giftings, and exercise their beliefs in a safe environment. We are operating on the premise that we can all hear from the Lord, and we can all operate in different giftings for the exhortation of the body, as per I Corinthians 12.

As a new addition to that, we have decided that on the fourth Saturday of every month we are going to take what we have been learning and growing in and hit the streets in a "Treasure Hunt". Basically, we will just listen to what we believe the Lord is telling us to do, and then in groups we will go out and believe to see the kingdom of God begin to invade Belfast's streets.

We believe that not only is the Word of God the ultimate guideline and truth, but that it is completely practical as well. If the Word says it, we believe it, and want to see it. We have been seeing some amazing healings in the group lately, and some other miraculous answers to prayer. We want to see the body of Christ united in Belfast, and the lost being enabled to hear and receive the full benefits of the grace that Christ died to give them!

As always, we are so thankful for the people of Maystreet Presbyterian's support of us and enabling of the vision to go forward. Bless you all, and we hope to see more of you!!!

EVAN BROWN



**Titanic town:** The collage prepared by the Rev Keith Drury on Titanic

## TITANIC MEMORIES

May Street minister the Rev Keith Drury was the last person to interview Titanic survivor Millvina Dean, who died on May 31 at the age of 97. As part of his research work for a new art piece on Titanic, Mr Drury flew to Southampton to see Miss Dean during May.

He recorded their 45-minute chat and discussed his Titanic collage, which he has prepared for an exhibition which opened on June 2 at Waterfront Hall in Belfast. Miss Dean gave Mr Drury a signature for the painting, and this is now incorporated in the piece.

Ms Dean was just nine weeks old when her parents took her on Titanic to travel to America. When disaster struck, she was handed out to a lifeboat in a postal bag, and ferried to safety

with her mother. Her father was lost when the vessel went down.

The Titanic collage, which features the liner, newspaper cuttings and a modern day Harland & Wolff crane, is one of two pieces Mr Drury has prepared. The other features Thomas Andrews from Comber, the designer of Titanic.

Mr Drury told the Belfast Telegraph: "I found Ms Dean healthy and chatty. I joked with her and asked her if she could remember the sinking. She said no, and that she could not see out of the postal bag.

"So I said to her: 'You missed the biggest event of the century.' She laughed and said: 'I suppose I did miss it, didn't I?'

"Millvina was a truly wonder woman and

her personality defied her years. She will undoubtedly be missed by many as this final chapter in the life of RMS Titanic draws to a close.”

Mr Drury is preparing a collage on May Street which he will present to the congregation on the occasion of his final service on June 28.

More of Mr Drury’s work can be seen on his website at [artobiography.co.uk](http://artobiography.co.uk)

## **URBAN SOUL**

Don’t forget to visit Urban Soul if you are in the centre of Belfast during the day. The cafe, in the basement of May Street Church, opens from 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday, and offers a range of snacks and coffees. The cafe also has a free wi-fi connection, so you can bring your laptop with you. An oasis in the midst of a busy city.

## **THURSDAY SERVICES**

Thursday lunchtime services concluded at the end of May but will resume in September. We thank all those who attended so regularly in recent months. Have a good summer, and we look forward to seeing you again in the autumn.

## **EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAY**

As part of European Heritage Day, May Street Church will be one of a number of historic buildings which will be open to the public on Saturday September 12. Visitors will be able to stroll around the building, which dates from 1829, and hear a bit about the church’s current role.

If you are available for even a couple of hours that day to help staff the building, and welcome visitors, please contact the Clerk of Session, Arthur Acheson.

## **TO: THE REV KEITH DRURY**

Paths in life sometimes divide  
And separate ways we go.

A new road you will travel  
And we’re wanting you to know  
We wish you health and happiness  
In the days that are to be.  
From care and disappointments  
May all your life be free.  
With you we’ve had a learning time  
And many happy times we’ve had,  
But now, you’ve decided to make the break...  
Still...let’s not be too sad,  
For we’ll keep a special memory  
That always will remain,  
And sometime in the future,  
Well...perhaps we’ll meet again.

## **TWENTY THIRD PSALM**

Beside still waters,  
To lie, in pastures green .....  
But no, we go more. Often  
Where grass is seldom seen.  
On super-ways, or sky-ways,  
On super-sonic planes;  
We hunt in concrete jungles,  
For small material gains;  
Promotion and preferment,  
Political intrigue,  
Resultant restless boredom,  
Frustration, and fatigue .....  
He leads beside still waters,  
Where pastures in the hollow  
Are green with living waters .....  
He leads ... But do we follow?

## **STRENGTH**

We are given strength to bear the burdens of  
each Day,  
Grace sufficient for the hour and light to see the  
Way.  
Whether in the vale of shadows or on heights  
Sublime,  
Live your life with hope and courage.  
One day at a time.

## ALWAYS

There's always something to live for if you only look around.

An old friend to be visited, a new one to be found.

A job of work to tackle, something really well worth while,

And lots of folk who need a hand to help them at a stile ...

There's always something to live for though the best of life has gone.

There's always a reason for being grateful and for keeping on.

Someone is treading a lonely path whose heart is breaking too,

Someone looking along the road for somebody like you.

## YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Who is your neighbour? He whom you  
Have power to aid or bless,  
Whose aching heart or burning brow  
Your soothing hand may press.

Your neighbour ? 'Tis the fainting poor  
Whose eye with want is dim.  
Oh, enter through his humble door  
With aid and peace for him.

Your neighbour ? He who drinks the cup  
When sorrow drowns the brim;  
With words of high sustaining hope  
Go you, and comfort him.

Your neighbour? 'Tis the weary slave,  
Fettered in mind and limb;  
He has no hope this side the grave,  
Go you, and ransom him.

Your neighbour? Pass no mourner by.  
Perhaps you could redeem  
A breaking heart from misery.  
Go share your lot with him.

## TOMORROW'S BURDEN

Don't pick up tomorrow's burden while it's still today,  
Hour by hour we're given strength our part in

life to play.

Light sufficient to illumine the path that we must tread,

Not enough to pierce the darkness of the miles ahead.

We in some mysterious way are helped when things go wrong,

Shoulders stoop beneath the strain, and yet we get along,

Finding that we have the power to meet each fresh demand –

If we reach out in the dark and hold the unseen Hand.

Never look for storms approaching when the skies you scan,

Don't anticipate the future; it's not ours to plan.  
Do not turn your eyes to see the turning in the road.

Why take on before you must, another extra load?

Don't go searching down the byways for the things you fear.

There's no need to fight the next day's battle till you hear.

The summons of the trumpet and the beating of the drums.

Don't pick up tomorrow's burden till tomorrow comes.

Poems contributed by Elizabeth Doran

## COLLECTORS

**Jun:** Kathleen Rea, Christine Hewitt,  
Alan McCrum, Barry Bell,  
Robin Hewitt, Clive Gilmour.

**July:** Kathleen Rea, Gordon Kirkpatrick,  
Frank Boyd, Valerie Condy,  
Brian Gourley, Andrew Acheson.

**Aug:** Kathleen Rea, Stephen Wilson,  
Robin Morton, Jenny Wilson,  
Arthur Acheson, Arthur Fannin.

**Sept:** Kathleen Rea, Christine Hewitt,  
Alan McCrum, Barry Bell,  
Robin Hewitt, Clive Gilmour.