

## SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

### A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

10am: pre-service prayer time in the Fellowship room

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

You guard and you guide, you warn and you protect. Hold us under your guidance and your protection as we proclaim your word today. Amen

### 10.30am : Morning Worship led by Miss Juliet Lewis

Stewards: Margaret McGoogan & Chris. Kennett

Welcome team: Mary Kennett & Sylvia Lawson

Readers: Sue Medicott & David Eccleshall

Junior Church: David Smith, Natalie Burton & Leslyanne Jones

After Service Refreshments: Sue Medicott & Linda Croot

### WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY MEANS . . . . .

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay" said his father, "what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy Daddy . . ." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'.

**THE TRAVELLER'S PRAYER** Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble servants who are doomed to travel this earth, taking pictures, posting postcards, buying souvenirs and walking round in drip-dry underwear. We beseech you, Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our baggage is not lost and the overweight luggage goes unnoticed.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels, that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up with hot water running from the taps. We pray that the telephone works, that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is no mail from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our holiday.

Lead us, oh Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal. Make the natives love us for what we are and not what we contribute to their worldly goods. Grant us the strength to visit museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and the castles listed as 'musts' in the guide book. And perchance we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, forgive us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear Lord, keep our wives from shopping sprees, protect them from bargains they do not need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what they do. Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and from making a fool of themselves in cafes and restaurants. Above all, please do not forgive them as they know exactly what they do.

And when the journey is over and we return home, grant us the favour of finding someone who will watch our slides and listen to our stories so our lives as tourists will not be in vain. *Seen in an hotel foyer in Margarita, Venezuela*

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