



Market Overton
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Kidz' Korner

Noah's Ark

A picture to colour

A while after God had created the world he saw that men were very wicked and did whatever they wanted. This made God very sad.

He decided that he would destroy the world in a great flood.

One man had the favour of God, a man named Noah. God told Noah that he should build an ark. He told him how big it should be. He also told him to take two of every living kind of animal and all his family as well into the ark.

Diary Dates

Morning Worship

MO Village Hall
Every Sunday, 10.30am. Suitable for all.

Evening Worship

Sir John Sedley Centre, Wymondham.
Most Sundays 6.30pm

Midweek meetings

- Thursdays, 7.30pm
Sir John Sedley Centre, Wymondham

Coffee Hour

- MO Village Hall
Friday, 10.30am, 13 November, 11 December

Creation Meetings

7.30pm, 3 - 5 November - Victoria Hall, Oakham

Carol Service

10.30am Sunday, 20 December

See website www.mofc.org.uk



Insight

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Promises, promises!

The season of political party conferences has just passed and we are still left wondering who to vote for at the next general election. All the parties have made promises, which were probably hastily prepared over night by the speech writers, but we are uncertain whether they could keep them if we voted them into government.

I am reminded that there is one who always keeps his promises: "The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made."

Whichever way we are persuaded to vote in any general election is our own personal business, but we have other personal choices to make. The choice of whether to accept the promises of God have eternal consequences and should therefore be taken seriously.

God is a promise keeper and so we can trust him with our choices.

Peter Rush's article inside outlines the choices open to us.

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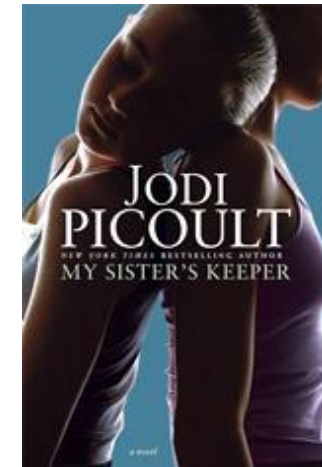
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"My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult

'My Sister's Keeper' by Jodi Picoult is a moving portrayal of a family who genetically engineer a baby to save their elder daughter from Leukaemia. This baby grows up and her body is continually used as a means to save her elder sisters life. Eventually she decides that she wants to sue her family for rights to her own body. The whole family is then torn apart as this battle for rights unfolds, leaving a family

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broken.

This novel and now film (out on DVD 23rd November) is a thought provoking insight into the controversial issue of whether it is ever right to genetically engineer children and create “saviour siblings”. The Bible teaches that each human being is made in the

image of God, and therefore should be treated with the utmost dignity, not as a “spare parts” commodity. As Lady O’Cathain said in the House of Lord’s debate in January 2008: “To manufacture a person in this way is to offend against the respect that is due to the integrity of that person, no matter how compelling the goal of trying to cure”.

Introducing the Christian: Lord Shaftesbury

Antony Ashley Cooper, seventh Earl of Shaftesbury was a politician who had a real impact on society during the 19th century. People called him ‘The Working Man’s Friend’.

Born at Grosvenor Square, London on 28th April 1801, Antony soon discovered that being part of a rich family was no guarantee to happiness. His parents, busy with their public lives, had little time left to invest in his upbringing. Antony was left to the care of a nanny called Maria. As a boy he sat on her knee as she told him story after story from the Bible. When Maria died she left Antony her gold watch and he wore it for the rest of his life.

Antony entered Parliament at the age of 25 following his degree at Oxford. It seemed the natural thing for a young man of his background to do. It wasn’t long before he earned the title of ‘The Working Man’s Friend’ by campaigning on behalf of farm labourers and factory workers.

For the majority of his career Lord Shaftesbury fought for working hours to be reduced for women and children in factories and in coal mines. He commissioned a report on mines which evidenced the terrible working conditions.

One of Lord Shaftesbury’s mottoes was: ‘The first principle God’s honour; the second, man’s happiness.’ At times this led to him being unpopular with government but he was determined to stick up for the rights of the poor even if this meant putting his own position in jeopardy.

The thousands gathered inside and outside Westminster Abbey on the day of Lord Shaftesbury’s funeral were testimony to his huge influence. There were members of the Royal Family, politicians and people from every rank of society. In the crowd, a poorly dressed man turned to the person next to him and with a choke in his voice said:

‘Our Earl’s gone! God A’mighty knows he loved us, and we loved him. We shan’t see his likes again!’



The Right Road



High-speed, congestion-free, easy road travel began 50 years ago with the opening of the first section of the M1 motorway between Watford and Rugby on 2nd November 1959. Despite incessant road works,

some idiotic drivers, and too many vehicles, motorways are usually the best option if you are travelling any distance by road. But not always.

Jesus once warned his disciples about choosing the right route for the journey through life with imagery that reminds me of motorways and country

lanes: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that



leads to life and only a few find it.” (from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 7 verses 13 and 14). Most people choose the easy route that offers trouble-free travel; don’t be troubled by God’s demands or the needs of others – motorway travel for life’s journey. The only problem is that the destination of such a route is destruction!

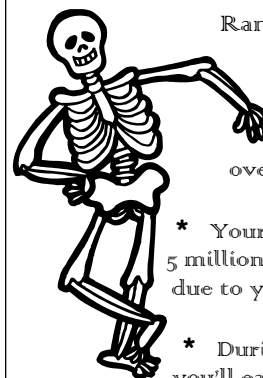
Jesus urged his disciples to choose the small gate and narrow road. The toll

gate is repentance, which is really awkward for us proud humans to navigate: admitting we are sinners and turning from our rebellion against God. And then it’s the country lane of faith in Jesus Christ and holiness

– there are not many who choose this road. But if it’s life you want to reach, this is the only route.

Peter Rush

INTERESTING FACTS did you know?



Random body facts

- * A sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 mph!
- * Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, due to you breathing!
- * During your lifetime, you’ll eat about 60,000

pounds of food, that’s the weight of about 6 elephants!

* Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!

* Humans blink over 10 million times a year!

