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6 January The Epiphany

8.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
11.00am King's Stag – Morning Worship
11.00am Purse Caundle – Holy Communion



6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer

13 January The Baptism of Christ

9.30am Stalbridge - Holy Communion

11.00am Stourton Caundle - Holy Communion

6.30pm Stalbridge - Evening Prayer



20 January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer

27 January

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Stock Gaylard – Holy Communion
 9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
 11.00am Stourton Caundle – Morning Prayer

& Holy Communion

4.00pm 4th Sunday Worship @ the Hub, Stalbridge





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Copy for February's Church and Community News

To the Editor Stuart Waite, Wynhill, Gold Street, Stalbridge DT10 2LX

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2 January - St Basil & St Gregory: lives of costly discipleship

'Discipline' is now virtually a banned word, along with 'risk', 'problem' and 'failure'. They seem to have been replaced respectively by 'focus', 'safety', 'challenge' and 'opportunity'. On the occasions when we do recognise and applaud the virtue of discipline, it's usually in the lives and activities of soldiers, police officers, dressage horses and the dog. But every year the Church Calendar remembers (on 2nd January) the lives of two outstanding leaders of the fourth century Church, Basil and Gregory. The hall mark of their lives was an iron self-discipline. Life-long friends since they were students together, they committed themselves to an almost ferocious austerity. In fact, both died early from the long-term consequences of extreme self-denial.

Bishops in the Eastern Church, they looked more to the new city of Constantinople than to Rome, but they both faced powerful opposition. Basil's unwavering commitment to the faith earned him many enemies, not only from secular sources (political and even imperial) but also from within the Church. Gregory, a less robust character, faced similar insults and even physical violence when he set out to reform the church at Constantinople. Eventually this opposition cost him his bishopric.

Basil was an activist, Gregory a contemplative, yet their lives followed a similar path of costly discipleship. Basil was born into a wealthy and influential family, but during a time of famine he felt it was his Christian duty to distribute the entire family inheritance in the form of food for the poor in his city. From then on, he lived an austere, even frugal life, and died at the age of 49, worn out by disease and physical weakness. Gregory too had poor health, largely through self-imposed poverty.

In the declining years of the Roman Empire and in an atmosphere of moral laxity they believed that as Christian leaders they should set an example. 'Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord ', says the Bible. Perhaps modern Christianity is a little too quick to see discipline in terms of subjection and punishment. But 'those whom the Lord *loves* He disciplines'.

Basil and Gregory, whatever we think of their lifelong regime of self-denial, were clear that their life of discipline was motivated by love of the same Lord who in love disciplined them. Without going to the extremes that they did, perhaps a little godly discipline might help us to build a healthier relationship with the God we try to 'trust and obey.'

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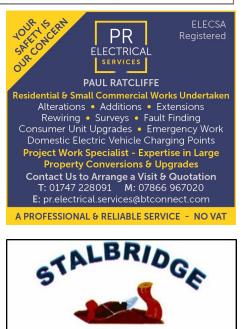
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THOUGHTS FOR JANUARY

Due to printing deadlines it often means we are writing the next month's magazine article ahead of some big events.

Whilst writing a few thoughts today for January 2019, Christmas is still to come. Everyone who has input into the magazine hopes you will all have had a great time and an opportunity to rest and enjoy family and friends.

Stalbridge commemorated in great style the 100 years anniversary since the end of the First World War with handcrafted poppies decorating the streets and areas of the town from one end to the other, plus a wonderful turnout for the Remembrance Parade on 11th November. Like Britain, as a whole Stalbridge gets on and does this sort of thing so well, with quiet efficient dignity, conscious of the occasion. A great many people worked hard to achieve this, it is only right and proper we should say thank you to those who worked so hard.

Since then we have had lots of change and uncertainty and who knows what will be the results of the deliberations in the House of Commons by the time you read this first magazine of 2019!

No matter what happens in the country as a whole we here in this beautiful part of Dorset will keep on with everyday life. Jobs have to be done, families cared for and daily decisions made. This is our part in how the world turns, but we can be sure we are not alone in these tasks.

Many of us have just celebrated the birth of Jesus whom we believe came to be among us and bring God's message of love to everyone. No exclusions, EVERYONE.

As mentioned earlier, Stalbridge has a proven community track record. We care for one another, we help one another, we care for our town. As we move into a new year let us pray that we can continue to improve our community for all who choose it as their home by welcoming and caring for each other as Jesus told us to do. JLW.

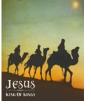


January 2019

Diary Dates

I Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

- 3 7.30pm Stourton Caundle PCC meets
- 4 11.00am Holy Communion at the Old Rectory, Stalbridge

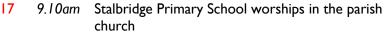


6 The Epiphany

- 7 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 8 10.00am Rector visiting in Purse Caundle
 - 7.30pm Churchwardens meet with the Bishop of Sherborne
- 10 11.00am Ministers of Spire Hill meet
- 11 10.30am Lay Worship Leaders' Training (5/10)
- 1.00pm Holy Baptism of Samuel Kent at Hazelbury Bryan Church

13 The Baptism of Christ

- 14 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 5 10.00am Rector visiting in Stourton Caundle



- 11.00am Rector visiting in King's Stag
- 7.30pm Stourton Caundle PCC meets
- 18 9.00am Rector leads worship at Hazelbury Bryan Primary School
- 20 The Third Sunday of Epiphany
- 21 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 25 The Conversion of Paul
 - 10.30am Lay Worship Leaders' Training (6/10)
- 27 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
 - 4.00pm Worship at the Hub, Stalbridge
- 28 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet
 - 7.30pm Rector meets with churchwardens of Hazelbury Benefice
- 29 7.30pm Blackmore Vale Deanery Synod meets
- 31 9.10am Stalbridge Primary School worships in the parish church
 - 3.00pm Bishop of Salisbury speaking at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton



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Sunday Worship in January 2019

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6th January Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

The year has turned, the sun keeps travelling, the earth remains in its orbit around the sun - and we, like the magi, continue our journey together to meet God in Christ, to bow down and to worship. On the feast of the Epiphany, the magi, following a star, come from the East with gifts for the new-born king. King Herod's advisers direct them to Bethlehem, where messiahs are



born. There they find the child and pay homage, but they avoid Herod on their way home. Who is powerful and who is important in the story? In what different ways does God communicate with people in the story? How does God communicate with you?

13th January Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Isaiah tells us that God calls his sons and daughters by name from the ends of the earth. Today we come together in response to that call, joining in worship, prayer and praise with generations of Christians. In the desert, John proclaims a baptism of national repentance, but he makes it clear that he is not the Messiah – he is still to come and will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Jesus accepts John's



baptism and hears his Father's voice of approval. What difference does it make to you, knowing who lesus is?

20th January Isaiah 62.1-5; John 2.1-11

This Sunday continues the Epiphany theme of revelation. The prophet Isaiah tells the desolate and exiled people that God promises good things. Although their situation is desperate, the time is coming when they will rejoice. At Cana, God is revealed in Christ as an extravagantly generous God, who has power to bring hope and life from the most unpromising situations.



27th January Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; Luke 4.14-21

In this season of Epiphany, we look for the signs of God among us today.

Let us continue to learn to recognise God's presence, and in turn to allow ourselves to become signs of that presence to others, by the power of the Holy Spirit. As Ezra reveals the long-forgotten Law to the people, their dismay at their own failure is turned to joy when he explains that it is a good gift and that God will not only



give the Law, but enable them to fulfil it. After lesus reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue the atmosphere is electric as he tells his listeners, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

FOURTH SUNDAY @ THE HUB



On 27th January, there's an informal hour to reflect, share a cup of

tea, and worship as we approach the end of the 40 days of Christmas. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple is celebrated on 2nd February - a theme for our reflections on this afternoon. The window in the Joseph Chapel celebrates the Presentation.





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100 years ago, on 5th Jan 1919, that the German Workers' Party was founded by Anton Drexler. In February 1920 it was renamed the National Socialist German Workers' party - better known as the Nazi Party.

90 years ago, on 6th lan 1929 that Mother Teresa arrived in Calcutta, India to begin working with the poor and sick.

80 years ago, on 26th Jan 1939 that General Franco's forces captured Barcelona as part of the Spanish Civil War.

70 years ago, on 1st Jan 1949 that the British Nationality Act came into effect. It established the status of 'Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies' and granted those citizens the right to enter and live in the United Kingdom.

60 years ago, on 8th lan 1959 that Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as President of France.

50 years ago, on 30th Jan 1969 that the Beatles gave their last public performance, on the roof of Apple Studios in London.

40 years ago, on 7th Jan 1979 that Vietnamese troops captured the Cambodian capital Phnom Phenh and overthrew Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge government.

30 years ago, on 8th lan 1989 that the Kegworth air disaster took place. A British Midland Boeing 737 crashed onto the MI motorway in Leicestershire while attempting an emergency landing at East Midlands Airport. 47 people were killed and 74 injured.

20 years ago, on 1st lan 1999 that the Euro officially became the new currency in II European countries. (Coins and banknotes entered circulation in lan 2002.)

10 years ago, on 20th Jan 2009 that Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the USA.

Flies

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a folded newspaper. 'I'm hunting flies,' he muttered. 'So far I've got three males and two females.'

Intrigued, the woman asked how he could tell them apart. Her husband replied: "Easy. Three were on my tin of beer, and two were on the phone."



The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on. And so I stare and wonder - where does the ink come from?

New Year Resolution

I always make the same resolution and I have never once broken it: every year I resolve to give something up for Lent and then when Lent comes I give up my New Year's resolution.

I asked the PCC to turn the heating up!

Why do we always say 'amen' after we pray? Why not a-women? And why do we sing hymns and not hers?

America would not be in such a mess today if the Red Indians had only adopted more stringent immigration laws.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witch-craft. Today, it's called golf.

A boy was watching his father, a minister, write a sermon and asked how he knew what to say. "Why, God tells me," replied his father contentedly. "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

I've read the last page of the Bible. It's going to turn out all right. *Billy Graham* New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other. *Anon*



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DOWN: 1, Aquila. 2, Miracle. 3, Uncle. 5, Written. 6, Leave. 7, Ever so. 9, Ignorance. 13, Damaris. 14, Erosion. 15, Shadow. 16, Onward. 18, Raves. 20, Wheat.

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December Meeting

The December meeting was party time where everyone was welcomed with a glass of Mulled Wine, Jerusalem was sung and Wendy Bailey handed out lovely Birthday Posies made by Marie McGladdery.



Jean Convoy, Helen Gould and Judith Newport were thanked for organising our really unusual and enjoyable Indian themed meeting last month, also June Harman and Tracy White for organising the coach trip to 'Clarke's Village' last month, Ann Turnbull gave a report from the Hall Committee. We were also reminded to bring our subscriptions for next year's membership.

We then sat down to beautifully decorated tables and tucked into a choice of fish, chicken or Scampi and chips (supplied by Martyn Else) very enjoyable.

Bonnie Sartin then entertained us with Dorset Ditties, Old Carols, Agony Aunt style questions and answers on how to treat alcoholic relations!! etc. from the 'Punch' magazine, very amusing, also what sort of things you might have found in an old fashioned Mince Pie...I think he was trying to put us off. Also how to make an alcoholic brew with Cider etc. in very large measure (from an 18th. century cookery book) finishing off with singing 'The 12 days of the Christmas Turkey'.

We ended the evening with coffee or tea served with lovely Mince Pies made by Geraldine Clothier. June Harman was the only one to find a 'Flower of the Month', Linda Hutchings had to beat stiffer opposition to win 1st in the Christmas Craft competition with Helen Gould 2nd and Jenny Doulton 3rd.

We still have our Carol service and Christmas Lunch to look forward to this month.

Next month's meeting on Jan 3rd 2019 will be Darren Orchard from Dorset Waste Partnership to talk on 'Recycling in Dorset-Where The Waste Goes'. Visitors and new members welcome.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Elizabeth Wareham

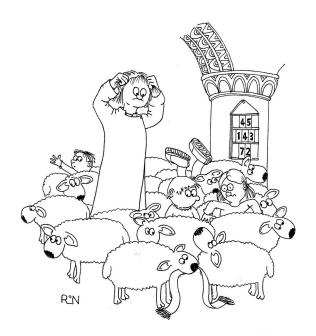
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Weekday Worship at Stalbridge Parish Church

Monday to Friday 8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer Thursday at 10am Holy Communion



21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)

22 Girl's name (5)

23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)

24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

- I A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
- 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone."" (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6 'Peace I with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- 14 Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16 '— Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20 'Unless a grain of falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

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Please note our new opening times with effect from 2 January 2019

Church surgeries are no longer held in the office, but messages can be passed to Canon William Ridding in confidence.

Bill Batty-Smith will be available on Saturday 5th and Saturday 19th January for enquiries pertaining to District Council matters.

Future events include a tea and coffee afternoon on Friday 4th January between 2pm and 4pm, all welcome to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat. These afternoons are held on the first Friday afternoon of the month.

Details on how to contact Age UK, Age Concern, The Dorset Credit Union, CAB and First Point You are held in the office. The Mindful Café, supporting people with memory problems and their carers, will be open on Monday IIth January between 10am and 12noon. As well as refreshments and a happy chat with others, there is help with information and advice for individuals and their carers. SCARS, the cancer support group, will now meet in a variety of places in and around Stalbridge. Details from Tracy White on 07834 996473.

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Many organisations are now using the Hub so please look at the Stalbridge community website for information: www.stalbridge.info this excellent website will give you details of what's on in Stalbridge; its businesses, its clubs, the Town Council, its churches, the school and many other organisations.

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The Hub is proving to be a valued resource for our community of Stalbridge and is run by an enthusiastic band of volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer in the Community Office please contact us on 01963 364177 or call in during our opening hours to find out more. Your help would be valued as more volunteers will help us to run more efficiently.

The office is closed over the Christmas period and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 10am.



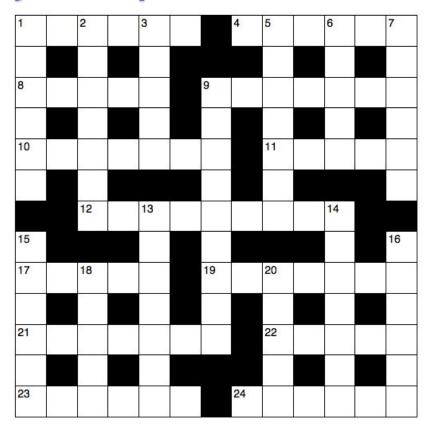
"I must say, I can't wait to see our vicar bunji-jumping off the church tower with the bride and groom!"

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MEDIUM SOLUTION

January's Crossword



Across

- I Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsberg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9 'Do not what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like walking around" (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19 'Like babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)

where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

Amen.

after Gregory the Great (604)

The Lord's Prayer

The Conclusion

May the light of Christ our Lord shine in all our hearts. **Amen.**

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6 January - What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts? Gold, frankincense and myrrh. One Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

Prayer during the day in January

Many people have evolved a daily Quiet Time, for reading Scripture and for praying. With this in mind, Prayer During the Day is offered as a framework for personal devotion; it follows a pattern which may be shared with others. In this way Christians can be united in their worship. Be comfortable. A lighted candle or a cross in front of you may be helpful.



Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

With you, O God, is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. cf Psalm 36.9

Praise

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh and vindicated in the spirit.

He was seen by angels and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world, he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign,

Who alone has immortality, and dwells in unapproachable light.

To the King of kings and Lord of lords be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

The Word of God

Sunday	Psalm 67	Thursday	Psalm 132.10-19
Monday	Psalm 99	Friday	Psalm 138
Tuesday	Psalm 100	Saturday	Psalm 149
Wednesday	Psalm 122	,	

Scripture Reading

Read the Bible passage and notes from New Daylight (The Bible Reading Fellowship), or other notes, or one of passages below.

Sunday Malachi 1.11

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Monday John 2.10,11

The steward said to the bridegroom, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Tuesday Isaiah 60.1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 4.5,6

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Thursday Romans 8.15-17

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Friday Ephesians 1.8b-10

With all wisdom and insight the Father has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Saturday Revelation 1.13-16

In the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

Response

A time of Silence for reflection, ending with

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5.5

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

The unity of the Church
The peace of the world
The healing of the sick
The revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden
All who travel

The Collect

O good Jesus,
Word of the Father and
brightness of his glory,
whom angels desire to behold:
teach me to do your will
that, guided by your Spirit,
I may come to that blessed city of
everlasting day,
where all are one in heart and mind,
where there is safety and eternal peace,
happiness and delight,