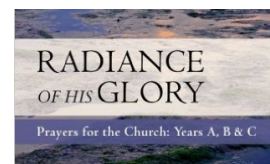




2015 CHAPLAINCY
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ROUND-UP



RESOURCE REVIEW:
RADIANCE OF HIS
GLORY

REFOCUSING OUR STORY



I was so impacted by Richard Ellingham's (Royal Navy Chaplaincy) presentation at our recent chaplains conference. He simply read from his journal and afforded us amazing insight into the laughter, pain, rewards and humanity of military chaplaincy ministry.

If you were there and equally enjoyed Richard's openness, let him know -

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With that said, I would love to hear your chaplaincy story too! Please let me encourage us all to be imaginative about it. We each have unique insights and experiences of God - His transforming love and power, and can tell our own stories as no one else can.

Rowan Williams put it well in the 2002 Dimbleby lecture, "People learn to tell the stories of their lives in a coherent way when they have some broader picture in which to relate it. You can only tell the story of your own life, it seems, when it isn't just your story..." Isn't it odd then, that we so easily forget this broader narrative? If you were to phone up a friend and ask them, 'What are you in the middle of?', you would probably get an answer about the details of the day. Perhaps, 'Oh, I'm just doing the washing up', or, 'I'm on the train.' In

reality, you would be much less likely to hear about the big picture of someone's life, such as, 'I'm in the middle of parenthood', 'I'm in the middle of a career in business', or even 'I'm in the middle of a fulfilling ministry.' People rarely answer this way because we don't approach life this way. We see the trees, not the wood; our default mode is close-up, not panoramic.

Chaplains, like Jesus, are people focussed- and yet, we too have our own 'life-stuff' in the background of our day-to-day work narrative. Why not consider keeping a journal for the next 40 days? Record the trivial, frustrating and important moments. Think about life as a whole and how your story can bless others.

Feel free to send an excerpt of your story to Janelle Kingham to be published in our joint Chaplains Newsletter to encourage others.

Blessings to you all as your faithfully serve.

Nigel Tween - *Hebrews 6:10*



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CHAPLAINCY CONFERENCE 2015

ELIM CONFERENCE CENTRE , 2-3 SEPTEMBER 2015

This year's AoG, Elim and Apostolic UK Chaplaincy conference was again hosted at the Elim Conference Centre in Malvern. With a growing number of chaplains present across our three denominations, this year's conference certainly reinforced shared values of community and relationship through times of worship, thought, sharing from the heart and sector-specific ministry focus sessions.

Chaplains from our Emergency, Military, Prison and National Health Services joined together in worship and were privileged to sit under a wonderful teaching session facilitation by long-time NHS and Community Chaplain, Dave Russon.

Regent's Director of Training, Dave Newton took time to share from the Word with us followed by an afternoon session with the Royal Navy's Chaplaincy Recruiter, Richard Ellingham.

In this heart-moving session, Richard opened up his journey into and through life as a Royal Navy Chaplain. This session reached out to many as each Chaplain present could relate in their own way, to the cost of following the call to Chaplaincy ministry.

Sector-specific breakout sessions in the afternoon provided an excellent forum for unearthing some of the common issues shared, and giving voice to the future.

The time spent together as a growing sector of ministry within God's Church was invaluable. It's refreshing to spend time with those of like-mind, heart and passion for their communities and workplaces.

If you are involved in Chaplaincy ministry and have not attended this conference, you won't want to miss it next year. For more information, see below. See you there!



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RESOURCE REVIEW

Radiance of His Glory (Prayers for the Church: years A, B, & C) - David Adams

The Revd Canon David Adam was for thirteen years Vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

David Adam believes that the way to get the most out of the worship on Sundays is to pray regularly on weekdays. To help, he offers intercessions, blessings and forms of peace that link with the readings in accordance with the Revised Common Lectionary. If you are not used to this form of set worship please read on, don't move to the next article! David Adam has written many books that have brought people nearer to Jesus, me included. He writes in such a way that you know he is a man who walks with Jesus, someone who has listened to the spirit. In some of the written prayers he writes in such a way that you think it has been written for us today, I think this could be prophetic. I feel the need sometimes to allow others who have written prayers to lead me into the presence of God, this has been a helpful book for this. Here is a sample:

Lord we rejoice in your love and care, you accept us and restore us. We pray for the healing ministry of the church, and for groups that meet to pray for healing, for all who bless others through the laying on of hands.

We pray for the work of the church with the healing professions: we remember hospital chaplains and those who visit the infirm. Lord we/I come to you...You alone can make us whole.

The Peace

The deep love of God never ceases. The Prince of Peace offer you His peace. The Spirit of the Lord restores and refreshes you. The Peace of the Lord be always with you

The Blessing

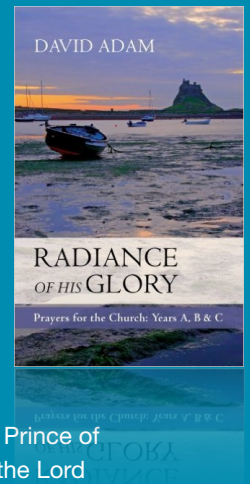
The love of God be your strength.

The power of the Saviour be your hope.

The grace of the Spirit be your peace.

And the blessing....

Many thanks to Mary Causer for this review. To submit a resource suggest or review, please send it to Janelle Kingham - janelle.kingham@gmail.com.



IMPORTANT 2016 DATES

Looking forward to 2016, we're excited to announce a couple of dates that are a must for your calendar!

First, our Chaplains Training Conference from Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd March 2016. This conference has limited availability, with a maximum of 40 spaces available. Booking details to follow.

Also, already we are looking forward to our 2016 joint AoG, Elim and Apostolic Church UK Chaplaincy Conference. This year's conference was an amazing time of sharing, fellowship and teaching. The 2016 conference will be hosted again by Elim Conference Centre, and will be from Tuesday 6th - Wednesday 7th September!

Keep an eye on www.elim.org.uk for more information about next year's conferences and training opportunities.



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