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Our Christmas
leaflet for 2023



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Welcome to Sounding Out

In Psalm 65:2 King David describes God as 'You who answer prayer' and I can certainly testify to this.

In the last newsletter I asked for prayer for a new producer, a new bookkeeper and new board members. Since then we have appointed a full-time producer and also a part-time producer (more about this in the next newsletter). We have also added two new trustees to the board with one taking the role of chair of finance - a role we have been trying to fill for a number of years (see page 6).

Thank you so much for your prayers - I believe that prayer is what has sustained this ministry over the years and will do in the future as well. That just leaves the bookkeeper role so I'd appreciate your prayer about that. I trust God that He will provide the right person at the right time.

As we head into winter I am excited about the opportunities we will have to teach the Bible through media. This year's evangelistic Christmas leaflet has been written and designed (see back cover) and my hope is that it will be effective in introducing the good news of Jesus to many people around the country.

With two new producers there are already plans in progress for new radio programmes and podcasts. This will also

free me up to work on new projects as well as doing more networking and planning for our 70 year anniversary in 2024.

Another big emphasis going forward is to increase our reach. We are looking again at the Christian radio landscape in the UK which has grown in recent years - particularly internet radio stations. We will be looking for new opportunities to broadcast, starting close to home and then looking further afield. Please pray that we would find favour with radio stations and new partnerships would be formed.

Please keep all this in your prayers and, if you're able to meet with us to pray on Zoom for Ministry Partners Live, put Monday 20th November in your diary!

Join us for
MINISTRY PARTNERS LIVE

Monday 20th November, 7.30 pm
Zoom meeting ID: 910 262 9144
More details at www.gnba.net

GNBA CONFERENCE 2024



Our Ministry Partners and those for whom we hold an email address will know that a few weeks ago we sent out a questionnaire about our GNBA Conference for 2024...

After reviewing the responses we have decided that, rather than hold one weekend conference we will hold two day-conferences. We hope this doesn't cause too much disappointment but we are confident it will enable us to meet with many more of you and also make better use of GNBA resources.

The first day-conference is planned for Saturday 27th April at Doncaster Evangelical Church.

The second will be held at Elmwood Church in Salford, Greater Manchester on Saturday 12th October.

To keep things simple we ask that you bring your own lunch but hot drinks and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. The cost will be £15 per person.

We hope you'll be able to make it to one (or both!) of these events to celebrate 70 years of teaching the Bible through media and to give thanks for God's faithfulness to GNBA!

There'll be more details about speakers and booking information in the next edition of *Sounding Out*. Meanwhile... save the date!

We'd like to hold more meetings in different locations in the future so if neither of these events are easily accessible for you then watch this space. If you know of an ideal venue then get in touch!



FAITHFUL GNBA DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday 27th April, 2024
10am - 4pm

(Registration from 9.30am)

Bring your own lunch, hot drinks provided.

Doncaster Evangelical Church
Beckett Road, Doncaster DN2 4AY
doncasterevangelical.org



FAITHFUL GNBA DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday 12th October, 2024
10am - 4pm

(Registration from 9.30am)

Bring your own lunch, hot drinks provided.

Elmwood Church
Eccles Old Road, Salford, M6 8AG
elmwoodchurch-salford.org.uk

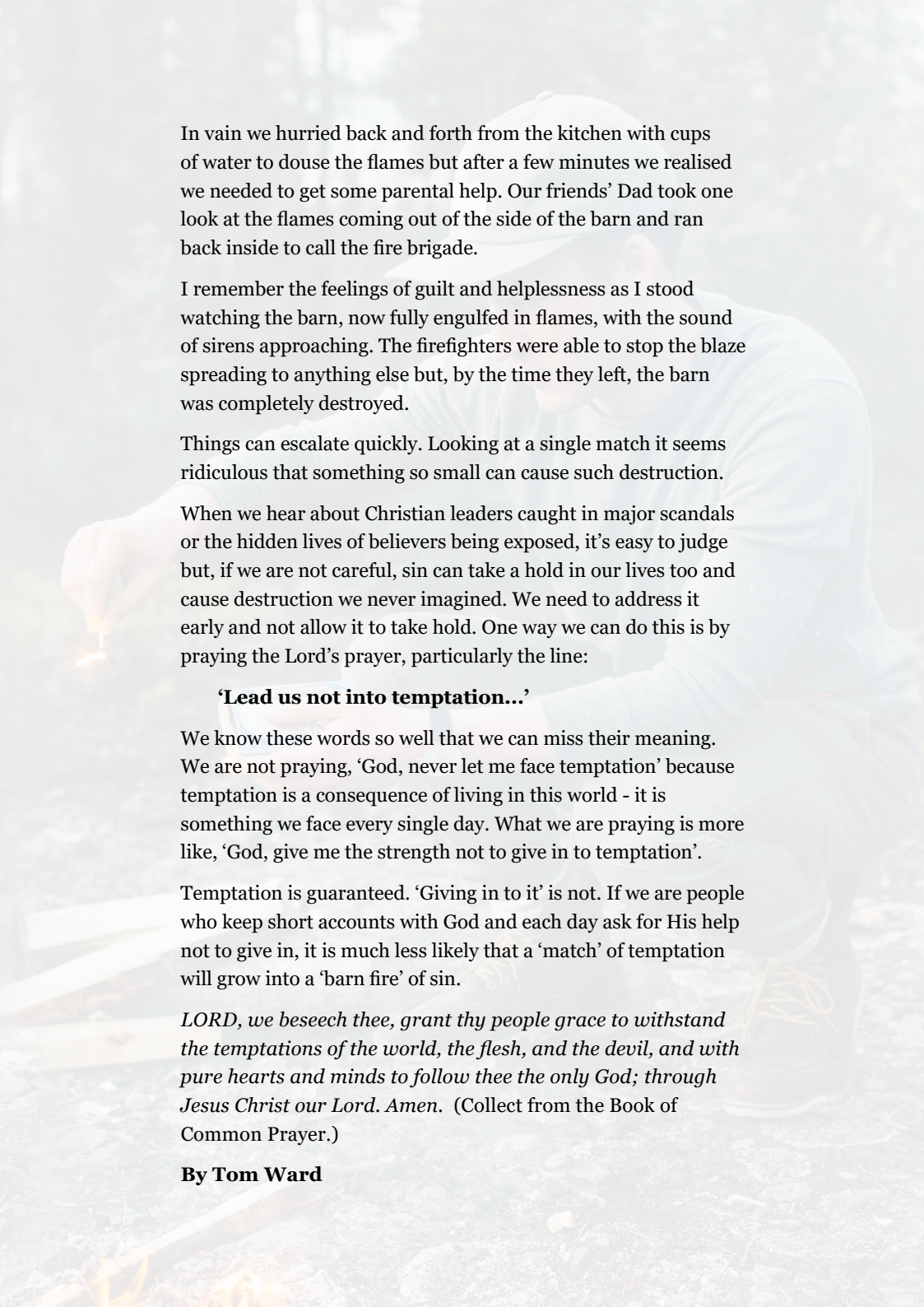


LEAD US NOT

**‘It only takes one match to burn
a thousand trees’ (*Stereophonics*)**

It was only meant to be a small fire. My brothers and I were playing with some family friends in their huge garden and as the cold weather took effect we retreated to the barn that they used for storing logs for winter. It was dark inside so our friends dutifully sourced a candle from a cupboard and some matches from the kitchen.

I don't know whose idea it was to gather some dry leaves and twigs but no one protested and before long we were all happily seated around a little fire in a corner of the barn. Looking back now I can see that starting a fire in a place that stored firewood wasn't the smartest decision I've ever made. As you can probably guess, the fire quickly grew and actually lit some of the logs.



In vain we hurried back and forth from the kitchen with cups of water to douse the flames but after a few minutes we realised we needed to get some parental help. Our friends' Dad took one look at the flames coming out of the side of the barn and ran back inside to call the fire brigade.

I remember the feelings of guilt and helplessness as I stood watching the barn, now fully engulfed in flames, with the sound of sirens approaching. The firefighters were able to stop the blaze spreading to anything else but, by the time they left, the barn was completely destroyed.

Things can escalate quickly. Looking at a single match it seems ridiculous that something so small can cause such destruction.

When we hear about Christian leaders caught in major scandals or the hidden lives of believers being exposed, it's easy to judge but, if we are not careful, sin can take a hold in our lives too and cause destruction we never imagined. We need to address it early and not allow it to take hold. One way we can do this is by praying the Lord's prayer, particularly the line:

'Lead us not into temptation...'

We know these words so well that we can miss their meaning. We are not praying, 'God, never let me face temptation' because temptation is a consequence of living in this world - it is something we face every single day. What we are praying is more like, 'God, give me the strength not to give in to temptation'.

Temptation is guaranteed. 'Giving in to it' is not. If we are people who keep short accounts with God and each day ask for His help not to give in, it is much less likely that a 'match' of temptation will grow into a 'barn fire' of sin.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Collect from the Book of Common Prayer.)

By Tom Ward

MEET THE BOARD



Helen Faraday has recently joined the GNBA Board as Finance Director. Find out a bit more about her here...

Could you tell us a little about yourself and your family?

I'm a mum of 3 children, Barnabas (4), Josephine (7) and Kate (9), and married to David. We live in Boston Spa, Yorkshire and whilst I was born in the North West, I've now lived in Yorkshire for longer! I came to study Maths at York University, and now work as an accountant for Asda 3 days a week. I enjoy running in my spare time. I recently ran my first half marathon, the Great North Run, and my children were delighted to tell their friends that mummy ran in a race with Mo Farah! (Several hours behind him!)

How long have you been a Christian and how are you involved in your local church?

I became a Christian 22 years ago at university. As a young child, a close friend invited me to a Christian camp which was wonderful and very special to me on my journey of faith but it was at university that I made a personal commitment to Christ. I now attend King's Church Boston Spa and work voluntarily as Finance Director, providing insight to the trustees on all financial matters, preparing regular financial updates to the church, and

producing and filing the annual accounts. I also support my husband as an Elder of the church.

What made you want to serve GNBA in this way?

GNBA do such important work teaching the Bible through the programmes the team produces. I have personally been encouraged and moved forward in my faith through hearing the word of God being unpacked by Tom. I am excited to serve using my finance skills to support the charity and continue in its important ministry work.

What experience will you draw on to help in this role of Finance Director?

I have been an accountant for 17 years, training with PWC and moving to Asda 13 years ago. In that time, I've got lots of experience in different roles in finance including Financial Control. I've also had experience working in finance with charities through my initial training in practice and more recently fulfilling the role of finance director for King's Church. I love working as part of a team, and try to make sure I bring clarity and clear communication in all that I do!

PRAYER DIARY

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

	November	December	January	February
Sunday	Praise God for His faithfulness to GNBA.	 Pray that God would use <i>Word Alive</i> as it is broadcast in the UK today.	Give thanks for 70 years of teaching the Bible through media.	Please pray that new churches would want to hear about the work of GNBA.
Monday	Thank God for new staff and board members.	Pray for more subscribers to GNBA podcasts.	Please pray for the success of new initiatives in the pipeline for 2024.	Thank God for all GNBA's supporters and Ministry Partners.
Tuesday	Pray for Tom as he studies for <i>Word Alive</i> messages.	Pray for Mel in the day to day design and admin work.	Pray that <i>Word Alive</i> would reach and bless many listeners in Africa.	 Pray for Tom and Mel as they write and design <i>Sounding Out</i> this month.
Wednesday	 Please pray for more stations to air our programmes.	Please pray for more subscribers to the <i>Bible Focus</i> podcast.	Pray for wisdom for Tom in producing new programmes and podcasts.	Pray that many would book for the upcoming day-conference in April.
Thursday	Pray that we would soon be able to appoint a bookkeeper.	Pray for the planning of our day conferences.	Please pray for Helen as she starts her new role as Finance Director.	Pray that more listeners would discover <i>Word Alive</i> on Premier and TWR.
Friday	Please pray for new staff settling into their roles (more about them next time!).	Pray that the <i>Bah Humbug</i> leaflet would be used by God to point people to Jesus.	 Pray that <i>Voice of the Gospel</i> , Poland, would find the new staff they need.	Please pray for more <i>Bible Focus</i> listeners, especially in Northern Ireland.
Saturday	Pray for wisdom for our Board of Directors.	Pray for refreshment for GNBA staff as they take a break for Christmas.	Thank God for His financial provision for GNBA.	Thank God for sustaining the ministry of GNBA through His people.

BAH HUMBUG



...is our evangelistic leaflet for 2023.

You can read it online and request copies at www.gnba.net/bahhumbug or call us on 01777 817138. Please use them to point your friends and family to the Saviour this Christmas!

RADIO GUIDE

TUNE IN ON YOUR RADIO OR TV OR LISTEN ANY TIME AT GNBA.NET

Premier Christian Radio

Digital Radio: DAB Premier
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566
Word Alive: Sunday 6.30am

Trans World Radio

TV: Freeview HD Channel 733,
Sky 0138 or Freesat 790
Word Alive: Saturday 6.00am
Sunday 6.00pm

Radio North

Radio: 846 AM
Bible Focus: Weekdays 8.45am

Radio Star Country

Radio: MW 981
Word Alive: Wednesday 5.30pm

Branch FM

Radio: 101.8 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays from 12 noon

Hope FM

Radio: 90.1 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 7.30am

Gospel 4 Grampian

Internet: www.g4g.org.uk

Flame CCR

Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

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