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"And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch"

Mark 13:37

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

I trust we can all say with the Apostle Paul, in gratitude to the Lord for His many mercies, *"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day."* (Acts.26:22). No doubt many of us have experienced afflictions or various circumstances and situations which we would not have chosen, but the Lord, who *"doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men"* (Lam.3:33) administers these various events for our benefit. We are told, *"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth"* (Heb12:6). Therefore we should consider the afflictions, trials and other difficulties the Lord sees fit to bring upon us as an evidence of his care and concern for our good.

The situation in our nation continues to deteriorate in nearly every aspect. The economic downturn is having a detrimental effect on virtually everyone and, according to those in positions of authority, the situation will get substantially worse before it begins to improve. By far the majority of people at all levels of society, including many professing Christians, fail to identify that the economic situation is a further evidence that the Lord's judgements are increasingly upon us.

Another evidence of the Lord's judgements upon our nation is that Satan is permitted to continue to undermine our Protestant heritage by various methods. For example, the high level of immigration continues, many of whom are Muslims or of other non-Protestant faiths. The lack of integrity of some of these immigrants has recently been demonstrated by the exposure of the expenses fraud of three members of the House of Lords (appointed by Tony Blair when he was Prime Minister). We include an article on the subject by Ashley Mote under the title, **The Damage From Uncontrolled Immigration..... Just Goes On and On**. Furthermore the disgraceful conduct of those Muslims who burnt a giant poppy to disrupt the two minutes silence being observed in London, in memory of our servicemen, is indicative of their attitude towards us. These servicemen gave their lives that we might have our national liberty preserved.

A further judgement upon us is our involvement with the European Union, which wastes millions of pounds of our taxes on projects which are of no benefit to our nation. The President of the European Council, Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, in a recent speech in Germany, indicated that the time for the various EU Member countries to remain independent was running out and should be replaced by a United States of Europe. We include an article reproduced from an informative European website, entitled, **What the EU means for the UK** detailing the implications of our membership and also what it costs.

Various forces throughout the world are endeavouring to do away with independent national countries, replacing them initially with various united states. It has now been proposed at an inter-parliamentary conference convened in Argentina that a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly be formed, the object of which is to establish a world parliament. A report on this development, by the Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly, is included under the title, **Latin-American Parliament debates creation of world parliament**. We should ever be mindful of the fact that both the Church of Rome and the Islamic religious organisation have both stated that their ultimate target is world domination and a 'world parliament' could be the vehicle to allow either of them to see their ambitions fulfilled.

The sad and solemn decline of our National Church of England continues because of its ever-increasing departures from the Word of God and its 39 Articles of Faith. There remain a few members who adhere to and contend for a scriptural position, but the majority of those in authority have little regard for those historic biblical practices and standards, formulated by those gracious and God fearing men who initially established them. One Church of England Bishop recently said there were signs the Church was losing a sense of where it came from. As a consequence of the turmoil that now prevails, numbers of its members are being enticed to leave the Anglican Church by the Church of Rome. We include an article by BBC News online entitled, **Five Anglican bishops join Catholic Church**. We wonder if we shall witness the demise of our National Church, it being replaced by the Church of Rome, which is their stated target? It will be a solemn day if this materialises for all who adhere to the true Protestant religion of the Bible. We have witnessed in recent months the exposure of paedophile practices of a number of priests in the Church of Rome. We include an article by a Daily Mail reporter entitled, **Archbishop compares abuse scandal to bank crisis**. Such a comparison by the Roman Catholic Archbishop illustrates the light-hearted concern by the leaders of that Church over the grossly wicked paedophilia that has been taking place for very many years.

We were thankful for the Lord's help and blessing upon His Holy Word at our Annual Meeting at Luton on the 29th October. We include an item entitled, **Christian Watch Annual Meeting Report**, which gives some details of the occasion. We regret the recording equipment failed to function correctly, but the Rev. David Blunt, who gave the main address, has kindly agreed to produce a recording for us. This will be available as a CD or audiocassette and ordering details are included on the Resources Order Form enclosed. In addition, a printed version of his address is also being made available, which will be free of charge.

Christian Watch (Nigeria) continue with their work in promoting the Word of God under extremely difficult and sometimes life threatening conditions. However, they prove the faithfulness and support of an Almighty God by His

protection and the assistance given to them. We include a recent report received from them entitled, **Christian Watch (Nigeria) Report on Golden Jubilee Independence Celebration, 1st October 2010**. The dear orphaned children attending their school were pleased to take part in these celebrations. Additional funds are required to further this important work and any contributions will be much appreciated. Details are given in the report.

We include the **Christian Watch Notice Board** by Andy Clarke in which he expresses the need for prayer. The importance of the task the Lord places upon us in this evil day cannot be over emphasised. We need to be active in defending and promoting the Word of God in our own locality, which can be done in various ways. If you need help or assistance in this work or wonder what can be done in your area, please contact Andy by phone or email to discuss your ideas. He will be pleased to support you.

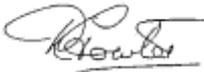
Our final article is a wonderful account entitled, **JOHN KERSHAW'S DELIVERANCE** in which he gives details of a personal experience he was favoured to receive. We covet such a blessing and trust the Lord will favour us as He did His servant John Kershaw.

We remind you that this is the last Newsletter of another year and desire to thank all our Members for their prayerful support. We trust you continue to derive some benefit from the Newsletters we send out and hope you will continue to support us as we enter another year. We enclose our Membership Subscription Renewal Form for the coming year, which we look forward to receiving from you. Our Resources Order Form is also enclosed from which we encourage you to order items for your spiritual benefit.

We wish you the Lord's blessing for the forthcoming season and the New Year.

Thank you once more for your much valued support.

Yours, in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

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The Damage From Uncontrolled Immigration Just Goes On and On

By Ashley Mote

Over the last few days (17 October) a series of disconnected but illuminating news stories have thrown more light on the damaging impact of uncontrolled immigration on Britain, its culture, standards and traditions:

1. Three foreign-born members of the House of Lords face lengthy suspensions from the upper chamber and have already agreed to the repayment of substantial amounts of public money wrongly claimed as expenses. According to *The Sunday Telegraph* they will not face criminal charges despite undisputed evidence of wrong-doing.

All three were born abroad, not as British nationals. All three were elevated to the House of Lords on the initiative of Tony Blair, two during his regime, and two are known to have made substantial donations to New-Labour. Two are Muslims.

Born in Bangladesh, Manzilla Uddin arrived in the UK when she was 13. She was the first Muslim woman to be given a seat in the Lords. During her swearing in to the upper chamber of a democracy whose established religion is Christianity, Baroness Uddin chose to praise "almighty Allah". She is likely to be suspended for up to 18 months and has agreed to pay back £125,000.

Born in India's Punjab, Swraj Paul moved to the UK in his 30s, and has become the 88th most wealthy man in Britain with a fortune estimated at £500 million. Despite that, Lord Paul saw fit to claim £40,000 to which he was not entitled, and faces suspension from the House for up to 6 months.

Born in East Africa, Amirali Bhatia is an Ismaili Muslim. He moved to the UK in his early 40s. Some £60,000 of public money was diverted to one of Lord Bhatia's charities and he spent a further £10,000 on a research trip to Dubai. He faces a ban of up to a year and has agreed to repay at least £27,000.

2. Islamic students at London's City University (the old polytechnic) have tried to enforce a Taliban-like regime of Sharia law, using intimidation, threats and abuse on staff and students alike. Members of the 180-strong Islamic society at the university have demanded that adulterers should be stoned, and women students forced to wear the hijab (Muslim veil).

3. Muslim supremacists in Tower Hamlets, London, are distributing leaflets supporting Lutfur Rachman, their independent Islamic fundamentalist candidate for the election of the local council mayor. No problem with that – except that Mr. Rachman was sacked as the Labour Party candidate for the same election over fears of his close links to the Islamic Forum for Europe.

Amongst other things, Mr. Rachman had signed up entirely sham Muslim families as Labour supporters to back his original candidacy. His leaflet as an independent now claims that his Labour opponent is a racist, a wife-beater and a bankrupt – all lies.

After the general election in May, almost all the instances of electoral fraud came to light in constituencies with large Muslim populations.

4. Despite the serious cut-backs expected in this week's government spending review, at least 500,000 more school places will be needed to cope with the rising demand for places from the immigrant community. According to Migration Watch, UK's taxpayers now spend £12 million a day on educating migrant children. Within ten years the numbers of immigrant children at school will have doubled to over a million and some £95 billion will have to be spent to provide the resources needed.

Meanwhile, the indigenous population of the UK is falling, and the demand for school places from British families is also falling. To maintain our native population even at present levels a birth rate of at least 2.1 children per woman is essential. At present it is 1.6. The UK's Muslim population is growing at a rate of over 5 children per woman.

5. The Home Office, under a supposedly Tory Home Secretary, Theresa May, has agreed to an amnesty for some 135,000 failed asylum seekers, who are now being allowed to remain in the UK. The announcement, made quietly last week, admitted that this decision had been taken solely to clear an ever-growing backlog of cases. No mention was made of the consequences – that every potential asylum seeker in the world now knows that Britain has joined the long list of developed countries which can be expected to cave in on asylum applications. Join the queue!

To add to this lunacy, last week also saw the announcement that immigration red tape had prevented a world-renowned Indian scientist from taking up a research post at Cambridge University. Professor Rao, a research chemist tipped for a future Nobel Prize, was told that, because his part-time appointment involved a modest salary the UK Border Agency had insisted that “therefore” the post must be advertised! He walked away, and who could blame him?

6. Meanwhile, thousands of Indian workers who can claim only to have experience and modest qualifications will be allowed into the UK under new rules being imposed on Britain by the European Union. A so-called “free trade agreement” with India is expected to be signed in December, after which the flood gates to new migrants into the EU will open – and the UK will be able to do nothing whatever to stop it.

7. Even in Germany the rumblings against immigration are becoming louder and more strident. Chancellor Merkel has recently declared multiculturalism in Germany a disaster. More than 60% of Germans think their country is now “overrun with foreigners”.

Worrying though it might be to some, at last we seem to have something in common with the Germans!

Passengers on dozens of International flights a year are entering Britain without being checked by immigration officers. The UK Border Agency has admitted the lapses following a Freedom of Information application. According to the Agency, passengers on 133 flights have arrived in Britain without their passports being checked since 2006. However details of the flights were not disclosed because, the Agency said, this would weaken border controls.

Daily Telegraph,

15 Nov 2010

What the EU means for the UK

Membership of the EU: What does it mean? What does it cost?

As well as the financial costs – membership costs us £45 million per day – Britain's membership of the EU also entails a loss of our national sovereignty...

75% of cost of British regulation comes from EU legislation.

"EU regulation in the past eleven years has cost every UK household an average of £4,912."

(London Evening Standard, March 30, 2010)

"The European Community has the power to require the member states to lay down criminal penalties."

(European Court of Justice, September 2005)

"What we discuss and eventually decide in the EU on [justice and home affairs] issues will have a direct impact on your daily life."

(Franco Frattini, EU Justice, Freedom and Security Commissioner, 2004-2009)

There are also social costs to be considered...

The lethal cost of EU meddling in the NHS –

"The death of David Gray at the hands of a German locum who could barely speak English showed the tragic consequences of not carrying out proper checks on overseas doctors....."

Inevitably, frail and vulnerable patients will find themselves dependent upon EU nurses, many from Eastern Europe, who do not understand what they are saying."

(Daily Mail, July 12, 2010)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council has been instructed that it must conform to the EU directive on free movement which, means the scrapping of the rigorous three-month competence test it currently carries out on foreign nurses.

Cost of Private schools for EU officials' children rises.

"The cost of privately educating children of European Union officials will soar by 12.5% to £147 million over the next year... The cost increases mean that in three years time cash-strapped British taxpayers will be paying an annual £22 million contribution to the private schooling of children of EU officials."

(Telegraph, July 20, 2010)

Van Rumpuy – not just boring, but expensive too!

According to a government statement,

"In 2010, the cost of the office of the President of the European Council (including staff, travel expenses and salary) is 6 million euros (£4.98 million). The cost is being met this year from within the EU's annual budget, using funds which had been previously allocated to other Council projects."

(Source: *The Freedom Association*)

The cost to British businesses...

Based on the government's own impact assessments, the cost of EU-regulations on British businesses will cost our economy a total of £184bn between 2010 and 2020.

(Source: *Open Europe*)

The Common Agricultural Policy costs Britain at least £16.8 billion per annum and attempts to reform it are constantly blocked by the main beneficiaries, the French.

The Common Fisheries Policy costs Britain at least £3.275 billion per annum.

Our fishing fleet is dwindling, fishermen are being thrown out of work and foreign trawlers are devastating our fish stocks. Whilst 60% of the EU's fish are to be found in British territorial waters, our boats make up only 8% of the European fishing fleet.

According to the Taxpayers' Alliance, "EU membership costs every Briton £2,000 per year, compared with the £220 quoted by the EU."
(*Telegraph, March 18, 2009*)

Weeds warning as council counts cost of EU ban.

"Angus Neighbourhood Services councillors who were told that the cost of beach cleaning could be too much to ensure local sands maintain their award-winning appearance, have now learned that an EU block on herbicides used by the authority will almost certainly mean more weeds in district parks."
(*Source: The Courier, Tayside & Fife*)

Cost Management of the EU Trade Mark clearance.

"The problem with searching in Europe, however, is the expense. Because there are so many registers, minimum costs (disbursements plus likely time spent) for similarity searches in all 27 Member States of the EU are £8,000 plus VAT."
(*Source: Claire Lazenby, registered trademark attorney*)

EU procurement rules have made the tendering of school building more expensive, according to the UK Education Secretary.

Michael Gove made his remarks at a cross-party Commons Education Select Committee meeting, where he was questioned about his decision to scrap the £55 billion Building Schools for the Future programme (BSF).
(*Source: www.supplymanagement.com, July 31, 2010*)

Council adds up cost of EU judgment giving Somali woman council house.

"A European court ruling which gave a Somali woman the right to housing benefit in Harrow could cost council taxpayers more than £35,000 a year... Ms Ibrahim has never worked in this country and Harrow Council claimed the EU court of Justice ruling would open the floodgates to similar benefits claims."
(*Harrow Times, March 2, 2010*)

EU pension rules will cost Britain £500 billion.

"Radical proposals from the European Union could force British companies to inject a further £500bn into their final salary pension schemes, according to the CBI. The Powerful business group has warned against the European Commission's measures which it says will hit Britain's economy particularly hard."
(*Sunday Telegraph, July 4, 2010*)

An EU ruling on voluntary benefits and salary sacrifice could cost employers £500 million in unpaid VAT.

"According to law firm BDO, the opinion of the Advocate General of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in the case taken by AstraZeneca (AZ) on the VAT treatment of retail vouchers, provided by AZ to its employees as part of their remuneration package, could cost employers around £0.5 billion over the past four years in unpaid VAT; and over £100 million per year going forward."
(*HR Magazine, April 29, 2010*)

The European Arrest Warrant...

The European Arrest Warrant (EAW) is an arrest warrant valid throughout all member states of the EU. Once issued by a member state, it requires the receiving member state to arrest and transfer a criminal suspect or sentenced person to the issuing state so that the person can be put on trial or complete a detention period. Extradition must take place within 90 days of arrest or within 10 days if the arrested person consents to surrender.

The grave injustices of the European Arrest Warrant.

"Under the EAW, normal extradition safeguards are set aside, and grave injustices can follow. Any one of us can be dragged off to jail in Latvia, Bulgaria or any other EU member state, on the whim of a foreign

magistrate, and have no protection at all.”

(Roger Helmer MEP)

European arrest warrant still ‘delivering injustice’.

“Fast-track extraditions under the ‘European Arrest Warrant’ are still landing innocent people in foreign prisons, prompting distrust among national prosecutors, with over 250 cases last year being brought to the EU’s judicial co-operation agency, Eurojust, for mediation.”

(EU Observer, July 22, 2010)

‘Innocent’ student extradited to Greek prison under EU arrest warrant.

“A student and four of his friends are facing years in a Greek prison after a holiday turned into a nightmare... Lawyers for the five claim the case against them is ‘ridiculously weak’, but they were powerless to prevent the extradition as the Greek authorities used the controversial European Arrest Warrant to force them to stand trial... The mother of one of the young men warned, ‘Parents, be very afraid – this summer it could be your sons wrongly accused yet you’ll be powerless to stop their extradition and immediate detention.’”

(Daily Mail, August 6, 2010)

More than 1,000 Britons were ‘exported’ for trial last year and they couldn’t even ask a British judge to test the case against them!

“More than 1,000 people in Britain were arrested and sent abroad on the orders of European prosecutors last year, according to figures released yesterday... A series of worrying cases has led to concern that the warrants can lead to injustice for people wanted on spurious charges in countries with less sophisticated justice systems.”

(Daily Mail, August 23, 2010)

From: www.haveyoursay.eu

Latin-American Parliament debates creation of a world parliament

The establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA) was one of the topics dealt with at an inter-parliamentary conference of the Latin-American Parliament on regional integration and the reform of international institutions, convened in the Senate of Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Giving an introduction to the subject, the Argentinian Member of Parliament Fernando Iglesias pointed out that globalization has changed the global political and economic reality in fundamental ways. "From today's perspective, even the setting of the year 2000 looks antiquated. But the global institutions have largely remained untouched." Although the farewell to the nation-state which was popular in the 1990s was overly exaggerated, Mr. Iglesias argues that it was just as inappropriate to pretend that nothing has changed. "In many areas, global governance now is an absolute necessity. But the world population is not included in decision-making", said Mr. Iglesias. "The issue is how to change this and the solution is to establish a world parliament."

The second panelist, Andreas Bummel, Secretary of the Campaign for the Establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly, stressed that international organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund or the World Trade Organization "create global policy with enormous impact on international trade, finances and national economies". However, by contrast to the regional level where parliamentary bodies are mushrooming. "no formal parliamentary body exists in any of these international institutions", Mr. Bummel added. He argued that this gap should be filled by establishing a UN Parliamentary Assembly as an addition to the existing UN bodies: "The new global social contract needs to have two pillars: the individual citizens and the nation-states", said Mr. Bummel. These two dimensions could be reflected by today's UN General Assembly and by an additional parliamentary chamber that eventually is directly elected.

Other topics discussed during the panel, included details such as the distribution of seats in a UNPA, the role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the legal options to create the body and possible powers and functions. In principle, the Latin-American Parliament supports the proposal of a UNPA. In 2008, a resolution was passed to this effect.

The panel was moderated by the Secretary-General of Parlatino, Senator Sonia Escudero. It was followed by presentations on UN Charter reform, Security Council reform and the role of the G-20, among others. Speakers included Shahriar Sharei, World Alliance to Transform the UN, Argentina's Ambassador to the UN, Jorge Arguello and the Director of the Department on International Organisations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Pablo Tettamanti. The conference was attended by lawmakers and experts from 14 countries.

The meeting of the Latin-American Parliament was the first part of a ten-day programme on global democracy coordinated by the Argentinian non-governmental organization Democracia Global. It continues on Monday with an international meeting of participants in the Campaign for a UN Parliamentary Assembly in the National Congress building. Finally, from Thursday to Friday, the annual Council Meeting of the World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy is on the agenda.

By Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (www.en.unpacampaign.org)

Five Anglican bishops join Catholic Church

Five bishops are to join the Roman Catholic Church under a Vatican scheme intended to provide a welcome for disaffected Anglicans.

The move involves three servicing bishops and two retired bishops.

The Vatican has said groups of Anglicans can join Catholicism, but maintain a distinct religious identity.

There have been splits among Anglicans over homosexuality and the ordination of women. The Archbishop of Canterbury said the resignations were a “regret”.

The men are all suffragan or assistant bishops rather than those in charge of dioceses.

The servicing bishops are the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, the Right Reverend Andrew Burnham; the Bishop of Richborough, the Right Reverend Keith Newton; and the Bishop of Fulham, the Right Reverend John Broadhurst.

They will be joined by the former Bishop of Richborough, the Right Reverend Edwin Barnes, and the former Bishop of Ballarat in Australia, the Right Reverend David Silk.

Bishops Burnham, Newton and Broadhurst were all acting as so-called flying bishops – ministering to Church of England parishes where congregations voted not to allow a woman priest to preside at services.

BBC religious affairs correspondent Robert Pigott said the announcement was “no big surprise” as it was always likely that these particular bishops’ sympathies were with this “special section” of the Catholic church, called an ordinariate.

But our correspondent added that “a bishop is still a bishop” and it should be seen as a big moment for the church.

Bishop Broadhurst, the leader of the traditionalist and mainly Anglo-Catholic organisation Forward in Faith, had already recently announced in October that he would convert to Rome.

Around the same time, the congregation of St. Peter’s in Folkestone also became the first to begin the process of leaving to join the Roman Catholic Church.

Christopher Knight, a theologian and member of Forward in Faith, said that the grouping counted at least 800 Anglo-Catholic priests among its members and “the signs are that more priests will leave from the Anglo-Catholic wing and their churches will be seriously affected”.

The Times religious affairs correspondent Ruth Gledhill told the BBC the announcement could prompt “hundreds, possibly thousands” of lay ministers to follow the bishops’ example.

She said: “It’s quite significant as it means the ordinariate – that quite a few people have been saying might not get off the ground – could be a force to be reckoned with.”

‘Devoted labours’

The move was announced by the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales.

In a statement, the five bishops said: “We have been dismayed, over the last 30 years, to see Anglicans and Catholics move further apart on some of the issues of the day.”

They said the Vatican’s proposal for the new structure was “both a generous response to various approaches to the Holy See for help and a bold, new ecumenical instrument in the search for the unity of Christians.

The resignations will formally take effect at the end of the year.

Bishop Burnham told the BBC that the decision was not just about the issue of women bishops.

“It’s about whether the Church of England, as it’s always claimed to be, is faithful to the undivided Church of the first thousand years and faithful to its faith and orders – or whether it feels it can make things up and change things as it goes.

“And, increasingly, over the last few years, it has acted as though it is autonomous in these matters and can make things up as it goes and women bishops is simply the latest example of that.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, said: “I have today with regret accepted the resignations of Bishops Andrew Burnham and Keith Newton who have decided that their future in Christian ministry lies in the new structures proposed by the Vatican.

“We wish them well in this next stage of their service to the Church and I am grateful to them for their faithful and devoted pastoral labours in the Church of England over many years.”

Bishop Alan Hopes, Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop in the Westminster Diocese, said the Church welcomed the decision of the five bishops.

He added: "At our plenary meeting next week, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will be exploring the establishment of the ordinariate and the warm welcome we will be extending to those who seek to be part of it."

BBC News online – 8 November 2010

Archbishop compares abuse scandal to bank crisis

England's Roman Catholic leader has compared his Church's paedophile scandal with the banking collapse that led to the recession.

Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols, linked the behaviour of abusive priests with that of the City traders whose unrestrained lending threw the financial world into crisis.

The comparison astonished an audience during a question and answer session at the Mansion House in London.

It also focused fresh attention on the Church's long-running embarrassment over child abuse which many of the archbishop's colleagues had hoped may have been set at rest by the Pope's visit to Britain last month.

Pope Benedict XVI expressed his 'deep sorrow' for the 'unspeakable crimes of child abuse within the Roman Catholic Church.'

Paedophile clerics worldwide are estimated to have raped around 3,000 children over the past 50 years, but their crimes were habitually covered up by Church authorities.

The archbishop told an audience including bankers and Labour MP Frank Field, an adviser on poverty to the Coalition, that the bad actions of a small minority will often command the attention of the public.

Replying to a suggestion that a few badly-mismanaged banks had tarnished the reputation of the City, he suggested that the good works of the majority are overshadowed by the misbehaviour of the few. "That's what sticks, that's what you have to deal with," the archbishop said.

His remarks raised eyebrows among senior bankers. The Financial Times said in a commentary that 'you could just about see his point,' but added: 'Is it really an appropriate comparison to make?'

His decision to raise the scandal follows a decade of widely-praised efforts by Catholic leaders in England to set up new administrative systems to ensure there could be no further tolerance of paedophile priests.

The archbishop's comparison also amounted to a stronger condemnation of the behaviour of the City than that made by Pope Benedict during his state visit. The Pope said the financial crisis was a result of moral failure, but kept his condemnation of paedophile priests entirely separate.

Daily Mail Reporter

Christian Watch Annual Meeting Report

The Christian Watch Annual Meeting was held on 29 October in Luton where the Rev David Blunt of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) on the Isle of North Uist spoke on the subject of **“The Antichrist: The Present and Future Threat”**.

Attendance was disappointing at approximately a third of the usual attendances. However, crowds are not required for the Lord to bless the proceedings and thankfully many of those who did attend informed us of how profitable and informative they found the evening to be.

The proceedings were opened with prayer and scripture reading by Graham Chewter of the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS).

The Rev Blunt opened his address by highlighting how everyone seems to have heard of the Antichrist, but few seem to really understand the term and in particular who and what Antichrist is. He also warned against the two extremes when considering the Antichrist, of 1) being ‘over literal’ in interpreting the scriptures and 2) ‘being unduly shy in our approach’ to this important matter thinking these are issues too difficult to comprehend.

He continued that it was his conviction that the Papacy was the very Antichrist revealed in God’s word and then clearly laid out the development of the Papacy through History until the present day.

Rev Blunt continued by identifying the new strategies of the Papacy now it can no longer impose its views outside its own ‘Church’ as it did in times past. The first strategy being its apparent reform, the second its hypocritical demands for the very minority rights it so often denies others and, finally, in its ecumenical endeavours to create a ‘unified’ church under the headship of the Pope.

Further Rev Blunt showed how these new tactics of guile by the Papacy have successfully deceived many, including the Monarchy and successive Governments to think that Rome has somehow changed, and is no longer the murderous persecutor of the dark ages. Indeed so successful have these new tactics been that even some professing Christians and ‘evangelicals’ no longer see the Church of Rome as an apostate church but rather have the deeply misguided view that they are ‘fellow brothers in Christ’ and we should join together to fight the forces of secularisation. Rev Blunt then gave four causes for this worrying shift in attitude.

This excellent address was concluded with an exhortation for true Christians to play their part in the Papacy’s destruction by faithfully contending for, and preaching, the Biblical gospel and, finally, an encouragement to take heart because the final destruction of the Papacy was inevitable, at the Lord’s return.

The address was adjourned for a short break with an opportunity to peruse the book tables and the evening was closed with a short address by the Christian Watch National Campaign Manager, Andy Clarke, a hymn and a closing prayer by Mr Alf Chapman.

This address is available free online (www.christianwatch.org.uk/annualaddress2010), or in printed and audio format (Cassette/CD). *The audio is **NOT** the live annual meeting address* as this recording was found to be unsuitable, however, Rev Blunt has kindly agreed to record his address for those who would prefer it in audio. To order a copy please use the enclosed **Resources Order Form**.

CHRISTIAN WATCH (NIGERIA) REPORT ON GOLDEN JUBILEE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, 1st OCTOBER 2010

We wish to express our profound gratitude to the Lord for the great goodness and mercies He has shown to Christian Watch (Nigeria). We are told that if we trust fully in Him, He will meet our needs and help us in our work. As we do this we are the more encouraged to believe that He will be with us and bless our work in Nigeria. We would value the prayers of all the members of CW UK, for our work here, that in spite of the difficulties we have had with finance, we will be able to move forward, as we trust in the Lord.

We hope you will be interested in the following report on Nigeria's Golden Jubilee Independence celebration, and hope that you will be encouraged as you read how our work has been carried out.

As Nigeria celebrates its 50 years of independence, Akwa Ibom State Governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, has predicted a brighter future, yet he challenged the citizens to assist the government in repositioning the country by ridding it of elements seeking to compromise the country's future.

"Nigeria bears great hope, not only for Nigeria, but for the whole of Africa. We cannot afford to fail, for this would be an abomination and a curse on the black race." he said.

Chief Akpabio, while predicting hope for the nation, urged the people to commit themselves to opposing violence, kidnapping, and other crimes.

He said "The challenge before us is to commit ourselves to renewed zeal to rid this country of those elements who soil our name and compromise our posterity and destiny. The government cannot do it alone, though we have committed, and will continue to commit, resources into the world against insecurity, until every bandit has no hiding place and every kidnapper has been 'napped.'"

The Governor said, as the nation celebrated its 50th anniversary, "President Goodluck Jonathan needs all the encouragement he can get from the citizens in order to move Nigeria forward. It is said that as we mark this Golden Jubilee Celebration, the spasms of violence, kidnapping and crime continue to shake the foundation of our country and deprive us of revenue we would have earned from tourism and foreign investment in our economy."

Chief Akpabio expressed his happiness with the administration's success with enduring democracy, stating, "We are glad that we have been able to deliver beyond the people's imagination and above their expectations, the fruits of democracy to our people....And the challenges of the last 50 years of our nationhood should encourage us as we embark on the next long march to our nation's centenary, and be determined to do things differently, while hoping for a better result for our country. We must harbour the notion that great nations are not built on the quicksand of tribalism and intolerance, but on the foundation of hard work, peace and moral justice." he said.

The Governor solicited the support and goodwill of the Akwa Ibom people as the governments works to reposition the state for the future. The people of Etim Ekpo Local Government Area - where we belong - turned out in great numbers in their local Government Headquarters to celebrate the Nigeria Golden Jubilee. The event, which featured a march-past by school children, uniformed organizations, the ex-service men, political groups and cultural plays attracted the elite of Etim Ekpo Local Government Area, including the executive chairman of the Local Government Area, Barr Ikpe Udoaka.

There were presentations of prizes and certificates awarded to winning schools, announced by the education secretary:

In the secondary category: In first position was The Community Secondary Commercial School, Eka Uruk Eshiet. In second position was Great Faith Comprehensive College, Uruk Ata II. In third position was Northern Annang Secondary School, Utu Etim Ekpo.

In the nursery category: In first position was God's Care Nursery and Primary School, Uruk Ata II. In second position was the David Crowter Less Privileged and Orphanage School, Eka Uruk Eshiet. In third position was Zion Nursery School, Ikot Odong.

In the primary School category: In first position was The Government Primary School, Abat Town. In second position was Government Primary School, Uruk Ata II. In third position was Inen Ikot Government School.

Esseme A.U.
Christian Watch Nigeria

(Abridged and edited)

NOTE: Since the above report, CW Nigeria have advised us that during the Golden Jubilee Anniversary celebrations a bomb was exploded outside the Ministry of Justice, Abuja, near where the main celebration - led by the President - was taking place. According to local sources, the bomb was placed by supporters of the 'Emancipation of the Niger Delta' group. It is alleged, that their leader received \$100 million from some Nigerian politicians to ensure that the celebrations were either cancelled or badly disrupted. Following an intelligence tip-off the area was evacuated and this undoubtedly saved the lives of many, but regrettably 8 people were killed and others were injured. The celebration was not however cancelled.

The Christian Watch Nigeria Group in Akwa Ibom State live under a constant threat of violence, robbery and kidnap. Their trust is in the Lord but they do ask CW Members in the UK to pray for them.

Quite recently one of the Group had her sewing workshop ransacked and her sewing machines, material and customer's goods stolen. This has caused extreme hardship as she cannot afford to replace the machines and her customers are demanding compensation for their goods.

The CW School now has about 90 orphans, which they endeavour to dress and feed while they are at the school. The Lord has mercifully supplied their needs until now, but they do need more funds to build extra classrooms so that they can expand the work of the school. If any CW Members would like to donate specifically to this work, please send donations to CW Resources (address on back cover) but please specify it is for CW Nigeria.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Proverbs 19v17)

Christian Watch Notice Board

What Now?

As this is the last Notice Board for 2010 I feel it is good time to reflect momentarily on what has 'come to pass' in this past year and also to consider the future and what the Lord may have in store for each of us. As always, despite the many challenges we face from a hostile world, we have much to be thankful to the Lord for. We still enjoy freedoms and liberties many in the world know little of and live in a luxurious manner unparalleled in history, even in these times of financial uncertainty.

Regarding the future, the recent invitation and welcome of the Pope to Britain simply confirms my belief that we are a people ripe for the judgement of God. How can we expect anything else when so many 'Christian' and 'Evangelical' organisations and individuals welcomed and even promoted the Papal Antichrist's recent visit to the UK.

In my view the Christian's duty should change little regardless of the 'times' and I make no apology for including sections from last year's December Newsletter highlighting what I believe we should still endeavour to be doing in this coming year.

Firstly I believe we must not fall for the devil's lie that *'little old me'* could never be used of God. Remember David was a humble shepherd boy who God raised up to be King of Israel. The Apostles Peter and John were mere fisherman. Indeed, look at the man with an *'unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs;*' (Mark 5:2,3). A man so tormented he was night and day *'in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones'* (Mark 5:5). Yet when touched by the Lord we read of him *'sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind.'* (Luke 8:35) and Jesus instructing him to *'Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him'* (Luke 8:39). From being demon possessed - to the New Testament's first recorded evangelist – ***we can all do something and with God ALL things are possible!***

Secondly, I believe there must be **fearless proclaiming and contending** for the Gospel in the 'highways and byways' of our nation. This is what God has so often used to bring reformation and revival, even to nations sunk in their sin and wickedness like modern Britain. We have seen it before in our nation and may the Lord in His mercy raise up men for the task again.

Thirdly, we **must ALL act** and not allow fear of the growing tide of evil cause us to be silent and inactive. Rather, let us seek the Lords enablement with *fervent prayer* that we may be found faithful like this madman and publish the great things Jesus has done for us in *'the whole city'* in which we live.

***'What have we our time and strength for, but to lay them out for God?
What is a candle made for, but to be burned?'*** – Richard Baxter

If you need any help to do the above where you live or have any suggestions to help in our work please contact me urgently.

Every blessing in the Lord.

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JOHN KERSHAW'S DELIVERANCE

I hope never to forget the night the Lord brought my soul out of bondage into the glorious liberty of the gospel.

It was on a Lord's day evening. I went in the morning to the house of God in a very distressed state of mind, and remained so all day. The preaching only tended to increase my misery, the enemy telling me that, like Simon Magus, I had neither part nor lot in the matter. Having attended three services, I was returning home (it was a fine summer evening), in my feelings worse than when I set out in the morning.

So sinful, miserable and wretched did I feel myself that I was ready to give all up for lost, the accuser of the brethren harassing me with his temptations, saying it was of no use going any more either to chapel or prayer meetings. It was folly and presumption to read and pray, for the more I attended to these things the more wretched I grew.

My soul gave way under these temptations, and I said within myself, *"I will give all my religion up, for it is nothing but a stench in my own nostrils. What must it be then to the Lord of Hosts?"*

So engaged was my mind that I stood still in the road, when this question arose within me: *"What am I to do? Go back into the world I cannot. I have tried again and again to do this, and found their society more and more distasteful."*

I then concluded that I would have nothing to do either with the world or the people of God, but be a kind of go-between, or as the sparrow alone upon the house top, moping and solitary as a dove or the crane in the wilderness, and try to make myself as easy as possible in my present outcast condition.

But, alas! there is no comfort for a guilty sinner in such a state of mind.

Whilst pondering on these things, the following words came with such power upon my mind, as though I had heard them spoken by an audible voice: **"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"**(Romans 7:24)

I was so struck with their import that I stood amazed, saying to myself, *"These are the words of Paul in the seventh chapter to the Romans. He was a good and a gracious man, a minister of Jesus Christ, and the great apostle of the Gentiles. If he had thus to complain of sin and wretchedness, who can tell but I may be a child of God after all my fears and temptations?"*

The latter part of the chapter flowed into my mind like a river.

I could truly say, **"For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I...For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not that I do...I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me."** (Romans 7: 15-21)

My soul was greatly encouraged. I found I was a brother and companion with Paul in this path of internal tribulation and Christian experience.

I hastened home to get my Bible in order to examine the chapter through. I read it with such light, power and comfort as I had never felt before, so pleased and blest in my soul that I began to read the next chapter, commencing thus: **"There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."** (Romans 8:1)

As I read these precious words, their blessed contents were brought into my soul with power and glory. I saw and felt that I was in Christ Jesus, saved with an everlasting salvation.

The burden of sin was removed, my conscience cleansed by an application of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. I felt the sealing testimony of the Holy Spirit of God that I stood complete and accepted in the

Beloved. I read the chapter through with a joy I cannot describe. I now knew my election of God, and that no charge could ever be brought against me, because Christ had died for my sins and was raised again from the dead for my justification; that He ever lived to make intercession for me, and would receive me into His kingdom of glory.

The love of Christ was shed abroad in my heart; I saw and felt that nothing could separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. How precious and glorious were the truths contained in this chapter to my soul on that memorable evening; and often, in reading and preaching, when I have cited portions of it, I have felt a little of the same sweetness and savour.

Thanking the Lord for the great deliverance He had wrought for me and in me, with the joy of salvation in my soul, I retired for the night, but so ravished was I with the beauty and glory of Christ as my Saviour and Redeemer that sleep departed from me.

Many restless nights had I previously endured with a guilty conscience, a broken law, an evil heart, a tempting devil, crowds of doubts and fears and carnal reasonings; but all had now departed. The year of jubilee was come, the prisoner was brought out of the dungeon into the banqueting house, and the banner over him was love.

I well remember this question passing across my mind: *"Where are all my sins, that have so long been a burden and plague to my soul?"*

I saw by faith that a precious Christ had put them all away by the sacrifice of Himself, and made an end of sin; as it is written: **"In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none, and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; and I will pardon them whom I reserve."** (Jer. 50. 20).

My sins had appeared as scarlet and crimson, but were all washed away in the blood of atonement. As I stood in Christ, I was as white as snow or as wool. Such was the joy of my heart in the dead of the night, the family asleep around me, that I sang in my soul-feelings:

*"See, here an endless ocean flows
Of never-failing grace;
Behold, a dying Saviour's veins
The sacred flood increase!*

*It rises high, and drowns the hills;
Has neither shore nor bound;
Now, if we search to find our sins,
Our sins can ne'er be found.*

*Awake, our hearts, adore the grace
That buries all our faults;
And pardoning blood that swells above
Our follies and our thoughts."*

Bless the Lord, this song has been sweet and precious to my soul many times since the memorable night of my deliverance, and I hope will be until I join the everlasting song, **"Unto Him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen."** (Rev 1:5-6)

All my doubts and fears were now removed by that perfect love which casteth out fear. I felt assured that the good work of grace was begun in my soul, and with Paul had a confidence **"that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."** (Phil 1:6)

No fears of my sins standing against me, nor of the curse of the law, nor of death or hell. I saw that all my foes were vanquished. My soul could now joyfully sing, **"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation"**(Isaiah 12:2). These were the things I had long been praying for; and I now proved to the joy of my heart that there is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God.

I lived in the sweet enjoyment of the liberty of the gospel for many months. The Word of the Lord was more precious to me than gold, yea, than much fine gold. I saw the declarative glory of the Lord shine forth in the sacred pages, which were once as a sealed book unto me.

My delight was in the Word of the Lord, and in His law did I meditate day and night.

My soul took delight in approaching to God, as my covenant God and Father in Christ.

Christ and His finished salvation, all of grace, was the joy of my heart and the boast of my song.

The Holy Spirit was in my soul as a Spirit of praise and thanksgiving, constraining me to say with David: **"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."** (Psa103:1-4)

By John Kershaw

***CW Note:** John Kershaw was for 52yrs Pastor of Hope Chapel, Rochdale, Yorkshire, he died in 1870 aged 78yrs. He was greatly loved by his church and congregation and held in high esteem by the good people of Rochdale. It is recorded that a total of 49 carriages containing mourners followed the hearse to the cemetery, these included the Mayor of Rochdale and other leading inhabitants, thousands of people lined the streets and occupied the windows along the way of the cortège. His last distinct words were "God is faithful! God is faithful!"*

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