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Morning Service 10:30 am Communion service held on the first Sunday of the month.

IS THERE A GOD?



fig. 1

Suppose you go to an art museum. What is easier to believe...

1. That all those paintings came from an explosion at a paint factory? Or
2. That each one was planned, and thought out, and painted by a Master Artist?

Or suppose one day you are walking through the woods and you see this...



fig. 2

What would you think? "Somebody made that!"

Why would you think that? Because rocks just don't stack themselves up like that all by themselves.

Can you picture a couple of squirrels looking around for just the right rock, dragging each one over, and stacking them up like that? I don't think so. A deer couldn't do it - no opposable thumbs. No, it's obvious that stack of rocks didn't just happen. Some intelligent being - someone like you - made it, and made it for a reason. It's obvious because whenever you see *anything* put together in a special way, and for some reason (when you see something put together with order and purpose), you just know someone did it.

So if that's true for just a stack of rocks, then what do you think when you see something like this...

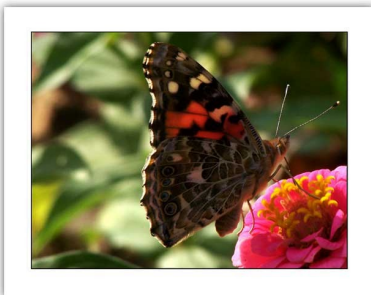


fig. 3

That's so much more complicated than a stack of rocks! Don't you think the same thing? "Something that beautiful couldn't just happen!" So...

BANG!

Some scientists say that the world began with an explosion billions of years ago (a really *big* explosion!). And that's all. God didn't plan it. It was all just a big accident. I have never seen an explosion make anything but a big mess.

But the world isn't a mess. The world is an amazing place. It is just *filled* with awesome wonder and beauty - well, like someone thought it out, planned it, and made it on purpose (just like those paintings in an art gallery). So what is easier to believe, that something as beautiful as a butterfly came from a giant explosion billions of years ago, and it's just an accident? Or that someone made it?

Look around you... of course there is a God.

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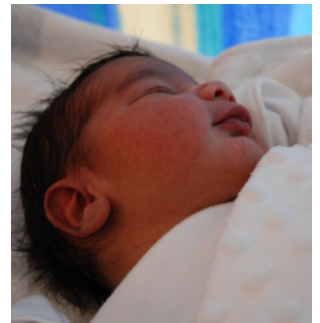


On the 14th June 2010 at 9.45pm, our dear friend and brother David Discombe finally went home whilst at 11.41pm, just a few wards away in the same hospital, David Skillman was born into the world!

Coincidence or 'Godincidence'? I remember taking a break that day and visiting David to let him know what we were to call our baby. Even though he couldn't answer verbally, David shrugged in acknowledgment and I'm sure he approved. But it's much more than that ... there was a sense that God had everything in hand—His perfect plan and wonderful touch to let us know His love and care.

As Mark commented overleaf—God reveals Himself through His amazing creation; through the incredible ways in which He does things and 'strings' them together. In many ways we need to look at each other with the same attention to detail: When I think of David; his voice, his laughter, his humility and kindness, his determination to paint the posts in the church or climb a slippery slope to cut the grass! ... It's these small, yet wonderful things that we cherish; each of us holding on to a part of what David meant to us and what he has taught us through his loving examples. May we think of David as we come to celebrate his life on Wednesday, 7th July at 2pm at the Chapel. Of course, our hearts and prayers go out to Peggy and the family. Let us continue to support them in every way as we would our own family.

Little David is thriving and is still keeping us up at nights (bless him) and Pam has recovered well. He was a hefty 9lbs 8ozs at birth! We personally want to thank everyone for their support, kindness, cards and gifts.



On a final note, please pray for Peggy and family, Jean Furzland (as requested by her daughter Hazel), Ros who is undergoing major surgery, Les & Doreen and many others who can't make it to the fellowship.

Rev Tim Skillman

Blessing

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,

Services

July

4th Mr. M. Page
11th Rev. Tim Skillman
18th Rev. Tim Skillman
25th Rev Ron Wells

August

1st Rev. Tim Skillman

Flowers

July

4th Mrs. P. Discombe
11th Mrs. G. Sterry
18th Mrs. D. Wood
25th Mrs. M. Hallworth

August

4th Mr. R. Parsons



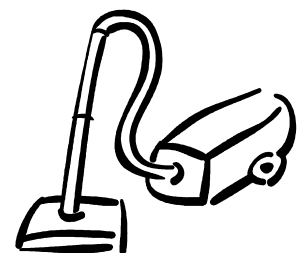
Hoovering

July

3rd Mrs. G. Sterry
10th Ms. J. Brown
17th Mrs. E. Putt
24th Mr. H. Jones
31st Mrs. K. King

August

7th Mrs. S. Jones



"He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8