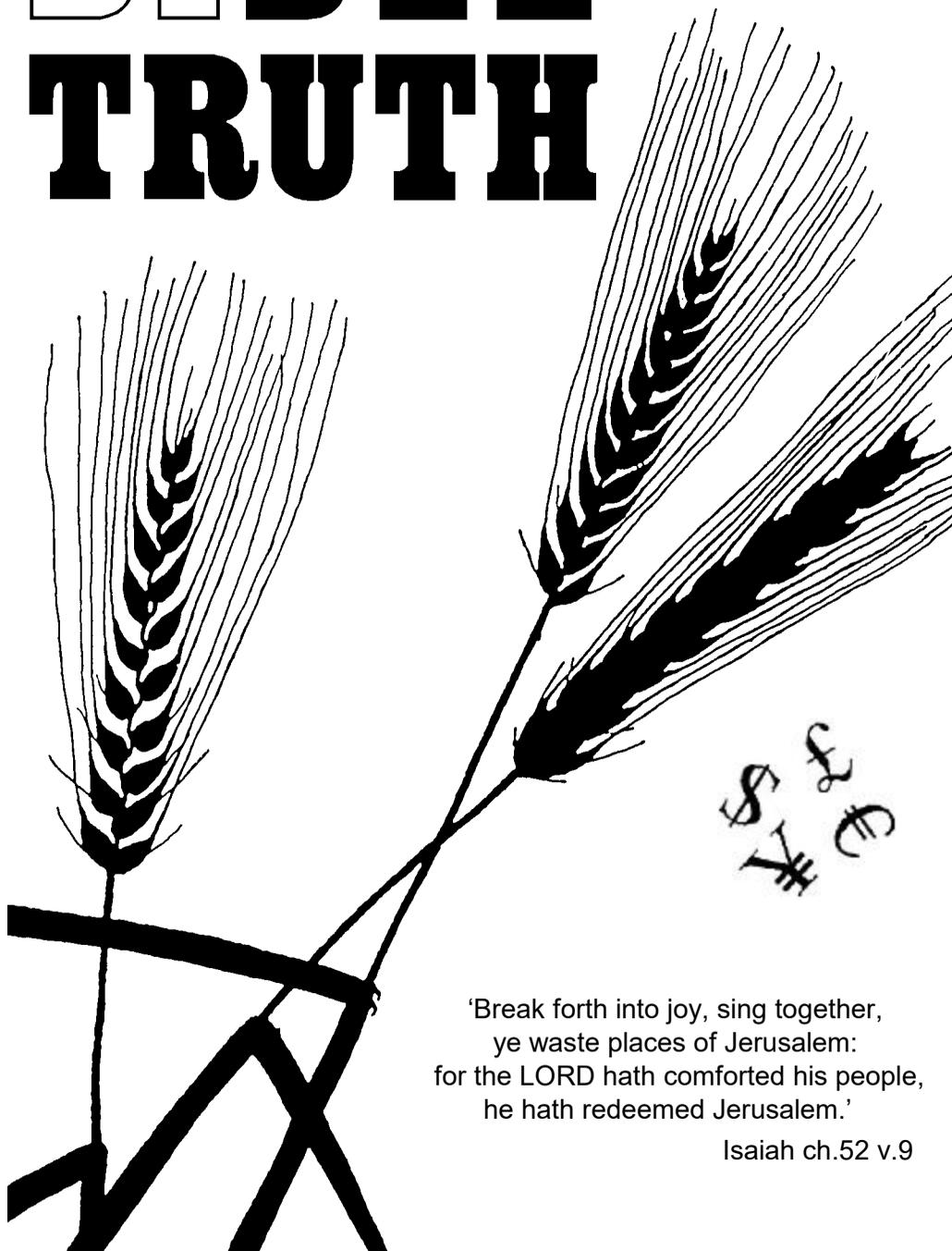


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'Break forth into joy, sing together,
ye waste places of Jerusalem:
for the LORD hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemed Jerusalem.'

Isaiah ch.52 v.9

OBITUARIES

Mr Frank Tebbutt JP was called to his heavenly home last November.

He had been a supporter of the Fellowship for thirty years and many people valued his sound judgment and biblical teaching from the speaking platform. His gracious way of seeing to things was infectious and born out not only in his lay ministry throughout the Carlisle area but also in the way he worked tirelessly to support animal welfare for more than half a century. When he was the General Secretary of the Carlisle Animal Friends Society he was responsible for the small animal section and developing its veterinary service in Blackwell Road, commonly known as the Carlisle Animal Refuge. In 2002 he became the Honorary President of the newly named and much enlarged Oak Tree Animals Charity whose fresh headquarters on the outskirts of Carlisle Frank had largely instigated.

Along the way he encountered many of life's challenges but his faith helped him to master them and not only himself, but others also by the way he shared this confidence in God's caring hand for us all. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Enid and their children.

Christopher (Chris) James Rogers 1949 - 2022. It is with sadness we bid farewell to Chris, one whose placid but practical character will be much missed. For a couple of decades he had always been a ready hand for when it was needed in the Fellowship's affairs. He had many practical skills ranging from an antiques business he once initiated in Spain to time he spent with the Fleet Air Arm at Yeovilton as well as writing several books of the Haynes Vehicle Manuals.

After he met his wife they formed an admirable team with his restoration expertise and her experience of craft work. In this way they toured the market stalls sharing not only their wares but the Gospel at the same time. His quiet character and her friendliness allowed them to build up a valuable group of friends who in turn passed God's word on to others. Our sympathy is much with Lynette his wife and other members of the family.

Margaret Davies, after a short illness and being granted 82 years, went to be with the Lord on 2nd December. She will be well remembered as the 'Lady of smiles'. Whatever unhappy circumstances she faced, in her heart she allowed the Lord to rule and cause her to make the most of it whilst bringing cheer to others.

She was clearly someone whom God had placed in His church as one of 'helps', be that washing up, sandwich making or just clearing up afterwards. That though was just the beginning of expressing her love for others, not least being her children. For some years she was the Personal Assistant to the Yorkshire Regional Director of Dr Barnardo's as well as being a BIBTF Trustee for about 40 years.

Margaret was a great prayer warrior and spent much of her time in this pursuit. As a Fellowship so many of us are very grateful for the way that the Lord God used her to set up our Prayer Chain and oversee it for many years.

She will be sorely missed at our meetings but she would no doubt have said that she was aiming towards a better place than we currently reside in. She leaves behind her husband Brian and children Christopher and Sarah, all of whom we are grateful to for allowing her to be shared with us and towards whom we express our deep sympathies.