

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **February 2016** .

PREACHED AT LINDISFARNE .

On Sunday 28th February , I preached for the Lindisfarne church in our state Capital city , Hobart (about two and a quarter hours drive from our home) . Jackie and I drove to Hobart on Saturday 27th , taking our time and stopping at the historic towns on the way . We stayed overnight for two nights (see next item) with brethren in Hobart and returned to Launceston on Monday morning .

The brethren at the Lindisfarne church afforded us their usual warm welcome , and asked for additional copies of my Lesson Booklet to give to relatives and contacts .

WORSHIPPED AT EASTERN SHORE .

Normally on my Lindisfarne preaching trips I return to Launceston on Sunday afternoon , but this time Jackie and I decided to stay over Sunday night in order to attend the evening worship of the **Eastern Shore** congregation in Hobart and spend time with the brethren in that church .

Our motivation for making this decision was that over the past few months members of this church have been attending meetings of my home church Eastside, and they have expressed a desire that the members of these two churches have more interaction with each other.

We were received warmly, the brethren there are displaying all the characteristics of Christ, and so Jackie and I have made a decision to make every effort to worship with this church on the Sunday evening each time I travel to preach at Lindisfarne's Sunday morning service.

REQUEST FOR MATERIAL .

Early in February, a leading member of the Lindisfarne church asked me to provide him with material on the subject of the 70 weeks prophecy in **Daniel 9 : 24 - 27**.

My extensive library is fully indexed to the extent that the name and index of any given book may not indicate there is anything within that book on the subject required, but if you go to my eight four drawer filing cabinets and look at the file re the subject you require, there will be an index telling you to look in such and such a book, turn to a certain page, and there will be material (sometimes just a paragraph) on the subject you are researching.

I received regular requests from brethren from all over the world for study material, and where copyright allows I photocopy material and send it to them. Most of the time the material I send is my own sermons, Bible classes, Lesson Booklets, and articles that I have personally compiled over the last thirty years.

FUNERAL REQUEST .

My wife Jackie's older brother died this month (75 years old) and his wife and family asked me to conduct his funeral service. It was difficult to do because he was not a Christian, but such occasions

gives me the opportunity to preach the gospel to people I would otherwise never meet.

CAMP BARNABAS LECTURES .

Only four weeks to the Lectures for 2016, and we have everything organised (I think) with Registrations arriving in the mail. The Lectures site is only fifty minutes from my home, but brethren attend from all over the state (some drive 3 plus hours), as well as brethren from all over Australia.

LITERACY PROGRAM .

Our schools have reopened after the summer break, which means Jackie and I resume our program of driving every Tuesday to the school where Eastside conducts its church services, and for one hour we teach young children to read.

The children look forward to us coming each week, and when I knock on the teacher's classroom and enter, the children all start shouting loudly, "*Barry's here*"!, "*Barry's here*"! We build a close relationship with each child, and often Jackie and I will be somewhere like the supermarket, and we will hear, "*There's Barry and Jackie*", and a young child will want to introduce us to their parents.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN FEBRUARY .

Most of my Bible class and sermon subjects take several weeks to cover due to the nature of the Eastside members who need constant repetition, detailed explanations, and mutual discussions among brethren re personal applications of Biblical principles in their lives.

Also, I encourage members to ask questions re anything they do not understand or even something that is a side issue to what we are actually studying at the time. Thus it is very rare for me to ever complete a lesson in one Bible class.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .

- February 7 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .
- 14 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .
- 21 - *"The Patriarchal Age"* .
- 28 - I preached at Lindisfarne .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- February 7 - *"Should the Apocrypha be in the Bible" ?*
- 14 - *"In the world , but not of the world"* .
- 21 - *"Surprised people"* .
- 28 - I preached at Lindisfarne .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- February 2 - Viktor taught **Exodus 21 - 22** .
- 9 - Viktor taught **Exodus 23 - 24** .
- 16 - Viktor taught **Exodus 25 - 26** .
- 23 - Viktor taught **Exodus 27 - 28** .

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school on Friday afternoons at 4pm for Eastside's Sunday meetings .
(it takes Jackie and I about one hour to clear out the classroom and set up our "church auditorium").

"Friend day" lunch at our house for brethren and visitors after Sunday worship on the second or third Sunday in the month .

Midweek Bible Class : Continues to be at my house .

Study periods : Preparing sermons and Bible classes for Eastside's meetings .

Lesson booklets : Ongoing typing , photocopying , stapling , and binding of new and replacement booklets for requests , and for display at our church meetings .

Study packs : Ongoing photocopying , stapling , and packaging of these as time permits .

Letterboxing : Jackie and I make every effort to continue this project on a weekly basis , but often a lack of time does not allow this to happen .

Thank you once again for your wonderful support , please visit us if you ever get the opportunity to do so ,

Yours in Christ ,

Barry Hume .

P . S . "A BAG OF OLD BONES"

I have attached another one of my sermons
for you to see how and what I preach