

“Modern Undercover Christians”

Dear Friends

Evangelist Billy Sunday (by name of **William Ashley Sunday**) was born on 19 November 1862/63 in Ames, Iowa, U.S.A. and died on 6 November 1935 in Chicago. His revivals and sermons reflected the emotional upheavals caused by transition from rural to industrial society in the United States. They told a story about a Christian, who got a job in a lumber camp, whose workers had a reputation for being ungodly and swearing throughout the day.

A friend, hearing that the man had been hired, said to him, “If those lumberjacks ever find out you are a Christian, you are going to be in for a hard time.”

After a year, the friend decided to return home for a visit. While in town, he met the friend who had predicted that he would receive ridicule and persecution from the workers in the lumber camp. “Well,” asked the friend, “did they give you a hard time because you are a Christian?”

“Oh, no, not at all,” the man replied. “They did not give me a bit of trouble; they never even found out!”

I wonder how many Christians are like that? Their family, neighbours and co-workers who do not share their faith are completely unaware of their relationship to Christ. These undercover Christians never do or say anything to give evidence of their identification with Him.

The Lord wants us as His followers to live for Him openly and to confess Him before others so that there is absolutely no question about our allegiance. Being a Christian in today’s world should never be kept a secret. Evangelist Billy Sunday summed up his story by saying **“To be ashamed of the Gospel, is to be a shame to the Gospel”**.

We are not in the minority, as society perceives, but in the majority. Secrecy should not be our badge. Christ is with us, the hope of Glory to all people. The storms of today cannot sink the ship of God's kingdom on earth. I am not ashamed to owe my Lord, or to defend His course. Praise His Name always.

Like a brightly shining light

In the darkness of the night,

We will stand for truth and right

Let the whole world know!

May your church be like a city on a hill, shining your light into the darkness of the world. Neither death or life, angels or rulers, things present or future, height or depth, or anything else in all

creation, will be able to separate your people from your love. Through your mighty name, Amen.

Thank you.

God bless our Circuit.

Devotedly Yours,

George Quarm

Resources/Good News

A Week of Accompanied Prayer at Guildford Cathedral from 8th to 13th October 2023

This is a great opportunity to sample spiritual direction for those who have perhaps never even heard of it or know what's on offer.

Please see the next page for a flyer and application form.

Week of Accompanied Prayer 8th to 13th October 2023

Based in Guildford Cathedral



Would you like to feel closer to God? Do you sometimes find it hard to pray? Do you wish you could make more sense of how God is working in your life? Would you like to learn different ways of praying?

Then a week of guided prayer is for you.

This is open to all Christian churches and all those perhaps not yet affiliated with any.

We will meet together at Guildford cathedral on Sunday 8th October at 4 pm for an initial gathering, and to meet your prayer guide. For the week we will commit to pray for half an hour a day, sometimes using material provided by the guides.

We then meet daily with the guide to talk through what happened in the prayer time. On Friday the 13th Oct we will meet for an informal service and refreshments at 7.30 Venue TBA. There will be an opportunity, to share the outcome of our journey with others.

To meet some of the expenses of the week you will be asked to contribute £35. Please contact L Scrivener at email below if this might be a barrier to participation.



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Week of Accompanied Prayer 8th to 13th October 2023

Based in Guildford Cathedral

Organised by Guildford Diocese Spiritual Directors Network

In order to enable us to place you appropriately with a prayer guide please complete the following;

Name

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

Current church if applicable

How long have you been a member of this church?

Do you have any experience of Spiritual accompaniment/ direction?

Please underline the times of the day you are available (If unable to reach the Cathedral it may be possible to take part by zoom)

Morning 10-1pm

Afternoon 1-5pm

Evening 6-8pm

Please read the following

I agree to this information being stored on a computer only for the purposes of organising this event.

Name or Digital signature

Date

Please complete this and return to L Scrivener woapguildford@hotmail.com

This event will be funded by contributions of £35 to cover costs of hospitality and Spiritual Directors expenses. Please let us know if this is beyond your means.