

A NOBLE CALLING

By Bill Pugh



A familiar member of the community is our postie. He came on foot or bicycle, and now on a motor-bike.

Important mail was labelled OHMS. Posties have rescued people from fire and floods, saved children from drowning, trapped kittens from drains and chimneys.

In 1940, during the Blitz, a retired postie and a squad tunnelled under 3000 tons of girders to retrieve letters, coins and stamps from a bomb site.

A special service, dedication and responsibility, to do their duty, keep us in touch. And the postie had a special role in being a link in the human chain of

community care. A whistle and friendly greeting were their signature.

In a very real sense the apostles of the early church were posties. The word is derived from the Greek word to send. The apostles were sent ones. The Lord called them and sent them out to spread the good news and healing in Christ's name resulted.

We tend to think of the early apostles as very holy saints, but the New Testament records that many, though very sincere, were not well-versed in Christ's teaching and made mistakes. They were ordinary Christians like us, learning.

Reflection:

Today we, human as we are, are Gospel posties.

"And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed? And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, 'how wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news.'" So writes Paul to the Romans. Emails are impersonal; the real messengers are the Lord's posties. The Royal Mail is in our hands.

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