

## MEWS 'n' PEWS



2011 theme:

### ***"Partners in Christ: Striving to make the gospel known"***

*"Whatever happens, as citizens of heaven live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. We stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together with one accord for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose us." Phil 1:27-28a TNIV*

Getting timing right can be the key to everything! There is a time and place for everything under the sun, King Solomon once said. He was right, because we all know through life that when we get the timing wrong – it can unbalance everything that we are trying to do.

Life is forever a toss-up between acting promptly to avert trouble – and waiting to see how things will pan out. In truth, it is when we have put our foot in it or acted before thinking that experience is gained. It is then with instinct that we can gauge the right timing and become bolder to act or speak out, whilst at the same time listening before we engage.

Aesop's Fables are famous for stories told which makes a practical point. One such story is about a grasshopper that spent the warm months singing while the poor ant worked to store up food for winter. When the coldness of winter arrives, the grasshopper finds itself dying of hunger, so he asks the ant for food, but gets the short answer of NO! He recognises that the grasshopper has missed the season of time because he has been procrastinating and not sought to act at the right time and season.

The story is used to teach the virtues of hard work and getting the timing right, saving us from missed opportunities. Similarly King Solomon's '*Season of Time*' in Ecclesiastes chapter 3 makes the same points. It's good to read scripture and allow God to speak to us in this season of autumn.

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