

St James News: Thought for the day – Saturday 7th November 2020

Bobby Ball – Revd John Marshall

We were thinking about Pantomimes today in our zoom coffee morning. Bobby Ball who died a few days ago, was performing with Tommy Cannon at the Alhambra theatre Bradford, in Babes in the Wood (1986). Bobby was in a bad place, but he met with the theatre chaplain Max Wigley. He dropped in for a chat and also went out to the pub with Bobby that evening.

Bobby was impressed and moved after several conversations. Bobby turned to Christ and his life was turned around. On the Sunday programme (Radio 4) they played an interview with Bobby Ball, who said that he told Max he wanted the peace that he had. Max gently explained his Christian faith and Bobby prayed and came to Christ. He had a quiet faith and was able to bring his wife to faith and seven years later Tommy Cannon too became a Christian,

They were able to share their comedy and their faith which they did in a series of Road shows. They also wrote a book

“Christianity for Beginners: Faith God and All That by Cannon and Ball. They were helped by Chris Gidney of Christians in entertainment.

Paul says in Galatians 5.6 “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”