



5043 and 5029 storm Llanvihangel Bank
between Hereford and Abergavenny

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The Power and the Glory



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The POWER and the GLORY

There's nothing quite like the sight of an iron monster thundering down the track, belching smoke, showering sparks and pulsating with awesome power.

From Mallaig to East Grinstead, the power and glory of steam and other transport is lovingly preserved by the growing army of enthusiasts who give their time and energy in the interests of restoration.

There is however another form of power and glory which can



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enrich our lives in a far more wonderful way...

Front Cover: 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' on London to Bristol run

Awesome Wonder

A steam locomotive is a tremendous symbol of majestic power, drawing from us feelings of wonder and admiration.

Of course, in days gone by, people like us used to speak of God in these terms...



46233 'Duchess of Sutherland' at Woodborough near Pewsey

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise... the glorious splendour of your majesty... the power of your awesome works...

Psalms 145:3-6

Nowadays, many of us have lost

touch with God, preferring to put our trust in other things. Yet key to finding fulfilment in this life and assurance for the next is still a personal relationship with Him. And the only way is through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who says...

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But this is only part of the story...

Planned Rescue

Visitors to the National Railway Museum at York will recall a past to be proud of! Yet as God looks at our lives we'd have to admit that what He sees is far less glorious...

*...sexual
immorality,
impurity...
hatred...
jealousy, fits
of rage, selfish
ambition...
envy...
drunkenness.*

Galatians 5:19-21

Even the best of us fall short of the standard He sets...

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

...and with disastrous consequences...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, He has a way of switching us on to the right track...



Rocket and Mallard at the National Railway Museum in York

Loving Restoration

The Talyllyn Railway in Wales was the first to offer public access to steam trains in preservation back in the early 1950's. Access to God however was made possible 2000 years ago on the wooden cross of Calvary...

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Opening in 1890, Scotland's Forth Bridge changed the course of the East Coast railway system. In a similar way the direction of our lives must change if we are to be 'put right' with God. He calls us, with His help, to turn away from all we know to be wrong...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

1 Peter 2:24

Just as a rusting hulk can be lovingly restored to a thing of great beauty, so when we ask the risen Lord Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we too are given a completely new beginning...



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...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

...and we can have the power to live a new lifestyle in asking Him to take over the 'footplate' of our future.

Costly Commitment

Rebuilding a railway, a train, or a bus demands costly attention. Yet, up and down the country a willing volunteer army labours for the love of it!

Although we must receive all that was accomplished for us at Calvary as a free gift, there is also a cost involved. The Lord Jesus says to all who would be His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

And when we come to know Him... we'll labour for the love of Him!

Ultimate Challenge

The great steam locomotives of the past are not simply monuments to engineering achievement, their power and glory are best seen when they're working as originally intended.

Similarly, the power and glory of God is most effectively seen when we act upon His loving invitation...

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

However, to ignore or reject Him would surely be unthinkable...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

For this reason NOW is always the right time to 'get right' with God...

...now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2



850 'Lord Nelson' accelerates away eastwards from Swindon station