

Early albums available at last!



Hello again,

For some years, especially with **The Garth Hewitt Foundation**, we have been talking about re-releasing earlier material. For various reasons it's taken time to make this happen, both for the albums and the books.



But as many of you will know we now have a very creative relationship with **GingerDog Records**, run by Kevin Duncan. Kevin produced **Something for the Soul**, as well as playing several instruments on it.

And now he has put online for download ten albums which have not been available for some time, including **Stronger than the Storm**, **Gospel Singer**, **Scars**, and the 'Journeys' albums - **Journey's Asia** particularly has not been available for years, much longer than the other 'Journeys' albums.

Also one for which we get regular requests, **Alien Brain**. Alien Brain was recorded in the mid '80s and contains tracks like 'A Child is the Future', 'Light a Candle in the Darkness', 'Water off a Duck's Back' and 'Oscar Romero'.



Kevin has also re-released two EPs, namely **Gaza Palestine** and Bethlehem Palestine. On Gaza Palestine I do four songs including 'The Broken Heart of Gaza', Martyn Joseph does his very moving 'Five Sisters', and the amazing Reem Kelani sings 'Qasida of Return'.

The second EP, **Bethlehem Palestine**, includes the song **They've Cancelled Christmas in Bethlehem (The Wall Must Fall)** - which has had a remarkable nearly 80,000 hits on YouTube. The Christmas song 'Shine on Star of Bethlehem' is also on here, produced by Paul Wilkinson, with Duke Special playing piano and doing backing vocals. And there's another appearance by Reem Kelani with backing vocals and a beautiful lament for trees at the end of the song 'Death of Trees'.

It's good to see **Stronger than the Storm** included, which when it was first released had a favourite poem of mine on the cover by Honduran poet Roberto Soza -

**And so
Sweetly,
Fatally,
I have decided to construct
With all my songs
An endless bridge to dignity
So that one by one
The humiliated of the earth may pass**

I hope you enjoy the availability of some of the older material - there is more to come! **So let us know if there is something you are particularly waiting for.**

General Election

As I write this we are two weeks away from the election. Gill and I shall be on tour in America at the time this happens so we will be amongst the postal voters.



Elections are a funny time. Sometimes stimulating, sometimes quite boring, sometimes you want to bang politicians' heads together. But for so many years so many people - including the Chartists - campaigned for the right to vote and so it is still a privilege.

I thought it would be good to have a prayer, therefore, for the election and how we respond to it.

Election prayer

**O God, guide our thoughts in this time of election.
We have the privilege of voting - and we are grateful
for those who campaigned and suffered so we can have that privilege.
We pray we will be wise and take our responsibility seriously.**

**There have been some strange themes this year and even trivialising of
issues,
not least the constant complaining about migrants.
Yet even as that is happening hundreds have been drowning
trying to get to a situation of freedom and hope.**

**May we be those who value and respect
those who come here for all sorts of reasons
and who can add so much to our country.**

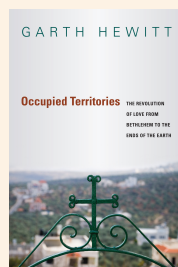
**Also we pray that as a result of the election
we will have a more compassionate and more just society
that doesn't advantage the rich at the expense of the poor;
That provides the support that people need.
May we be wise and generous in spirit.
And if we get the chance to go to a hustings event
then may we take care to raise issues that matter and maybe have been
ignored.....
so that we end up with a government that is courageous and compassionate
and doesn't punish people with austerity
but brings hope and new possibilities for all.**

Garth Hewitt

From 27th April to 17th May 2015 Garth will be touring the United States, with concerts in Nashville, North Carolina (three concerts and a church service), several events in Cupertino in the Bay Area of California, two concerts in Albuquerque, and a visit to LA.

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