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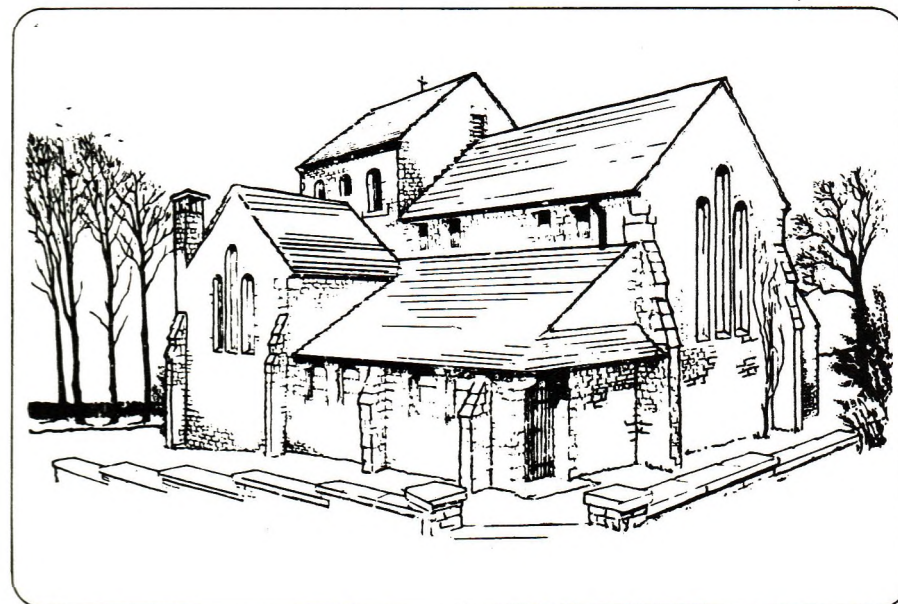
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for your support and help during my first three months as Vicar here and sending you Christian Greetings and good wishes for 1986.

The New Year confronts us with certain challenges. We feel, in some areas of our lives at least, that there is a chance to make a fresh start. I do not know the origin of New Year Resolutions but they do underline the fact that we have some power of choice. We can exercise our wills and strengthen our resolve to direct our efforts towards achieving certain goals.

As Christians the overall direction of our lives should be towards growth in our understanding of our Christian faith and in seeking to follow the pattern of life our Lord has given us. Our knowledge of God comes largely through corporate worship, private prayer and Bible study. I plan to devote some attention to these key features of the Christian life in this magazine each month. I hope this will be helpful to those of you who are regular Church attenders and those who are not.

Christianity is in essence a 'faith'. Faith is not based on proof but acting on possibilities. As in any scientific experiment we can never verify a truth or achieve results unless we take time and make the effort to put it to the test. WHY NOT make 1986 a year in which you resolve to experiment with the Christian faith? There are 365 days to put it into practice - and the results may be far more conclusive than you imagine.

A New Year also involves for most of us a pausing on the threshold and a looking back. Alongside our planning and resolve we see that there are areas of our lives that are not under our control. 1985 was for many a year of change and a year of loss. Often it is difficult to see God's purpose in the unexpected tragedies and events of our lives. We struggle on with the daily round whilst looking for meaning and wondering whether our difficulties will ever be resolved. The Christian Faith gives us grounds for hope. "To those who love God, all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28). There is a purpose in all that we have experienced in 1985 and all that lies ahead of us in 1986 and that purpose is good. Let us hold on to that reassurance

as we enter upon the coming year.

So may we resolve to grow in our faith, to practice it with determination and to gain assurance of God's loving support each step of the way.

Yours sincerely,  
Stewart Rayner

## BIBLE READING AND THE SUNDAY LESSONS

For some time it has been the practice at All Saints' Church to follow the 'Revised Lectionary' for the Sunday Readings whatever the form of service used. This has the advantage of continuity - but it also has another advantage. Those with copies of the Alternative Service Book will find most Sundays have six Bible Readings printed in full. It is a good preparation for Sunday to read one each day of the preceding week. Linking all six readings is an underlying theme - and the themes for the year are listed in the ASB on pages 1092 and 1093.

The compilers of the ASB compared four translations - the Revised Standard Version (RSV), the New English Bible (NEB), the Jerusalem Bible (JB) and the Bible Society's Today's English Version - Good News - Bible (TEV). For each lesson they selected the version which gave the clearest translation. A note of their choice is given with the readings for the month. The readings will appear in each edition of the magazine for you to follow at home should you be unable to attend Church.

Anyone interested in joining the rota of those reading lessons at Sunday Services please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

In addition to following the Sunday Readings the use of Bible Study Notes is to be commended. Booklets are produced with a reading, a comment and prayer for each day. If you want to see or order the notes of the Bible Reading Fellowship contact Vivien Filleul (360872), or for the Scripture Union contact Dudley Nixon.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Banish someone's loneliness - and you set him free"



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY

5th	CHRISTMAS 2	'The Epiphany' (am) 'The Holy Family' (pm)
	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)	
	Epistle: Revelation 21:22 to 22:5 (NEB)	
	Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 1-12, 19-23 (RSV)	
	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	
	OT: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-7 (JB)	
	NT: St. Luke 2:41-52 (NEB)	
12th	EPIPHANY 1	'The Baptism of Jesus'
	8am Holy Communion (ASB)	
	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-19 (JB)	
	Gospel: St. John 1:29-34 (JB)	
	6.30pm Evensong (ASB)	
	OT: I Samuel 16:1-13 (NEB)	
	NT: St. Matthew 3:13-17 (NEB)	
19th	EPIPHANY 2	'The Calling of the First Disciples'
	(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)	
	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)	
	Epistle: Galatian 1:11-24 (NEB)	
	Gospel: St. John 1:35-51 (NEB)	
	11.00am Family Service	
	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	
	OT: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NEB)	
	NT: Acts 26:1,9-20 (NEB)	
26th	9 BEFORE EASTER (Septuagesima)	'Christ the Teacher'
	8am Holy Communion (ASB)	
	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Epistle: I Corinthians 2:1-10 (NEB)	
	Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15 (RSV)	
	6.30pm Evensong (ASB)	
	OT: Isaiah 30:18-21 (NEB)	
	NT: St. Matthew 15:1-12 (NEB)	

### NOTE

The cost of this larger magazine is partly being offset by discontinuing the weekly notice sheets in Church, except on special occasions. All the information you require should be found in this magazine although additional last minute notices can be announced. The Lessons will start with an introductory sentence.

## PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY

1st	Wed	10am Holy Communion
6th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
7th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club A.G.M.
8th	Wed	10am Holy Communion 8pm Wednesday Fellowship- 43 Veron Road
10th	Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
12th	Sun	11am Sunday School reopens
13th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
14th	Tue	1-45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close
15th	Wed	10am Holy Communion 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
18th-25th		Week of Prayer for Unity (see details overleaf)
21st	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 2.15pm Ladies working Party AGM at 118 Baslow Rd 7.30pm Ladies Club Meeting "Bee Keeping" Mrs. Hobson
22nd	Wed	10am Holy Communion 6.30-8pm 'Agape' meal at Totley U.R. Church 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
24th	Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 3 Laverdene Avenue
27th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
28th	Tue	12.15pm Liaison Lunch 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 2.15pm Ladies Working Party
29th	Wed	10am Holy Communion 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road

### FEBRUARY

1st	Sat	11.30pm Holy Matrimony (Alun Watkins & Judith Heginbotham)
8th	Sat	2pm Sunday School Jumble Sale
10th	Mon	8pm Magazine Distributors Meeting

BROWNIES meet each Wednesday at 6pm

GUIDES Meet each Wednesday at 7.30pm

CHOIR practices 7pm Thursday (Juniors also Monday at 3.30pm)

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Choir Coffee Morning at Stella Jockel's raised £156

The 'Three Point Turn' Concert raised £62 for Church Funds.

The Christmas Fair at All Saints' School raised over £200 for school funds.



The 'seven churches of the valley' have decided to follow last year's pattern of worship for Christian Unity Week. This involves a 20 minute morning Service of Prayer at 7.30am in each of the seven churches.....

Saturday 18th	7.30am	St. John's Church, Abbeydale
Monday 20th	7.30am	Dore Methodist Church
Tuesday 21st	7.30am	English Martyrs R.C. Church
Wednesday 22nd	7.30am	Totley Rise Methodist Church
Thursday 23rd	7.30am	Totley U.R. Church
Friday 24th	7.30am	All Saints' Church, Totley
Saturday 25th	7.30am	Christ Church, Dore

In addition there will be an 'Agape' - a simple meal with praise, exposition and conversation - from 6.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday 22nd at Totley U.R. Church. Tickets available.

### CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Sheffield, whilst speaking out at the last General Synod against the report of those advocating communion for young people before Confirmation, has also said he feels there is no ideal age for confirmation. There are points for and against any one stage in a young person's spiritual path. Hence he has always left the presentation of candidates to the discretion of the incumbent.

The Vicar has found there is some advantage in a youngster being confirmed around the time of moving to secondary school. The next Parish Confirmation will be at All Saints' Church on Monday 27th October. For young people wishing to prepare for Confirmation on that day there will be a course at the Vicarage on most Sunday mornings at 11am beginning early in the New Year. If you know of any young person aged 11 or over interested in being confirmed please ask them to contact the Vicar or just come along to an informal meeting on Sunday 6th January, 11am at the Vicarage.

Adult Confirmation Preparation can be geared to suit individual requirements and circumstances - preparing alone at home or in small groups. Please have a word with the Vicar by mid-February if you are an adult considering Confirmation.

### LADIES WORKING PARTY

The Ladies Working Party would like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who have helped in various ways during 1985. Please note the A.G.M. will be held at 118 Baslow Road on January 21st at 2.15pm.

***"Out of Africa  
there is always  
something new"***

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**SHEFFIELD  
Diocesan  
News**

JANUARY, 1986



*The Church at Mumias, Maseno North, and some of the children from the nearby school*

**There are no flies on Stuart Matthews, Rector of Sprotbrough, especially now that he's returned from Maseno North in Kenya, clutching the fly whisk given to him by the people of that Diocese! On one occasion during his visit, he was even called "wise old man", and when you hear him muttering "I was only saying to Moses the other day...", you are tempted to think that he's getting on a bit! He isn't referring to THE Moses, but to the Revd. Moses Obatsa, of the Parish of Khasako, linked with Sprotbrough.**

Stuart has returned with news of the Church in Maseno North, with developments in the field of education and medicine, and enthusiastic church members. Wherever he went with Bishop James Mundia, and his assistant, Bishop Isaac Namango, Stuart was welcomed in churches packed to the doors. He experienced, he says, in the delightfully bare churches, a certain nearness to the One born in a stable. Sometimes they danced rather than processed into church, and what an experience of stewardship it was to see congregations offering their gifts - chickens, cattle, and money - and people applauding as they did so...Stuart observing that you can't put chickens secretly into envelopes!

During his stay, he met the Diocese's new Administrator, Ray Allman, a man of considerable experience, fresh from New York, who, along with the Bishops, is making preparations for the visit by young people from our Diocese during this Summer.

Over twenty young people are going to Maseno North on Youthcamp '86, and are staying in twos or threes with Kenyan families. Along with Kenyan young people they will be involved in building or agricultural projects throughout the Diocese, and are being joined by the Revd. Jim McKinney, who spent several years of his childhood there, and Susan Oakley, of St. John's College, Nottingham, who has recently spent three years in Ruanda, Central Africa. Parents, friends, Deaneries, Parishes and the young people themselves are raising funds for the visit - it will cost about £1,000 each.

Jim McKinney is likely to be doing some sponsored event himself - he's discarded the idea of parachute jumping - something to do with being too close to headquarters! - and is concentrating on half marathons. The only trouble is, they're usually run on a Sunday...and on Sundays, Jim is at work.

For Stuart Matthews the visit to Maseno North was a challenging and invigorating experience, for the members of the Youthcamp '86, it will be the same, and links between our two Dioceses will be further strengthened.

If you would like to know more about Stuart's visit and see his slides contact him at 42a Spring Lane, Sprotbrough, Doncaster DN5 7QG. Tel.: Doncaster 853203.





## 50 years service

Mr. George (Pete) Wood has been Parochial Council Secretary at Holy Trinity, Thurgoland, for 50 years and to mark what must surely be a very rare occasion, he was presented with a gold watch by the Bishop of Doncaster. The Parish of Thurgoland was transferred from the Diocese of Wakefield to our Diocese in 1984, and is now part of the United Benefice of Wortley with Thurgoland.

## A Hopeful 1986..

*says the Bishop of Doncaster*

I am one of those people who is inclined to travel with an umbrella; unlike my wife who starts with the assumption that it isn't going to rain. I think she is right, for general optimism pays more dividends than pessimism.

When it comes to the life and witness of the church, I am pleased to say that I take my cue from her, and am quite prepared to leave my ecclesiastical umbrella behind!

It is not that I am over-optimistic. Thirty years in the parochial ministry has made me well aware of difficulties. I have little doubt that 1986 will bring its usual crop of them. Boilers will burst, church roofs will leak, and expenses will rise.

Difficulties must not drive us into pessimism; because less than original though it may be to say so, 1986 will also bring its usual crop of opportunities. We should not be surprised if Baptism contacts respond, or if our new community project gets off the ground; and 1985 has taught us once again that we have a Gospel in which we can have confidence; with people to be reached for Christ in a new way in the coming year.

## MISSIONARIES

Bishop Colin Buchanan, Father Edmund Wheat SSM, and Mr. Frank Field MP will be three of the invited guests at the Diocesan Conference at Swanwick Conference Centre in Derbyshire from 30th June to 3rd July this year. The other guests will be all the clergy and the fulltime churchworkers in the Diocese. The Archdeacon of Doncaster, Desmond Carnelley writes: "We have chosen the theme of 'Priesthood for Mission' so that all who share in the one Priesthood of the church as ordained clergy or layworkers, might look together at our part in the mission of the church in our Diocese in the years ahead."

It will be a stimulating time, and a rare opportunity for all the clergy and fulltime layworkers in the Diocese to meet together.

Hope is a good biblical word. Christians have been inclined to use it in too individualistic a sense, and to project it into a distant future with little present content. I think it is fair to say that biblical writers see hope in more corporate terms, with the future glory of God brought into the present; a hope that is certain because of the Church's living relationship with him through the death and resurrection of Christ.

If hope is a present experience, I believe that we have shared something of that experience together in our Diocese; for we have been privileged to have glimpsed God's future glory at Doncaster, on Holy Island and at Bramall Lane. It is an experience of the coming Kingdom to be made available to others in 1986, and to be entered into more fully ourselves.

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Credit where credit is due. Some of us are more venerable than the rest, and in this 900th Domesday Anniversary Year we can be thankful for the number of ancient churches we possess in the Diocese. Domesday compilers were not required to make returns on Churches, so not all get a mention in the book itself. Nevertheless, there they were, serving the communities of their day; as God willing, our Churches serve the communities of our day.

With best wishes,  
Yours Sincerely,  
WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster

## 1086 AND ALL THAT

1986 marks the nine hundredth anniversary of the Domesday Book. A surprising number of the parishes in our Diocese get a mention in it, even though in those days Yorkshire was on the very edge of inhabited England. Bishop David and Bishop William believe that the continuity through the centuries of the life of worship and faith is of considerable significance, and that the anniversary could be an ideal opportunity of drawing attention to it. The Bishop of Doncaster is getting together a few people to think through some possible ways of marking Domesday 1986. Interested? Contact him if you are.

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# BUSY DAY AT THE SYNOD

A report on the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, November 2nd 1985.

*by the Revd. Roy Arnold*

Christian Unity; women ordained abroad; Sunday Trading; the place of the mentally handicapped in Society; the work of the Church among the deaf and hard of hearing...these and many other topics formed the agenda of the November meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod. Newly elected - and with some 30% of the Synod attending for the first time - Synod members were given a foretaste of several issues which will be occupying them, in one way or another, over the next five years.

BEM and ARCIC are initials which will become very familiar over the next five years. BEM equals "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" which is the World Council of Churches "convergence" statement on these important aspects of Christian doctrine and practice. ARCIC is the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission whose "Final Report" on Anglican/Roman Catholic unity issues is to be taken in tandem with the BEM document, as referred to Diocesan Synods by the General Synod. Mrs. Mary Turner of the General Synod's Board for Mission and Unity gave an excellent introduction to the documents and the Bishop of Doncaster announced the setting up of eight study groups - for Diocesan Synod members on an area or deanery basis - to give some in-depth study to varying aspects of these two reports before reporting back to the Diocesan Synod next year. In the meantime, it is hoped that other study groups - in deaneries or parishes - will be studying BEM and ARCIC.

THE PLACE OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN SOCIETY was the theme introduced to Synod by the Revd Dr. Michael J. Bayley of Sheffield University. Dr. Bayley introduced two mothers of mentally handicapped children and they spoke of their contact with the Local Church. The need for "acceptance" of the mentally handicapped, especially in the light of current national policy to close down both large and small institutions, was most important, said Dr. Bayley who urged parishes to get to know the mentally handicapped, and to appoint, if possible, two persons to be duly trained in some basic aspects of dealing with those handicapped in this way (not least to overcome any fear of the mentally handicapped) with these two persons seeking to discover anyone or any family in the parish involved with mental handicap and to link up with local organisations and resources.

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES have been discussed at Deanery and Diocesan levels in recent times. The November Synod agreed that Supporting Ministry posts should be for a period of five years. They also agreed that the go-ahead be given to the appointment of a Diocesan Stewardship Adviser and an Assistant Director of Education (parish education). The Bishops Council is to undertake research on methods of appointment and other issues related to this topic and there is to be a debate in 1986 on Industrial Mission and other extra-parochial ministries. Synod members were whole-hearted in their support of those working in Supporting Ministries: support for the supporters.

SUNDAY TRADING. As "a recent convert" to opposing the de-regulation (as proposed by the Government) of Sunday Trading laws, the Bishop gained great support for the Motion (sent down by General Synod) opposing such de-regulation. Mr. D. N. Hartley (Attercliffe Deanery) put up an amendment commending a very stringent keeping of the Sabbath, but this was overwhelmingly defeated.

WOMEN ORDAINED ABROAD as priests in the Anglican Communion now total some 600. In an attempt to regulate what happens when these women priests visit England, General Synod has put up the Women Ordained Abroad Measure and the draft of this - referred to the dioceses by General Synod - was duly considered at the November meeting. Professor David McClean, one of the authors of the Measure, found some lively opposition in the Revd. Derek Gibbs (Doncaster), another member of General Synod. Although warned by the Bishop not to make this into a debate about the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood, that wider issue obviously added some flavour to the debate. Some dioceses have already said no to this draft Measure but, by a narrow margin, Sheffield Diocesan Synod said yes. Voting was by Houses as follows: House of Laity: for 34; against 29; nil abstentions. House of Clergy: for 31; against 23; nil abstentions. House of Bishops: the Bishop of Doncaster voted against and the Bishop of Sheffield abstained.

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK provided a suitable occasion for the Revd. Michael Sabell to speak about his work as Chaplain to the Deaf. After speaking on the wider aspects of his work with the profoundly deaf and the hard of hearing, he urged the parish clergy and others to be aware of the problems of the deaf; to note the new range of technological aids available to help the deaf. Loop Induction systems he commended together with the simple expedient of the clergy and others taking Church services always to stand facing the congregation. The Lord's Prayer in sign language provided a fitting ending to his talk.

IN ELECTIONS by Houses before the meeting, Canon Robert Warren was appointed Chairman of the House of Clergy and Professor David McClean was appointed Chairman of the House of Laity, and hence Vice Presidents of the Diocesan Synod.

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## North of England Christian Healing Trust

A meeting has been convened on March 17th and 18th for representatives of Hospices, Guilds, Homes of Healing etc., at Spennithorn Hall, Leyburn, North Yorkshire - the Home of Healing run by the Trust - to discuss future trends in healing, clarify what we are all trying to do, and identify areas of co-operation. Would anyone interested please contact Miss Margaret Horsfall, on Sheffield 582165 for further information.

## DEAF AID

Can any church in Sheffield Diocese lend a hand with the refurbishment of Psalter Lane Church for the Deaf? They are looking for various items of altar linen, and items such as pulpit falls. They would very much like their own Psalter Lane banner for when they attend major services in the area, but, at the moment, the cost seems beyond them. Mrs. B. Glenn of 59 Sheldon Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield, S7 1GT would like to hear from anyone who can help. She has her eye already on the year after next for then the Psalter Lane Church for the Deaf will be celebrating its 50th anniversary and Mrs. Glenn has already booked the Bishop of Sheffield for a special service to mark the occasion.

## CRASH LANDING

At the last Diocesan Synod, a presentation was made to Wing Commander Patrick Hose to mark his retirement as Assistant Diocesan Secretary (Parsonages). Having fallen and broken several bones while painting an upstairs window at his home, Pat, was in fact, on crutches and gave due warning to clergy do-it-yourself experts not to venture too far above ground level, especially since the Diocese often paid for the paint! He didn't make any comment though about chaplains in the Royal Air Force being called 'sky pilots', thus being immune from some of the normal everyday hazards!

## RESPONSIBLE INFORMATION

A new information service is in the process of being developed by the Diocesan Social Responsibility Committee. It's first aim is to build up a lending library and information service on a wide range of subjects in the Social Responsibility area. Later, it is hoped that people in the diocese who share common interests can be put in touch with one another, with a view to increasing debate and working together on issues.

With this in mind, two part-time workers have been employed to both set-up and maintain this service. Mark Woodhead has the task of researching issues likely to be included in the library, and then reviewing the major items, whilst Janet Williams will be responsible for the lending library material, maintaining records and mailing lists, and sending out regular information sheets. A comprehensive list of subjects has been selected, but is not exhaustive. If you are interested in any particular subjects that you think might be included in this service, please let them know.

Mark can be contacted on Sheffield 615089, and Janet on Sheffield 446140.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. H.J.J. Bird, Priest-in-charge of St. George, Doncaster, to be Vicar of the parish (15 Dec).

The Revd. L. Green, Team Rector of Sheffield Manor Team Ministry, to be Vicar of St. Everilda, Nether Poppleton and All Saints, Upper Poppleton, Diocese of York.

The Revd. R. Haslam, Vicar of Darnall, to be Priest-in-charge of St. Hugh, Southwark, Diocese of Southwark (6 Jan).

The Revd. P. W. West, Vicar of Attercliffe, to be also Priest-in-charge of Darnall (6 Jan).

Deaconess M.I. White, halftime Chaplain's Assistant, Northern General Hospital and Curate of Fivale, to join the Community of St. Francis (Jan).

The Revd. I. Chisholm and the Revd. S. Matthews have been appointed Surrogates. The Revd. S. Raynor, now Vicar of Totley, remains a Surrogate.

The Revd. D. Goss, Assistant Curate of Wood Green Team Ministry, Diocese of London, to be Team Vicar of Gleadless Valley Team Ministry (10 Feb).

## RESIGNATION

The Revd. Canon H.D. McKee to return to Ireland (31 Dec).

## WEST AFRICA

Canon Geoffrey Bostock, of St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, Sheffield, is also Chairman of the Gambia and Guinea Diocesan Association in England. Guinea has now become a separate Diocese, fifty years after the formation of the first Diocese of The Gambia and the Rio Pongas. Geoffrey, along with forty other friends of the Dioceses in England will be present at the Consecration of the first Bishop of Guinea, William Macaulay, on December 1st in the church of All Saints', Conachry.

The two Dioceses of The Gambia and Guinea have been tackling the work of caring for their communities - both Moslem and Christian - and have undertaken extensive work in education. Canon Geoffrey Bostock takes with him this month, not only greetings from our Diocese, but also gifts from Bishop David and many friends.

## ORGANISERS

Sheffield and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association have arranged an organ recital by David Phillips at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield on Wednesday 15th January at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

## AREA WORK

The Church Missionary Society has a new Area Secretary for the Diocese. He is Alan Isaacson, he's already started work, and he's available for parishes and groups to make use of. Contact him at 213, Springvale Road, Sheffield, S10 1LG. Tel: Sheffield 681053.

## SOME WORDS ON PRAYER

The Archdeacon of Sheffield focussed on some different approaches to prayer and meditation during the recent Parish Quiet Day at Shrewsbury Chapel. It is difficult to summarise the whole day for those who could not come - but some of his insights follow.

'Pray and meditate on Bible passages adopting the pattern.....  
JESUS - before the eyes (picture the scene in your mind)  
JESUS - before the heart (imagine Jesus speaking to you from that scene)

JESUS - in the hands (pray to be shown what to do)'  
'God does not exist for our benefit, but we exist for Him to fulfil His purpose in us.'

'Pray as you can and not as you can't,  
Pray as you are and not as you aren't.'

'The true being of a person is a capacity to love. Our true nature is realised in loving God and loving each other.'

'God in making us has taken a risk because  
freedom to love is also freedom to hate  
freedom to believe is also freedom to doubt.'

'Let us not neglect the element of Thanksgiving in our prayers. The tenth leper who returned to give thanks for his healing had another chance of meeting with our Lord. Thanking the Giver personally gives us extra contact with God.'

## FOR THEIR WORK ON OUR BEHALF

The policy of the Church Council is to give away ten per cent of its income to charitable causes. This reflects the Biblical practice of tithing and the call by the General Synod to all Church members to give away 10% of their 'take home' pay or pension, with the suggestion that a half of this (5%) is given to church funds.

From the P.C.C. the following donations were made -  
Church Missionary Society £275 Bible Society £75  
C of E Children's Society £165 Leprosy Mission £85  
M.I.N.D. £85 Indian Mission £50 N.S.P.C.C. £40  
T.E.A.R. Fund £40 Keston College £35 Corymeela Link £20  
Cheshire Home (Bus Fund) £100 Cherry Tree Home £25  
Home Farm Trust £25 Norman House £40 S.H.A.R.E. £60  
Scripture Union (work in Sheffield schools) £50 "Yours" £145  
In addition some of these societies receive substantial amounts from All Saints through money-raising events organised by church members.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### One World Week Celebration Evening - What happened?

Those who attended the Celebration certainly appeared to enjoy themselves. The international food was really excellent and, unlike so many overseas countries, in abundant supply. Would that it were so everywhere for every one!

The musical items by Jimmy McWilliams and his wife were most enjoyable, and two thought provoking sketches helped us realise how some of the other half live and the problems that arise in our modern 'Global Village'.

During the evening everybody was given some colour stickers to place upon statements written on wall posters, thereby to indicate their approval or disapproval of the best ways to help our 'One World' (3 'yes' votes and one 'no' vote per person). The statements, with votes cast for and against, were as follows:-

	For	Against
Giving 1% of income to Aid and Development	61	0
Eating less meat and growing your own vegetables	10	5
Selling/Drinking Traidcraft Tea and Coffee	11	0
Persuading your Church to review its shareholdings in multinational food companies	24	5
Taking part in a fast and vigil outside your local E.E.C. grain store	12	12
Writing to your M.P. about Government aid policy	54	5
Holding a street survey of public opinion about hunger.		
Write up the results for your local paper	10	16
Helping at a local charity shop to raise funds for agricultural projects	39	0
Preparing meals at your local refuge for the homeless	3	5
Asking to speak to staff in your local primary schools about teaching on food issues	16	7
Joining a support group for claimants at your local centre for the unemployed	0	23

From the above, the vote clearly goes for fund raising for helping the world's hungry people and trying to influence our own Government's actions in this direction. Some clearly feel that Church investments may not be helping the situation. All this is in recognition of the appalling state of much of the Third World countries. However the vote also reveals that we are still not thinking of it as

One world. Those with large problems in this country did not get many positive votes. One key issue is raised by the statement about making children aware of the great needs of others so that they grow up wanting to do something about it.

Although the evening was not intended as a profit-making exercise, in fact about £65 was made which has been donated to the South Yorkshire World Development Education Centre. A visit to this centre is being made by the Totley United Nations Association on 17th March at 8pm. Anybody wishing to join this visit please contact Mrs.D.Simpson (Tel.366668)

Dudley Nixon

### MORE THINGS ARE WROUGHT BY PRAYER

The Powell Family from The Grove express their thanks for the many prayers and kind thoughts in respect of Irvine's father's illness. They are pleased to report he has made good progress, needs no further treatment as tests show him to be clear of any malignancies. The consultant is delighted with him. 'Praise the Lord, indeed' "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me" John 14:1 See also John 14: 12-14.

Olwen Powell

### JESUS - THE LIGHT

He is the light at the end of the tunnel,  
The light that shines in the darkness,  
He is my sunrise in the morning.

Even when I cannot or will not acknowledge his  
presence,

Deep down I know that he is there,  
Somewhere.

If I let myself sink deep into my problems and hurts,  
I am aware of his light drawing me up again.  
If I become cold and hard, in danger of breaking,  
The light of his love is there to warm and soften me.  
Jesus is the light of my life;  
Light and life, beyond all compare.

J. Asplin



## PARISH REGISTER

### Funerals

November 19th	Ronald Green (49) Mickley Hall
December 2nd	Kate Hussey (84) 54 Green Oak Road
December 6th	Robert Joseph Fletcher(81)Green Oak View

Ronald Green was a hospital orderly before suffering from the muscular dystrophy which brought him to Mickley Hall 14 years ago. He showed quiet courage and had a determination to travel and enjoy life despite his handicap.

Robert Fletcher had been a resident in Green Oak View for 8 years after giving up his own home in Millhouses. He was an engineer fitter and worked at Laycocks for over 25 years. He loved cricket enjoying the game both as player and umpire.

Kate Hussey came to Totley many years ago as an occupant of the prefabs before living on Green Oak Road. Although having no children of her own, she was motherly and caring as a neighbour and friend.

### APPROACHING CHURCH

Plans are in hand for the Church Drive to be renewed. Effective laying of tarmac depends on the right weather conditions so it may not be completed until the Spring. The drive will need to be closed for a few days when work commences. Meanwhile pedestrians need to keep an eye out for the bad patches.

### READERS' RIGHT

A magazine exists for its readers and at least half the readers of this magazine are not regular attenders at All Saints'. We are encouraged by your support and would value your views about the magazine's contents. Next month we shall feature some readers comments - so write in to the Vicar.

### VICAR'S REQUEST

One of the first aims of a new incumbent is to visit all Church members in their homes. For a number of good reasons this is not as far advanced as I should have hoped. I intend to proceed ahead in the New Year and make it the priority of Lent so that I know you all by Easter.

In the meantime i) if you have a pressing reason for me to come please do not hesitate to get in touch, and ii) make sure you are on the Electoral Roll (copy in Porch) as that is the basic church membership list from which I work. Thank you.

## ROTA REMINDERS

### Flowers

Jan 5
Jan 12
Jan 19
Jan 26
Feb 2

### Parish Breakfast

Jan 5
Jan 19
Jan 26
Feb 2

### Silver Cleaning

Jan 5
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### Altar

-
Mrs.Manterfield
Mrs.Greenhoff
The Guides
Mrs.Beeley

### Memory Table

Mrs.Parsons
Mrs.Hardy
Mrs.Simons
Mrs.Turner
Mrs.Bramall

Mrs.Davis & Miss Davis
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Mrs.Wiles & Miss V.Waite
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Mrs.A.Powell & Mrs.Smith
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Mrs. Ellis & Mrs.Johnston
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Mrs.Kirton
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Jan 19
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Mrs.Woodhead
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## RECIPE REQUEST

This recipe has been requested by many people who enjoyed this spicy cake at the 'Three Point Turn' concert in November.

### Smiddy Loaf

Mix together in a large pan

8oz fruit

1 large cup sugar

4 oz margarine

1 teasp.mixed spice

1 large cup water

1 teasp. baking soda

Bring to the boil. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Stir in... 8oz S.R. flour and 2 eggs

Mix thoroughly. Put in greased tin (Swiss Roll tin).

Bake for 40-60 minutes at 375° Gas mark 5.

Angela Waite

## OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

"My father writes a few words that rhyme," said the first boy, "Calls it a poem and get £10!"

A second boy boasted, " My father puts wrds together in black squares, calls it a crossword and gets £25!"

"That's nothing," said a third, "My father writes out some words, calls it a sermon, and it takes four men to bring in the money."



## NEW BEGINNINGS - THE CHURCH SCHOOL

I don't feel that I need to introduce myself as Stewart did that very well in the December magazine, and indeed I have met many of you personally when I have attended services at All Saints' Church.

When I taught at a Church School in London we had very close links with the Church and this helped the pupils to develop a happy and healthy attitude to religion. As a teacher in a Church School I found it helpful to bring my Christian faith into my work. Unfortunately today in many L.E.A. schools one is discouraged from admitting one is a Christian. When I was considering applying for a Headship the appeal of All Saints' School was that I could do the work which I love and at the same time be free to say "I am a Christian".

All Saints School is different from a L.E.A. School in that it does not have a catchment area, so parents send their children to it for a variety of reasons, but I would like to think that the main one is that they want their children to receive both a good education and a Christian education. Most of our pupils do attend a Church, although at the moment a majority attend non-Anglican churches. (I would like to think that in the future we might receive more support from the Anglicans in the area!) However as a member of a Church which is one of the few truly ecumenical Churches in the city, I am delighted to be the Headteacher of a school which appears to be equally ecumenical. My personal view is that the only way for Christianity to have any impact in the modern world is for Christians to be seen to be working together.

I realise that the links between the Church and the School have been well established for many years, and that previous Vicars and Headteachers have worked together. However with a new Vicar and new Headteacher arriving within a month of each other, I should like to think God has a plan for the relationship between the Church and its school to be even better than before. I have greatly appreciated Stewart's support during my first term and I would like to think I can be of some support to him in his work.

Joan Stratford

### A CLOSING COMMENT

"Every evening I turn all my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway!"

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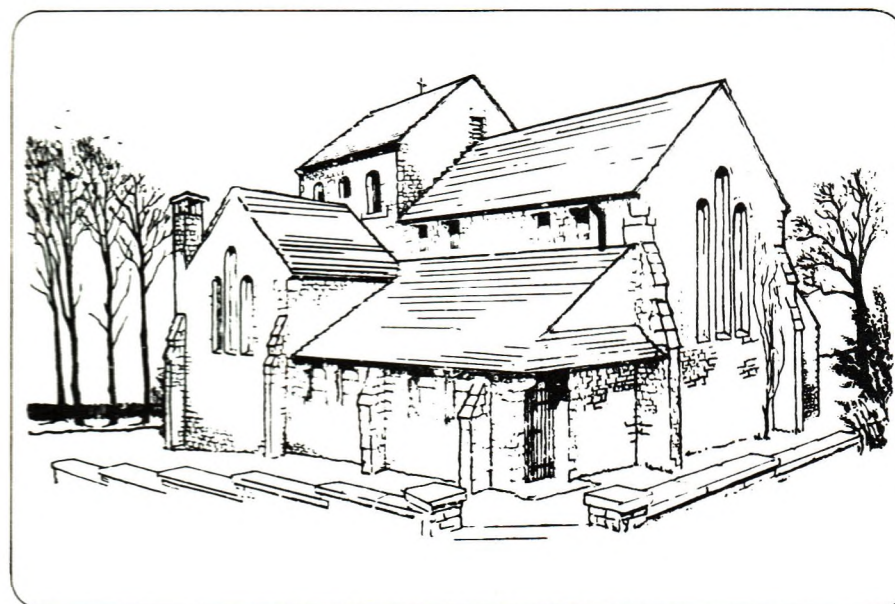
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Dear Friends,

A few years ago the Bishop of Sheffield prompted the Diocese in various ways to consider "Being the Church - better." I am sure his phrase reflects something we often feel as individuals. We are Christians, we have faith in Christ, we know ourselves to be loved by Him and accepted as we are - and yet, we wish we could "be a Christian - better."

The season of Lent presents us with an opportunity to try to practice our faith in a more determined way. For a period of six weeks, at least, we endeavour to be more disciplined in our lifestyle; spend more time in prayer, worship and reflection on God; give more generously to the needs of others and the church. The value of Lent is to help us carry over into the whole of our lives what we experience in the short term. If we do not make an effort in Lent - when else are we likely to do so?

Each person must plan their own Lent. The Services of the parish church are there to help you. I shall follow an accepted tradition of preaching a course of sermons throughout Lent to encourage regular attendance.

In the morning (except Family Service mornings) I shall preach on the meaning of the Cross - the Cross as a sign of peace, commitment, forgiveness, power and Christ's continuing presence and love. At Evensong, we hope to gain encouragement in our faith from the lives of some twentieth century Christians from various parts of the world. I shall preach on the witness of such diverse characters as Watchman Nee, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sadhu Singh and Teilhard de Chardin.

During the week, in addition to the usual 10am Wednesday Holy Communion, there will be a short devotional Service in Church from 8pm to 8.30pm on Thursdays.

Lent also provides us with an opportunity to meet Christians from other denominations and discuss our faith together. A Lent Course has been devised by the British Council of Churches and we hope many will take part in it. (More details page 9.) A group will be meeting at the Vicarage on Thursdays at 8.30 pm. So why not set aside Thursday evenings and join us at All Saints.

Have a good Lent!

Stewart Rayner

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2nd 8 BEFORE EASTER (Presentation of Christ)  
Lesson theme 'Christ the Healer'  
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (JB)  
Gospel: St. Mark 7:24-37 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
OT : Zephaniah 3:14-20 (RSV)  
NT : St. Mark 2:1-12 (NEB)

9th 7 BEFORE EASTER (Quinquagesima)  
Lesson theme 'Christ the Friend of sinners'  
8 am Holy Communion (ASB)  
11 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : Colossians 1:18-23 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. John 8:2-11 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
OT : Hosea 14: 1-7 (JB)  
NT : Philemon 1-16 (TEV)

ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am Holy Communion  
8 pm Holy Communion  
Epistle : James 4:1-10 (JB) Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-14 (NEB)

16th LENT 1  
Lesson theme 'Temptation'  
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Hebrews 4:12-16 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. Luke 4:1-13 (RSV)  
11 a.m. Family Service  
6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
OT : Genesis 2: 7-9 and 3: 1-7 (NEB)  
NT : St. Matthew 4: 1-11 (RSV)

23rd LENT 2  
Lesson theme 'Conflict'  
8 am Holy Communion (ASB)  
9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : I John 3:1-10 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. Matthew 12:22-32 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
OT : Genesis 6:11-22 (NEB)  
NT : St. Luke 19:41-48 (NEB)



## PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

1st	Sat	11.30am Holy Matrimony (Alun Watkins and Judith Heginbotham)
3rd	Mon	7pm School Governors at All Saints' School 8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
4th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - Rev.Stewart Rayner "In a Vicarage Garden"
5th	Wed	10am Holy Communion 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
6th	Thu	8pm P.C.C. Meeting - The Vicarage
7th	Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
8th	Sat	2pm Sunday School Jumble Sale
9th	Mon	8pm Magazine Distributors Meeting in Hall 8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
11th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close
12th	ASH	WEDNESDAY 10am Holy Communion 8pm Holy Communion Wednesday Fellowship meet afterwards at 113 Green Oak Road
13th	Thu	8pm Short Devotional Service in Church 8.30pm Lent Course 1 at the Vicarage
15th	Sat	Under-12's Disco 3.30-5pm in Hall
17th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
18th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - Mrs.Dorothy Simons "A Breath of Spring"
19th	Wed	8pm Council of Churches at U.R. Church 10am Holy Communion 2pm Monthly Fellowship 8pm Wednesday Fellowship(Lent Course)43 Vernon Rd
20th	Thu	8pm Short Devotional Service in Church 8.30pm Lent Course 2 at the Vicarage
21st	Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 20 Totley Grange Dr.
23rd	Sun	11am In Holy Baptism (James Edward Cullen
24th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
25th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 2.15 pm Ladies Working Party - 8 Totley Grange Dr.
26th	Wed	10am Holy Communion 8pm Wednesday Fellowship (Lent Course) - 113 Green Oak Road
27th	Thu	8pm Short Devotional Service 8.30pm Lent Course 3 at the Vicarage

## ROTA REMINDERS

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
Feb 2	Mrs.Beeley	Mrs.Bramall
Feb 9	Mrs. Hossent	Mrs.Heap
<u>No flowers in Lent</u> is the ancient tradition of the Church. This period of austerity (broken only by Mothering Sunday) leads up to Holy Week and Good Friday and contrasts completely with the colour and freshness of Easter Day. Please observe this custom and do not place flowers in Church during these weeks. Thank you.		
<u>Parish Breakfast</u>		
Feb 2	Mrs.Ellis & Mrs.Johnston	
Feb 16	Mrs.Beeley	
(Family Service)	Mrs.Catton & Miss Meddows-Taylor	
Feb 23	Mrs. Waite & Miss Taylor	
Mar 2	Mr & Mrs.Filleul	
<u>Silver Cleaning</u>		
Feb 2	Mrs.Simons.	Feb 16 Mrs.Parkin

## ALL SAINTS' LADIES CLUB

The Club meets at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Church Hall. It is open to ladies of all ages whether they are church members or not. There is a varied programme of speakers and other activities. Details in the Parish Diary - why not come along.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

The Sunday School are holding a Jumble Sale on 8th February at 2pm in the Hall. Please bring your jumble to Sunday School at 11am on Sunday 2nd, to the Hall on the day, or if you want it collected ring 364728 or 351222. Thank you.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Service is to be held at Dore Methodist Church on Friday 7th March at 10.30am. Anyone wanting a lift to Dore contact 364937.

## MARCH AHEAD

Some further dates to note in March...

Next month the pattern for the 2nd & 3rd Sundays will be exchanged - so that the

FAMILY SERVICE for MOTHERING SUNDAY will be 11am on 9th March and 11 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) will be 16th March.

Church Spring Cleaning Session will be on Saturday 22nd March.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Thursday 13th at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All organisations are requested to submit a statement of their 1985 activities for the Annual Report by 20th February at the latest.



## LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Tony and Pam Lindsay, C.M.S. Missionaries in the Diocese of Jos are linked with All Saints' Totley.

In a recent letter they tell us .....

"The Diocese now has a new Bishop, Timothy Adelosu. A familiar face but now in a new robe and position. Please pray for him that he will have the courage to make the right decisions and will be gentle and firm with the many ethnic groups located in this Diocese of Jos.

We recently held a Day-long Synod to enable the Bishop to catch up on some of the jobs which had accumulated during the year when we had no bishop. The Synod was combined with an Ordination Service at which three deacons were priested. On a Sunday prior to that he confirmed 220 candidates.

The land for the new Bishops court is still as far away as ever. The latest piece of red-tape is to have a 'change of ownership letter'. Another Government Department has given the Diocese permission to build an 18 bedroomed hostel and Conference centre on the same plot, but to the rear of our house in Jos. It has taken three years and three governments to obtain this permission. Now the diocese needs N500,000 to build it. Permission for the new home for the Bishop has taken five years to date - patience and official red-tape take on a new meaning in Nigeria.

This year we have had more rain than in previous years, so Harvest time collections were more than usual. The normal service time is extended as each group or church in the area is given the opportunity of going forward and swelling the Purse' by its own donations. We attended a Service of five and a half hours of music, singing and dancing and 45 groups of collections. This plus a three hour drive each way made for quite a long Sunday. It is the time of the year when most churches try to clear all their outstanding debts. Stewardship or planned giving as known in England does not really exist - here it means wait until November and payments will be made.

We do thank you for your prayers and letters. The library is doing well and appreciated by those doing post-ordination training. Thank you to those who have donated or sent books. We pass on greetings from the churches in this diocese. Whenever we visit churches we are asked to 'Greet our Brothers and Sisters in England. May the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all in 1986."

# SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

FEBRUARY, 1986



*Bishop David writes.....*

## **THREE CHEERS FOR SCHOOL !**

**CHRISTIANS CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT EDUCATION.** For each human being is made in the 'image and likeness of God' and so our minds reflect the divine mind. As humans, we are proud of our brains. Our intellect is of God. We need to feed and nourish our intellect with sound learning. For Christians words like 'intellect', 'intelligence' and 'intelligible' should **not** be terms of abuse.

And again, we know that we are made by God for life with each other. Living with and for your neighbour doesn't come easily. We need to learn how to belong to each other.

And Christians have always been great readers and hearers of words. For Jesus is the Word made flesh, and we learn to know Him from the words about Him which make up our scriptures, the Word of God.

For centuries nearly all education came through the Church. In the 19th century faced with the great cities of the Industrial Revolution the National Church of England made immense efforts to provide a national system of education for all - and failed. Not only was the task beyond her resources, but the growing strength of Nonconformity made a Church of England controlled system of schooling unacceptable to very many people. The road to a state system of schooling was a stormy one. Mercifully we can forget those ancient battles. But the end result still matters. For we have a dual system: a nationwide network of schools under the direct control of the local authority in which



a non-denominational Christianity has to be taught, and side by side with that (and very much part of it) schools - mostly Church of England and Roman Catholic - in which the special responsibilities and distinctive faith of the Church is recognized.

In these Church of England schools the Church of England is not aiming to simply give a 'Church of England education for Church of England children', but sticking to her belief that the whole life of the nation is under God and that we are ready to give as good an education as we can to all, whatever their faith, who come to our schools.

History can complicate matters and not many find this 'dual system' easy to understand. And the division amongst Church schools between 'Aided' and 'Controlled' adds to the confusion. 'Aided' means that the Church is responsible for the school but with 'Aid' from the government and local authority. 'Controlled' means that though historically it is a Church school, it is controlled by the local authority.

In the Diocese of Sheffield there are 48 Church of England schools - 29 are Aided (Waterthorpe jointly with the Methodists) and 19 Controlled.

In 1986 I am planning to spend some time in each of our schools. At present all schools face many difficulties. I give you a list of our schools so that in these coming months we can pray for them - for those who lead, those who learn and all concerned with the wellbeing of our schools.

In the Barnsley area we have eight schools: Aided at Hemingfield, Tankersley and Worsbrough and Controlled at Darfield, Elsecar, Great Houghton, Thurgoland and Wortley; in the Doncaster area we have twelve schools, Aided at Branton, Dunscroft, Hatfield, Hooton Pagnell, Mexborough, Edenthorpe, Rossington and Tickhill and Controlled at Armthorpe, Brodsworth, Doncaster (St. George's) and Warmsworth; in the Humberside area we have four schools, two Aided at Eastoft and Pollington and two Controlled at Cowick and Hook; in the Rotherham area we have twelve schools, nine Aided at Aston, Brampton (2), Dalton, Laughton, Rawmarsh, Thrybergh, Treeton and Wickersley, three Controlled at Kilnhurst, Wath and Wentworth; in the Sheffield area we have twelve schools, seven Aided at Deepcar, Porter Croft, Pye Bank, The Park, Totley, Walkley and Waterthorpe and five Controlled at Bolsterstone, Psalter Lane, Ecclesall, Norton and Parson Cross.

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## Paws for thought

Shep, Maltby Team Rectory's dog, and a regular contributor to Maltby's Parish magazine has written a book "1986 with Shep". It's full of his canine wisdom and the folly of human kind, and is available from Shep's 'old man' - the Revd. Alan Davis, Maltby Team Rectory, 69, Blyth Road, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 7LF priced 70p including postage. It was while Alan was on sabbatical at Queen's College, Birmingham that Shep had the run of his study and was able to write his canine concoction.



Preparations are in full swing for the Maseno North Youthcamp in the Summer of this year, and groups of the young people are picking the brains of the Provost of Sheffield, Frank Curtis (standing), who has visited the Diocese several times, and the Revd. Jim McKinney who spent the first years of his life in Maseno North, and is leading the party.

## Opportunities for Lay People at Whirlow Grange

From May 2nd - 4th, there's a weekend for those who want help in how to care for those in need in our congregations and in society. 'Pastoral Caring' will have a team to help participants in the care of the bereaved, of the newly baptised, of the newly married, of the sick, and of the young people. The cost is £25 (with special arrangements for the non-waged). Applications to Miss M. E. Selby, 25, Bannham Road, Darnall, Sheffield S9 4PG. Tel.: Sheffield 433442.

# FIRST TIME

The Revd. David James, Vicar of Ecclesfield was one of the new members from the Diocese, elected to serve on the General Synod. He gives his reactions to his first attendance at Synod at the end of last year, and looks forward to his second session this month.

My first General Synod - I was thrilled to go; I enjoyed every minute of it (well almost); and I was glad to be back home in the Parish.

## A WIDER CHURCH

The General Synod reminded me that the Church exists beyond Ecclesfield and even beyond the Diocese of Sheffield. We are a National Church. The most powerful symbol of this was Her Majesty the Queen, particularly when she walked forward alone, the focal figure of our country, to receive Holy Communion at our inaugural Service in the Abbey. Suddenly all my years of "Praying for the Queen" took flesh.

However, in her address to the Synod the Queen reminded us, as did Beyers Naude from South Africa the Archbishop of Canterbury and a Ugandan priest now in Southwark, that the General Synod itself should not succumb to national parochialism; the Church of England needs to remember that she is part of a much wider church. Dr. Naude, an Afrikaaner who has rejected apartheid spoke of the increasing threat of civil war in his country. Many of the leaders wanting change by peaceful means have been restricted, imprisoned or killed. "Now", he said, "sanctions are probably the last non-violent measures left". The Church and the world in which we are involved indeed exists beyond our own little corner.

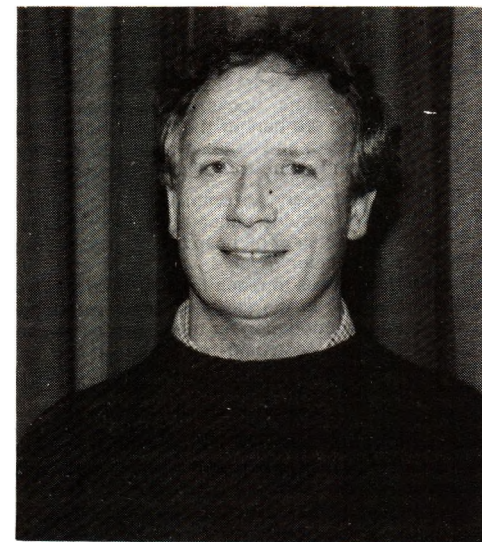
## AN INFORMED CHURCH

The General Synod as a whole and our Church leaders are often pilloried as pious fools pronouncing on matters about which they know nothing. The evidence is entirely to the contrary. The speakers at Synod were invariably well-informed, had something worth saying and made their points with clarity and often with humour. This was particularly the

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## Easter Away

For a weekend at Whirlow Grange for the Easter House Party entitled 'All things new', 27th March - 1st April, contact Maurice Snowden, Whirlow Grange, Whirlow, Sheffield S11 9PZ. Tel.: Sheffield 363173. It will be a weekend of study, worship and relaxation in the regular Whirlow style and is led by Rev. Dennis Porter (Chaplain).



case in the debates on the effectiveness of the Manpower Services Commission and on the teachers' dispute - clergy in the inner cities, and project leaders in the MSC debate, and teachers, parents, an MP on the back bench committee of the education, a retired Education Officer in the Teachers' debate. The House of Commons could learn a lot from sitting in our visitors' gallery. I hope they come when we discuss "Faith in the City"

## A CHURCH BY LAW ESTABLISHED

Law featured more than grace - Canon Law, Acts of Parliament, Standing Orders, ad nauseam. I fear for the General Synod, if not the Church of England, becoming pot-bound by its legislative processes. Did we need to spend two sessions in one synod talking about Crown Appointments and the role of suffragan bishops? Do certain professional synod men have to 'use' the regulations to try and kill proposals they disagree with without listening or even allowing others to listen to what are the deeply held convictions of others?

## A MISSIONARY CHURCH?

Is the Church too preoccupied with the regulating of her own internal affairs to be in any way effective in its evangelising task as the Church of England? I returned home mentally stimulated but spiritually drained. How does the spirit of God enter synodical government? I hope to find out when I go again this month.

## How it's done

There's an open rehearsal of the Choir of Clare College Cambridge on Saturday 22nd February in the afternoon at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, and in the evening a concert by the Choir, directed by Tim Brown. 'Phone Paul Dean, of the Sheffield and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association on Rotherham 541432 for times.

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# Looking for a Star

Look in the visitors' books of the ladies of the Mothers' Union in Sheffield who are part of the STAR scheme, and you will get a surprise - for names and addresses entered in them are not only from all over this country, but from all over the world!

Sheffield Temporary Accommodation for Relatives (STAR), came to life out of a genuine concern for the relatives of some patients in Sheffield hospitals. The hospitals offer specialised treatment to an enormous population over a very wide area, and some patients travel long distances to reach the city. And some people are taken ill whilst on holiday in the city, and are a very long way from home. Overnight accommodation for their relatives can be very hard to find, and the strain of searching for a bed on top of the anxiety for a critically ill relative is something that the Mothers' Union have tried to remove.

With the co-operation of hospital social workers, chaplains, administrative and medical staff, and host families, STAR provides caring Christian homes in which relatives can stay for a short period, and at very modest cost.

Mrs. Lily Morris is in a better position than most to know how helpful the scheme is, for as well as being a host herself, she actually arranges the temporary accommodation for relatives through her contacts in the Mothers' Union - and believe it or not, usually within the hour of a request being made. She even has at her fingertips busroutes, and times for those without their own transport.

The STAR scheme, over the last six years of its existence, has provided a valuable and caring service for those in need. It's perhaps best summed up in the words of one of Mrs. Morris's visitors - "I was a stranger and you took me in."



Mrs. Lily Morris - organiser of STAR

## Schools' worker

Linda Chambers, for twelve years a teacher of Religious Education in Sheffield has joined Scripture Union as their new full time Schools' Worker in Sheffield.

For some time the need has been felt for those Christians who work and study in schools, to have the specialist support and help they need.

Linda has already made contact with a significant number of secondary schools in and around Sheffield. In co-operation with local churches, she is aiming to visit schools, encouraging Christians and helping them to share their faith, especially through voluntary Christian Groups.

Because Scripture-Union has many other commitments, all the support for her appointment needs to be raised locally. Already money for the work of the project in the first year has been raised. But funds are still needed for the next three years. An interdenominational support group, representing all areas of the City, along with Linda, will be happy to meet groups, churches etc. to discuss the work she is doing. Contact the Revd. Michael Hepworth, Chairman of the support group at 12, Caxton Road, Sheffield S10 3DE. Tel.: Sheffield 663771.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

The main service in Sheffield for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be in Sheffield Cathedral at 2 p.m. on Friday March 7th. It has been written by the women of Australia on the theme "Choose Life". The speaker will be Major J. Crashley of the Salvation Army.



## Appointments

The Revd. G. V. Bewley, Vicar of St. John, Park and Rural Dean of Attercliffe, to be Vicar of Kimberworth

The Revd. G. W. T. Hossett and the Revd. T. G. Kelsey to be Bishop's Assistant Chaplains for Retired Clergy.

The Revd. P. S. Lindeck, Vicar of Whitgift with Adlingfleet and Eastoft and priest-in-charge of Swinefleet, to be Vicar of Kilnhurst (20 Feb.)

The Revd. J. Richardson, Assistant Curate of Thornbury, Diocese of Gloucester, to be Assistant Curate of Parson Cross.

The Revd. P. S. Turner, Vicar of Kilnhurst, to be Vicar of Whitgift with Adlingfleet and Eastoft and priest-in-charge of Swinefleet (11 Feb.)

Dss. B. Turner, parish worker of Mortomley, to be parish worker of Whitgift with Adlingfleet and Eastoft and Swinefleet (11 Feb.)

The Revd. P. W. West, Vicar of Attercliffe, to be also priest-in-charge of Darnall (6 Jan.)

The Revd. J. R. Newton, Rector of Beeford with Lissett and Dunnington, North Frodingham and Foston-on-the-Wolds, Diocese of York, to be Rector of Todwick.

The Revd. G. J. Keating, Assistant Curate of Christ Church, Lancaster, Diocese of Blackburn, to be Assistant Curate of Rotherham Parish Church.



## GETTING MORE FOR THE SAME

Five loaves and two fishes enabled Jesus to transform the lunch of a child into a meal for many. Five words and two signatures are about all that is needed to change your offering into something greater - by enabling the Church to get a tax rebate on your charitable giving.

You may not be a wage-earner but there are few of us who are not directly taxed in some way - on pensions or through Bank deposit accounts or Building Society investments. For example, the tax deducted at source from the interest in a Building Society account can be claimed back by charities through a covenant.

In the case of married couples, the tax paid by either or both can be claimed back against a covenanted donation made by either.

From time to time pressure groups ask the Government to assist charities by relieving them of V.A.T. The reply always given is that the Government is already willing to help charities by boosting donations with tax relief, yet donors do not bother to take advantage of their offer. Every pound you give to All Saints' can be matched by 43p from the Government.

Tax can be reclaimed on your weekly offering, or regular giving such as money for flowers, and on single lump sum of £20 or more. Normally an agreement is made with the Church (not the Inland Revenue) for a period of four years. Payments can be transferred to another parish, cease on death, or can cease at anytime if circumstances change. On single lump sums the tax is reclaimed as if a quarter of the amount was given over four years.

Covenants can be made up to the end of March to gain the benefit of offerings made in the 1985 Tax year. With your help it is still possible to obtain tax relief on much of our 1985 income . . . . and so wipe out our deficit the easy way.

## THANK YOU

The Christingle Offering for the Children's Society amounted to £308. The Vicar's Appeal to help the year-end deficit by giving an extra donation in the closing weeks brought in at least an additional £550. We are grateful for your good response. Our appreciation goes also to those who at Christmas prepared the Church, arranged Services, and sung and provided music for them.



## YOUR PARISH MAGAZINE

- In 1859 a Derby clergyman, Preb.J.E.Clarke, had the idea of producing a monthly magazine which could be used as a basis for local parish magazines. Many parishes took up the opportunity - adding their four pages to his sixteen page inset. Features included comments by noted clerics, stories with a moral, religious poems, articles on missionary work and household advice.

The matters of local interest which he suggested the clery added were...Times of Services; Extracts from Sermons; Parish births, deaths and marriages; Accounts of clothing clubs, etc; School news; Information about fairs, markets, carriers and trains; Hirings for servants; Notes on local history. Thus it was that 1859 saw the start of the traditional church magazine.

It was a time of increasing literacy and many village parsons involved in the local church school were aware of the importance of providing cheap wholesome reading matter to keep the skill of reading alive amongst ex-pupils. It was also a time when people moved to find work, perhaps to the Colonies, and the magazine helped them keep in touch with their home village.

Today 125 years later, most churches are still producing magazines, though some have stopped, others go in for free newsletters into every door, and others just give duplicated notices to attenders. Much of the Parish Magazine's original purpose has been superseded by the local press and paperback Christian books. Yet for many the Church Magazine still has an appeal.

How to retain that appeal is the concern of every editor? Clearly some local Church information is necessary - times, people, places - but what also would you like to read?

One regular reader has made his views known, published below, do you agree with him?

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

For the first time since I came to Totley four years ago, 'All Saints' News' has been raised above the level of Jumble Sales and Budget deficits by Rosalie Carter's recent contribution. Apart from the Vicar's letter there have not been any other letters or opinions on religious matters. Yet the Church Magazine is the main means of communicating with people who, like myself, are not regular churchgoers.

The sort of questions I would like to ask are:

Why do you go to Church?

How much effort should be made to encourage other people to come to Church?

Is it more important to keep services the same because those that go like them, or to consider alternatives which may encourage others to join in?

Is it really worthwhile to heat and maintain a Church building which is only used one day a week?

• All Saints' appears to be a cosy, comfortable but introverted group of pleasant people who have no incentive to change anything provided the bills can be paid. It can be argued that I have no business asking these questions, but if so it proves my point about the Church being introverted.

Please let me know what you think about your church and your faith.

(Name and address supplied)

### WHAT ON EARTH IS THE CHURCH FOR?

Actually this is not another question from the correspondent above but the title of a five-part LENT COURSE devised by the British Council of Churches. The course will be used by our local "valley churches" and indeed most churches nationwide. It is linked to broadcasts on Local Radio, so if you do not manage to join a study group, you can still follow the course at home.

The course is based round five questions.

- a) Why believe in God - and go to Church?
- b) What did Jesus come for?
- c) Why did the Church begin?
- d) Why different churches?
- e) What now?

Every participant, whether in a group or not, will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire (just ticking squares) and forward to their local radio station. These will be analysed nationally and the results published later.

Details of where study groups are to be held will shortly be available in Church, together with a reply slip to complete, so that groups can be arranged to suit most participants.



## CONVERSION - CONVERSION - CONVERSION

Christian conversion has three elements - conversion to Christ, conversion to the church, and conversion to the world. All Christians need to experience these three conversions, which may come in differing orders, if they are to reach maturity.

For the Christian, conversion to Christ is, of course, fundamental. It means that we become conscious that we have been saved by Christ's life, death and resurrection; and that in response and by God's help we trust in him and try to follow him in everything.

Yet Christianity is neither private nor individualistic, but expresses itself in a community in which all members try to support one another, even though this can lead to tensions and problems. However the church is the sign of God's reconciling love; an instrument for the realization of his kingly rule; a foretaste of heaven on earth.

Conversion to the world is not in the sense of worldliness, but in the sense that God sent his Son into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. In some generations Christians seem to have become so pre-occupied with their own salvation or with the inner activity of the church, that they have forgotten their mission in the world.

It is vital the local church should be a place where a diversity of gifts, attitudes and understanding come together. The great danger of denominational division is that this diversity becomes congregations of like-minded Christians. In one neighbourhood perhaps one congregation will concentrate on liturgical worship, another on a sense of fellowship, another on service to the community, another on evangelism. In this way not only is Christian unity shattered but its overall mission is impoverished because the different aspects of mission, instead of enriching one another, are carried on in separation.

Martin Reardon (From Lent'86 Course)

## FOOTBALL FIXTURE

There was an excellent turn out for the annual Boxing Day match between the Young 'Uns and Old 'Uns at Totley Bents adjacent to the Cricket Inn (whose facilities were enjoyed by players and spectators alike).

Changing room facilities were at a minimum (actually there weren't any) and with the bitterly cold weather the players were half frozen by kick-off. Variatons of extra kit were worn ranging from jeans and hiking boots to bobble hat and thermal underwear!

The keenly fought match was an eventual 2-1 win for the Young Uns - scorers Ben Carter and Paul Harrop, with Alan Vitty scoring a good goal for the Old Uns (he gets younger every year!) A special mention must be made of the Young Uns dynamic midfield trio of Powell, Rayner and Swift who were inseparable during the game, often to be seen huddled together discussing tactics - or maybe they were just keeping warm!! There were no pitch invasions from the spectators whose enthusiasm kept the players going.

Finally thank you to all players and spectators, for contributing to an enjoyable morning, and a special 'thank you' to the youthful Glyn Waite who yet again supplied the kit and the ball - is he really only 25 years old - it must be Angela's cooking!

M.W.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

December 29th Joanne Louise Hammond

### Funerals

December 20th Annie Marie Balloch (88) 60 Green Oak Cres.

January 9th Rose Wood (74) 26 Stonecroft Road

January 14th Lily May Hibberd (86) Green Oak View

January 15th Sarah Ann Smith (88) 51 Green Oak Ave

January 16th Arthur Kendal (84) 16 Laverdene Road

Nance Balloch was born in Wales. She came to Sheffield nearly 50 years ago through her late husband's work as a commercial traveller. She moved to Green Oak Crescent from Abbeydale where she had been a founder member of Abbeydale Hall Community Centre.

Rose Wood was a 'Sheffielder' who had lived at Totley over 30 years. Celebrating their Golden Wedding last year, she had supported her husband in his manufacturing work around the world including some years spent living in India.

Lily Hibberd was a well-liked resident of Green Oak View who had formerly lived in Totley on Green Oak Avenue.

Sarah Smith had spent all her life in Sheffield, born at Middlewood the youngest of 22 children. Not frightened of hard work she had been in catering for many years.

Arthur Kendal came to Totley from a farming family near Bawtry over 50 years ago, moving as the first occupant of his home on Laverdene Road. Before retirement he worked at the Esso depot.

Our prayerful sympathy is with all who had been bereaved in recent weeks.



## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

On Tuesday evening, 7th January, a group of children from All Saints' School went to see the ballet - "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Some of them have written to tell us about it.

'We enjoyed the dancing, as lots of us have ballet lessons. The music which was by Tchaikovsky was good too.

There were some very funny men who wore ladies wigs, hoop skirts and funny hats. They made us laugh. The dancers were very graceful and wore lovely clothes.

At the beginning the scene was a Roman style scene and the dancers wore leotards and Roman armour and helmets. In the second scene a little girl of six was the main attraction as she danced across the stage. She wore a peach leotard and skirt. At the end there were three weddings all at once and the dancers wore leotards with hearts, diamonds and flowers on them. The King and Queen of the fairies had big cloaks which went up behind them.

We would like to thank Mrs.Stratford, Mrs.Challis, Mrs.Roberts, Mrs.Smith and the parents who went with us.'

Helen Bailey  
Nina Pearson  
Rebecca Scholey

P.S. from Joan Stratford

Can I thank the children who went for behaving so well and being such a credit to the school. Other people who were at the City Hall commented on how well behaved they were.

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### SHARING TOGETHER

I am re-reading Colin Urguhart's "In Christ Jesus" and remembering a recent sermon of the Vicar's, it inspired me (or something to that effect!) to share with you a paragraph in the book I find extremely encouraging and uplifting.

'Jesus Christ is the same,yesterday,today and forever.'  
(Hebrews 13:8)

Colin then says:

Because he is God,Jesus does not change. His love for you remains constant; you can always depend on His faithfulness. He keeps His word because He is the Word. He promises that He will never leave you nor forsake you. Whatever He did yesterday, He can do today. You do not need to look wistfully at the mighty things He did in the past. He is as mighty today and wants to work prayerfully in your life.

Praise the Lord.

Jenny W.

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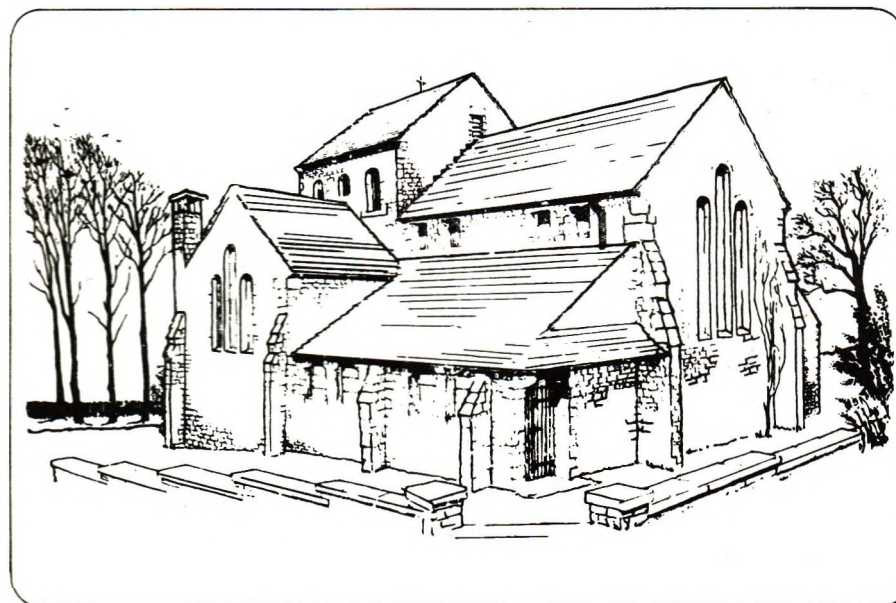
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We have all been made aware by the "Westland affair" of the value of shareholders and the influence they can exert on the future of a company. When we hold our Church Annual Parochial Meeting this month (7.30pm 13th March in the Hall) I hope you will think of yourselves as shareholders and come along. The annual meeting should be an important event in the life of a parish.

Often people talk of the investments of the Church of England as if they belong to a rich limited company. In fact they belong to the whole population. The income of the Church Commissioners is used to provide and maintain a church for the nation - whether people choose to worship or not. Most parishes are subsidised by the Commissioners to some degree so the whole country benefits from the wealth of the Church.

Yet though balance sheets have to feature in our Annual Meeting, we are primarily "shareholders" of the Christian Faith. We are called to share the beliefs we hold. The annual meeting is to review what All Saints' Church has done in the previous year and to see how we can develop the sharing of our faith in the coming year. To this end we need the ideas and views of many people. All are invited to the Annual Meeting, though any voting has to be restricted to those whose names are on the Church electoral roll.

As in previous years, a printed report with accounts will be available from church on the Sunday prior to the meeting. Please read this before you come and have any questions ready. I shall include in the written report a brief resume of the past year, but there are other thoughts, after six months as vicar, I should like to share more personally with you. Do come to the meeting.

Looking ahead to Easter, may we be shareholders of its joyous message of resurrection. Let us hold on to the new hope and new life it brings to us and to the world and be eager to share our individual experience of Christ's risen presence.

With every blessing for Easter,

*Stewart Rayner*

## PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH

3rd	Mon.	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road 8pm Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road
4th	Tue.	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - Rev.Bill Hossett "From 'Ere to There"
5th	Wed.	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
7th	Fri	10.30am WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER United Service at Dore Methodist Church 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
10th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
11th	Tue	1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close
12th	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
13th	Thu	7.30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Hall
17th	Mon	8pm Prayer Meeting - 5 Glover Road
18th	Tue	12.15 pm Liaison Lunch in Hall 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close School Governors' Training Evening at Porter Croft 7.30pm Ladies' Club "The Children's Society"
19th	Wed	2pm Monthly Fellowship 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
21st	Thu	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 46 The Grove 7pm JUMBLE SALE Ladies' Working Party in Hall
22nd	Sat	9.30am onwards Spring Cleaning in Church
25th	Tue	2.15pm Ladies' Working Party in Hall. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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## PARISH NOTES

Reaching the parts others do not reach!

If this is your ambition then your help is needed for the annual Spring Clean of the Church. Those with a head for higher things come to Church on Saturday 22nd March at 9.30am. If you prefer to keep your feet firmly on the ground there is still a job for you. Come along about 10.30 a.m.

Sunday School

On Palm Sunday there will be a Service in the Hall at 11am which will include the presentation of Bible project Certificates. The children will also be taking part in the Family Service on Easter Day at 11 a.m. The Jumble Sale raised £110. Thanks to all who helped.

Have you noticed?

....the new noticeboard by the Church Porch. Our thanks to those who installed it - and especially to Bill Heap who supplied us with the peg board and the sets of letters and numbers. Our new activity after Evensong isn't 'Scrabble' but preparing the board for the coming week.



## SERVICES IN MARCH

- 2nd LENT 3 Lesson Theme 'Suffering'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 19-25 (TEV)  
 Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-28 (JB)  
 (Sermon - The Cross - the sign of love & forgiveness)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-13 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St. Luke 9: 18-27 (JB)  
 (Sermon: The Life & Witness of Watchman Nee)
- 9th LENT 4 - (MOTHERING SUNDAY)  
 Lesson Theme 'Transfiguration'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-19  
 Gospel: St. Matthew 17:1-13 (NEB)  
11am Family Service for Mothering Sunday  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St. Luke 9:28-36 (NEB)  
 (Sermon: The Life & Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
- 16th LENT 5 - PASSION SUNDAY  
 Lesson Theme 'The Victory of the Cross'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
11am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 (JB)  
 Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45 (NEB)  
 (Sermon: The Cross - the sign of peace)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Exodus 6:2-13 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St. John 12:20-32 (JB)  
 (Sermon: The Life & Witness of Sadhu Singh)

### Through Lent

- Every Wednesday at 10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Every Thursday at 8pm Short Devotional Service

NOTE: The Service Pattern for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays (9/16th) has been interchanged because of Mothering Sunday.

## HOLY WEEK

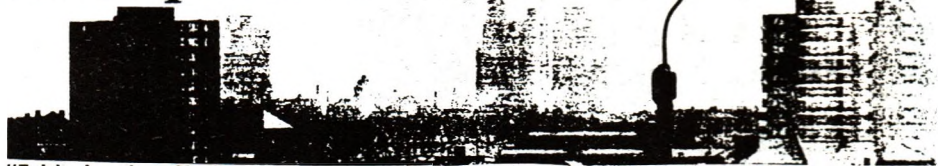
- 23rd LENT 6 - PALM SUNDAY  
 Lesson Theme "The Way of the Cross"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (RSV)  
 Gospel: St. Matthew 21: 1-13 (NEB)  
 (Sermon: The Cross - the sign of power)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9 (NEB)  
 New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11 (NEB)  
 (Sermon: The Life & Witness of Teilhard de Chardin)
- Monday 24th 7.30pm United Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week at Totley Rise Methodist Church
- Tuesday 25th 7.30pm Evening Service  
 for the Ladies of the organisations and parish.
- Wednesday 26th 10am Holy Communion  
8pm Informal Evening Service for Holy Week
- MAUNDY THURSDAY  
8pm Holy Communion  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NEB)  
 Gospel: St. John 13: 1-15 (NEB)
- GOOD FRIDAY - A Day of Devotion  
 10.30am Address and Prayers and quiet  
 11.15am Address and Prayers and quiet  
 12.00noon Mattins, Address and quiet  
 1.00pm Ante-Communion and Litany  
 2.00pm Evensong and Address and Watch by the Cross.  
 Each part of the day will be self-contained. Come according to the time you have available. For those wishing to use this pattern for a quiet day - coffee will be served in the Hall at 10am, a frugal lunch will be available between 1pm - 2pm (tickets £1 in advance, profits to Christian Aid) and a cup of tea at 3pm. Silence will be observed between 10.30am and 3pm.
- 8pm United Service of Tenebrae at the English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road
- HOLY SATURDAY  
 10.30 am Service of Morning Prayer in preparation for Easter.



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# That Report....



"Faith in the City", the controversial report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Priority Areas got a first local airing on Saturday January 11th at St. Mary's, Walkley, Sheffield. After General Synod took a look at it in February it is due to be debated at the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod this month.

Around 300 attended the Walkley meeting and although they may have felt a little chilly in their meeting place, the report itself was given a warm welcome if not, on occasions, an actual roasting. It was all very much a "home fixture" for the Revd Alan Billings, Vicar of St. Mary's, Walkley for he was a member of the Commission producing the Report. Other members of the Commission were in team line-up with him at the Walkley meeting, not least the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Revd David Sheppard who defended the right of the Church of England to take a political stand on key social issues and said: "My first calling is to God, and to serve him in the world, not in

seclusion". Sheffield's Master Cutler and the Rev. Dr. John Vincent, a Methodist who is head of Sheffield Urban Theology Unit were among those who expressed anxieties about the Report and two Labour MPs likewise had misgivings. But keynote speaker Canon John Atherton (William Temple Foundation, Manchester), who impressed many at the meeting with his grasp of the situation, said that all people in Britain should be able to participate properly in society. Decent housing, the provision of jobs, a close look at tax and benefits policies were all means to this end and although conservatives and socialists might differ on solutions, surely all were agreed on the need to cut social ills.

**Faith in the City: A Call for Action by Church and Nation, is available from bookshops for £7.50, or a 'popular' version from Christian Action, St. Peter's House, 308 Kennington Lane, London. SE11 5HY at £1 plus post and packing.**

## Back on map..

When he sent out a list of Domesday parishes in the Diocese of Sheffield to clergy recently, the Bishop appended a query against the name of Tudworth. "Where is it?" he asked. Well now he knows. Tudworth, it seems, has not disappeared off the face of the earth. Once as big as Thorne, Tudworth is now just a few houses near Hatfield. It was seemingly greatly affected by flooding and then by the draining of the Fens. It features in "De La Prime's Diary" the writings of a former Vicar of Hatfield. John Sweet, David Benson and Clive Howarth were among those who put Tudworth back on the map for the Bishop of Sheffield.

## Magic Man

There's no magic involved in raising funds for church restoration projects, just hard work and commitment - at least that's what the people of St. Andrew's, Bolton upon Dearne have found.

That was until their Vicar, the Revd. David Stafford took up magic. He is now a member of the Sheffield Circle of Magicians, and to raise funds for their church restoration, he goes around doing his magical entertaining. He's even got special disco equipment to provide his music.

He entertains at Shows, Galas, Parties, Church Groups, and his speciality is at Children's Parties.

**If you want to make use of this Magic Man, with all proceeds going to the church restoration appeal, contact him on Rotherham 893163.**

## Dramatic Memories

Pamela Keily was Advisor in Religious Drama for the Northern Province, and for many years lived and worked in Sheffield where she was known by very many people in and out of the churches. During the last years of her life, when she was already very ill, she drew together all the incidents, struggles, and valuable relationships which had made up her life's work.

These her memoirs, have been edited by Kay Hudson and Ken Payne, and privately published. They are available hard bound, with photographs for £5.50 from Mr. K. M. Payne, 10 Trelawn Place, Headingley, Leeds. LS6 3JP.

## Flying High

The Parish of St. Nicholas, Thorne has relaunched its magazine of church and community news. Now printed by offset litho, it includes illustrations, and for the first time, Sheffield Diocesan News.

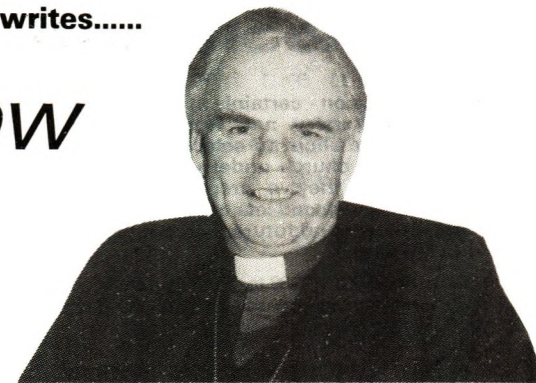
The Revd. David Benson in the first edition reported that flags no longer flutter from the church tower, visible for miles around. The problem was that the flags had gone missing. Not stolen, or vandalised, but taken by the wind, and flown away!

However all was not lost, for when local farmer David Chappell heard of the case of the disappearing flags, he promptly donated two new ones.

Like the magazine, they're now there to stay, bright, new, and designed to catch the eye.

THE BISHOP OF DONCASTER writes.....

# In the shadow of the Cross



There are a number of older titles for Good Friday which have a direct religious content: titles which are helpful if we are trying to make the most of the day. **The Day of Preparation** is a title which in all probability linked in with the fasting preparation of catechumens for their Easter Baptism. The whole of Lent is a preparation for Easter; and the solemnity of the Good Friday events bring our preparation to a climax and provide a special occasion for heart-searching.

It is not enough to describe Good Friday only in terms of preparation. Two other titles bring us in awe and penitence to the feet of Christ: the **Day of Christ's Passion** and the **Day of the Cross**. The latter appeals to me as a possible alternative. It could make an impact on a society which sees more relevance in football or shopping. Writing that reminds me of an incident that took place during last year's procession round Doncaster. It was an excellent piece of witness with an impressive turn out of marchers from a variety of the Churches. Going through the Market, I heard an interesting comment: 'Why can't they do this on a day when the market isn't open?' (Well... You never think of the right response until afterwards). I hope we shall see more Good Friday processions this year as a visible reminder that we are walking as a witness on the Day of the Cross.

The title Good Friday has of course its own religious content. It is a peculiarly English title owing its origins I understand to the Church of England. We keep Good Friday as a day of repentance and thoughtful prayer; sorrowing at the death of our Saviour and marvelling at the amazing love of God. Yet whatever the sorrow, it is still **Good Friday**. Christians find their place and their home in the shadow of the cross. Sorrow turns into the joy of forgiveness and death into the triumph of Christ's victory. The fast becomes a feast.



Darkness waits  
Upon the sky.  
Blood and water  
On the wood.

A cry  
Surrounds  
the world  
And suffering confounds  
All other suffering.

You call that Good?

At peace beside  
His broken body  
Crucified,  
The conquered darkness  
By the King who died.

Long live the Easter King.



I call that Good.  
**WILLIAM**  
Bishop of Doncaster

## APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. D. Thomas to be Rural Dean of Attercliffe.

The Revd. T. R. Edgar, Assistant Curate of Cantley, to be Vicar of St. Catherine, Richmond Road, Sheffield. (17 February)

The Revd. M. G. R. D. Smith, Assistant Curate of Brightside and Wincobank, to be Vicar of Kimberworth Park. (25 March)

We regret to record the death of the Revd. T. G. Kelsey, who died suddenly on Friday, 17th January. He began his ministry in this diocese in 1948 at Goole and returned to this diocese after his retirement in 1980 and quickly became very much part of the life of the Snaith and Hatfield Deanery.



# MISSIONARY CENTURY

Time marches on - certainly at St. Alban's Church at Wickersley, near Rotherham for this year they're about to celebrate the 100 years since the church underwent a major restoration. As they've prepared for the centenary, they've found lots of links between the past, present and future, and not just to do with buildings!

At the celebrations in 1886 to mark the restoration of the church and the consecration of the new chancel, they welcomed a distinguished missionary, Jonathan Holt Titcomb the first missionary Bishop of Burma, and were stirred by his experience and his words. He still looks down on the congregation from his spot high up in the stained glass windows, facing a rather stern looking Queen Victoria. One hundred years on, St. Alban's link missionary Judith Trickett, came on one of her rare visits from Uganda where she has worked for ten years - and people were stirred by her experiences in that troubled part of Africa.

The centenary celebrations will have many usual things - Flower Festival, Special Musical Events, Exhibitions and Open Days in both Church, School and Hall on the theme of Mission Past and Mission Present - but there are some new additions including 'Social Evenings' for the parents of newly baptised children and Centenary Housegroups. And lest it all falls on deaf ears - the installation of a loop system in the church for the hard of hearing!

Rector Freeman, a wealthy high churchman largely responsible for the 1886 work, will find his heart warmed during this month. He had a passion for religious drama, and it is said went off frequently to Oberammergau. He returned after one visit, with slightly more handbaggage than usual in the shape of the stone carving to be found on the wall behind the altar. He'll find his heart warmed because this month, St. Alban's have invited a Christian Drama Group - "Theatre Roundabout" - for the beginning of Holy Week. They have performed all over the world and will



St. Alban's Wickersley - a prominent local landmark.

be giving a performance of their play "Transformation Scene" on **Monday, 24th March at 7.30 p.m.** They will be leading workshops on **Sunday, 23rd March from 2.00 - 6.00 p.m.**, designed for those who would like to develop religious drama in their local church. The churches of Rotherham Deanery are already involved in this, but other churches in the Diocese will be most welcome. (Contact Alan Pycroft on Wickersley 548621).

The links that have been found between past and present at St. Alban's are quite uncanny. The Revd. Raymond Draper, the present Rector, only by chance recently discovered the original guest list for 1886, and who should be on it but the Revd. J. Draper!

At Wickersley, they're making the most of this centenary as a missionary opportunity. There's no sign either that they'll run out of centenaries - for next year it's 100 years since the death of that first missionary Bishop of Burma Jonathan Holt Titcomb. But that will be another story....

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The Revd. Raymond Draper and organist Mr. Maurice Hurd.

## CONNIE'S MYSTERY TOUR

Connie Stansfield thought that some of our parishioners whose sojourn goes back to the 1960's might like to read the following . . . . .

"Whilst staying with them at Christmas, my daughter and son-in-law suggested we went for a run out in the car. I suspected they were 'up to something'. After about 40 minutes we stopped. "Where are we?" I asked. Audrey said, "You'll see". "

The sun was so low and bright as she led me to an open door that I could not discern who stood there. After a most welcome greeting I stepped out of the sun to identify the voice and it was a lovely surprise to find it was Freddie Adamson. Freddie had been Vicar of Topley at several momentous moments of our family life. Both my girls were confirmed, married and two grandchildren baptised by Freddie and most of all he was a great support when my husband died.

We sat down and had a merry afternoon and a most welcome tea. Freddie's sense of humour is still as active as ever. He looked very well but, of course, walks with a stick after his amputation. They had moved to Burton Salmon, a suburb of Leeds, to be nearer to Valerie. She called in to see us and looked much the same as when they left just after her 21st.

They asked after all the people they knew and if Topley had changed. Freddie asked if our new vicar had settled in and sent his warmest regards to Stewart, Beryl and family and to all the people he knew in Topley."

C.S.

## JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

Welcome to our three new probationers - Elizabeth Powell, Rebecca Ivison and John Sellars.

Gillian Job has joined the altos - Simon Hubbard has retired from his corner duties. The two vacant corner places are taken by Tessa Vitty and Fiona Ivison, with deputies Sarah Burke and Carolyn Job.

Congratulations to all the children for their hard work.

Olwen Powell (365357)

## THOUGHTS FOR MARCH

One hundred friends are too few - one enemy too many.

I am a bit bewildered when the very homely bread I cast upon the waters, returns in the form of a very rich cake.

R.B.



## WHY DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?

This was one of the questions posed by the correspondent in last month's magazine. It is a question that could produce many different answers if each member of the congregation replied. Two thoughts follow, more would be welcome over successive months.

### Why do you go to Church?

I personally go to Church primarily to worship my Lord and Saviour. By partaking of Holy Communion regularly I feel a whole person. I enjoy sharing in the warmth, love and fellowship to be found in the services and the wide variety of activities which stretch out to the Community as a whole. We as Christians need to share our love of God with as many people as possible, acting as disciples for Christ.

I realise that we all have different roads to Christ but am reminded by Paul in his letter to the Romans 15:7 "Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God".

O.P.

### Why do you go to Church?

I go to worship - remembering that worship derives from 'worth-ship'.

I am drawn to worship by a desire to acknowledge the existence of a power greater and other than myself. I am drawn to worship by the feeling that there is a dimension to life other than all I can touch and see, a spiritual dimension whose controller is God.

In the teaching of Jesus Christ I find a meeting point between what 'God' has revealed and what I am seeking from my inner being. Within the Christian Faith lies the answer to my search. A Church Service, despite its imperfections, gives weight to the value of that 'otherness' or in religious language 'gives glory to God'. So a Service gives 'worth' to God and to that spiritual reality.

A Service of Worship also gives 'worth' to me because the essence of Christian worship is that we are all precious to God and we all have a purpose. In many ways I may be unworthy, and the prayers of penitence in each service express this. Despite all, through Christ and the Cross, I am shown God loves me, God restores me, God has a plan for me - and this gives me a sense of worth and purpose amongst all the ups and downs of life. It gives life meaning.

Thirdly, my sense of the wonder and worth of God, and my

own worth is enhanced by the presence and fellowship of others. They may come to church for different reasons, but there is a sameness of intent. This helps to create a loving bond with them - and not only with them but with all people. Worship helps me place worth on everybody.

Rarely does one service have any marked effect on my life, but in an imperceptible way, my continuing worship helps me grow in my understanding and love of God, in my sense of being part of God's purpose, in my understanding and love of others.

## CONCERT FOR CHESHIRE HOME BUS

Called "Palace of Varieties" will be staged by the Totley Troupers at St. John's Hall, Abbeydale on 13/14/15th March, 7.30pm. Tickets £1.50 -Enquiries to 350702.



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Lenten resolutions, and Christian discipline generally are the pegs, which pin our Christian life to the earth and stop it being blown away altogether. We can all dream nice thoughts about the joys of camping. But what matters in the end is getting the pegs firmly in.

## **PERSONAL MEETING IS THE PROOF**

"The Resurrection of Christ is not an event to be slotted conveniently into the usual round of human history. It is not something which can be grasped with our senses or proved with our reason. It is not an academic conundrum to be solved.

## **END OF LENT BRAINTEASER**



AS WE MOVE towards the end of Lent it is interesting to find out what the word 'Lent' used to mean. Solve this riddle and you have the answer.

*My first is in sackcloth and also in psalm;*

*My second is in passion, Peter and palm;*

*My third, in repentance and also in rue;*

*My fourth is in thinking, and discipline too;*

*My fifth is in nails but not in cross;*

*My sixth is in grief but never in loss.*

*My whole is hoping rather than knowing--  
Bursting; waking; striving; growing!*

"That is why neither the vacant tomb nor the reported appearances of the risen Lord can establish the truth or otherwise of the Resurrection. It is only in the end your personal meeting with the risen Christ, bringing new vision, purpose and energy, which can affirm the truth and power of Easter."

*Dr ROBERT RUNCIE,  
Archbishop of Canterbury*



## CONFERENCE ON THE REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S COMMISSION

The Report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Priority Area (UPA's), bearing the somewhat two-edged title 'Faith in the City' was published in 1985.

On January 11th this year a one-day conference was held at St. Mary's Church, Walkley, to consider the Report under the chairmanship of the Rev. Alan Billings, Vicar of St. Mary's and a member of the Commission. There must have been some 300 or more people present, largely drawn (I think) from the local Anglican churches.

The main speakers were Canon John Atherton, director of the William Temple Foundation, who was one of the advisers to the Commission, and the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. David Sheppard, who was a member of the Commission. They spoke respectively of the recommendations made in the Report to the Nation and to the Church.

In the afternoon session, responses to the Report, both welcoming and critical, were presented by Frank Field MP, a member of General Synod, Peter Lee, the Master Cutler, Richard Caborn MP, and the Rev. John Vincent, director of the Urban Theology Unit and a Methodist. Plenty of time was allowed in the programme for contributions from the floor. It was suggested by one speaker that it was hard to win response to the Church in UPA's and there is no one pattern for success; indeed maybe we in the Church will only succeed in getting closer to those outside when we are prepared to show our weaknesses and our need of them.

In spite of having to sit for several hours in an icy cold church (we were warned beforehand!) I am glad I attended the conference. Further points which I shall continue to ponder on included John Atherton's plea that both the political ideologies of the Right and of the Left be allowed to contribute to the solution of the problems of the UPA's - and David Sheppard's reminder that the Gospel of Christ is concerned both with changing the individual and changing the structures of society.

In the closing discussion 'Where do we go from here?' we were asked whether those of us in more advantaged positions were prepared to sacrifice ourselves for the underprivileged. Yet ultimately it is not a case of 'we' and 'they', and the question of 'Who gives and who receives?' has no easy answer. The whole community must come together as one. All must be allowed to participate in and

contribute to our society. In our response to the Report as Christians, we might do well to take note of Peter Lee's reminder that spiritual regeneration is essential and only then will social problems be solved.

H.P.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Matrimony

February 1st Alun John Watkins and Judith Alison  
Heginbotham

### Funerals

January 21st Edward Pepper (76) 78 Sunnyvale Road  
January 29th Patty Maxfield (96) Green Oak View  
February 5th Edith Kathleen Letherland (76) 18 Laverdene Rd.  
February 6th Horace Hibbert (83) 14 Marstone Crescent  
Ted Pepper had lived on Sunnyvale Road for many years. After his working years as a salesman, his active retirement included visits to his daughters abroad. To his wife and family go our prayerful support at this time.  
Patty Maxfield had spent most of her life at Sharrow where she had kept a public house with her husband.  
Kath Letherland lived on Laverdene Road from its earliest days and was a well-liked neighbour and friend. We express our sympathy to her husband and family.  
Horace Hibbert had a long established butcher's shop on Abbeydale Road noted for its high standards of product and personal service. Married for over 50 years we extend our sympathy to his widow.

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## ALL SAINTS'S SCHOOL NEWS

### All Sains' School Nursery Playgroup

As many of you will know Mrs. Crystal Ashby has been the Supervisor of the Nursery Playgroup for the last 12 years. Many of your children will have been lovingly cared for by her during those years. You will have known only too well that her quiet gentle manner has helped countless children to cope with the big step of leaving parents for the first time.

All of the children in the group at present will miss 'Auntie Chrys' when she retires at the end of this term. Her equally caring band of helpers will be continuing at the group, and we all hope that we can find a suitable replacement for Chrys as supervisor.

It seems an appropriate time to tell you about the group as there will be some people in the parish who may not know much about it.

Sessions are held - Mon - Fri: 9.00am - 11.45am  
Mon, Wed & Fri: 1.15pm -

The group, though not officially part of the school, was started by the school governors in an empty classroom in 1971 and so has very strong links with the school. The present building was provided by the governors and the P.T.A. in 1975.

The group is run by a committee and enquiries about admission should be made to Mrs. V. Davis (Tel. 351930). As this is a privately run unit fees are payable, and at present are £1.50 for a morning session and £1 for an afternoon session. The number of children at each session is small (the maximum being 12) so this makes the group extremely suitable for a shy or timid child who might find a larger number inhibiting. The staff are all very caring people and do everything possible to make the sessions interesting and enjoyable.

Although not all of the children who attend the group join our school, there are obvious advantages for those who do. The Headteacher visits, and the group is allowed, by arrangement with the Headteacher, to use the school facilities. The children join the reception class for some of their activities. Consequently playgroup children who join our school know the staff, and the building when they start, and seem very happy in their school life.

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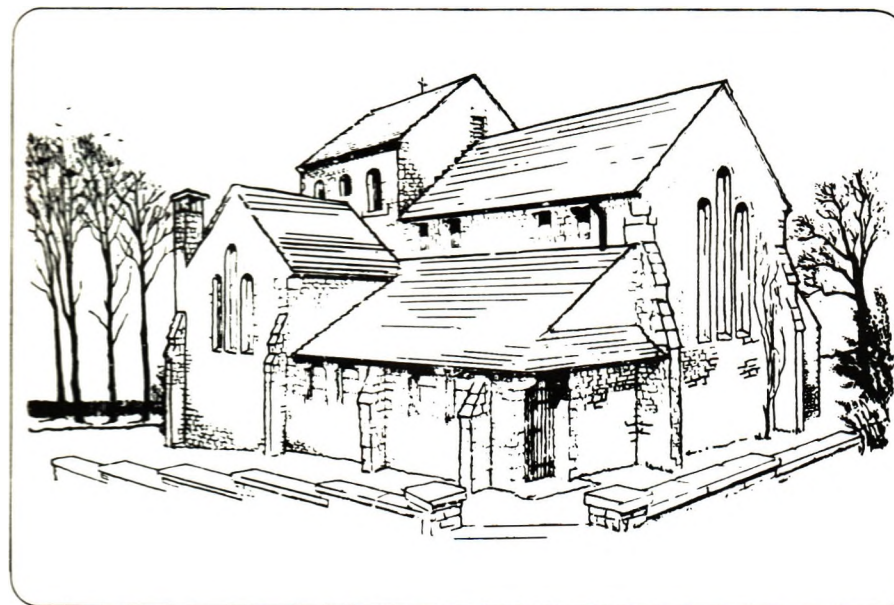
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I write this soon after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and would like to thank you all for your attendance and the valuable contributions you made to the consideration of the wide spectrum of church activities.

There was a fairly unanimous decision that the main Sunday morning Service should be held at the same time each week - and 10am seemed a reasonable compromise. The changed time will come into operation at the beginning of May and Sunday School will also meet at 10am. This will enable children to join in part of the Holy Communion Service at times, and allow parents to attend Church whilst children are at Sunday School.

The alternating use of the Book of Common Prayer and Alternative Service Book will continue, but discussion centred around the form of worship on the third Sunday. It was decided to try the Family Service at 10am and a Sung Holy communion at 6.30pm.

The revised pattern will be reviewed at the next A.G.M. We hope the fixed service time "TEN AT TOTLEY" will encourage regular attendance and avoid confusion among members and parishioners alike.

A second issue was concern over our Quota deficit which at the end of the year turned out to be £2604 - somewhat more than we would have wished. It was felt that as Church members we had a moral obligation to meet the deficit, which tends to stifle any new initiatives in our work. The P.C.C. were asked to undertake a campaign to clear the deficit this year. We hope you will give it your full support when details are available next month.

How much we are prepared to invest in our Church to some extent reflects our own faith and our obedience to its demands. If we prayerfully decide to regularly give a right proportion of our income, we shall find all our personal needs are met. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness - and all these things will be added unto you." This is still our Lord's promise to us, His Church, today. Let us claim that promise for our work in Totley.

With every blessing,  
Yours sincerely,

2. *Stewart Rayner*

## SERVICES IN APRIL

- 6th EASTER 1 Theme (am) 'The Bread of Life'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: I Corinthians 15:53-58 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 6: 32-40 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP) Theme 'The Upper Room'  
Old Testament: Exodus 15:1-11  
New Testament: St. John 20: 19-29
- 13th EASTER 2 Theme(am) 'The Good Shepherd'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
11am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: I Peter 5:1-11 (NEB)  
Gpsle : St. John 10:7-16 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong(ASB) Theme 'The Emmaus Road'  
Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 24:13-35 (JB)
- 20th EASTER 3 Theme(am) 'The Resurrection and the Life'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-11 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 11:17-27 (NEB)  
11am Family Service  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP) Theme 'The Lakeside'  
Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 1-7 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. John 21: 1-14 (RSV)
- 27th EASTER 4 Theme (am) 'The Way, the Truth, The Life'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
9.30am Holy communion (BCP)  
Epistle : 2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:5 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 14:1-11 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong(ASB) Theme 'The Charge to Peter'  
Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. John 21:15-22 (RSV)
- 4th May EASTER 5 - ROGATION SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy communion (ASB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Holy Communion (BCP) every Wednesday at 10 a.m.



# PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR APRIL

- 2nd. Wed. 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- 7th Mon. 7.30pm Garden Party Meeting in Church Hall. All organisations and individuals willing to participate in the Garden Party are asked to come. New people and fresh ideas welcome. During May there will be a box at the back of the Church for you to bring non-perishable items each week to help stock the stalls. Purchase something extra in your weekly shopping and bring it with you on Sunday.
- 8th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close
- 9th Wed. 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 10th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage
- 11th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
- 12th Sat Council of Churches Charity Appeal  
During the morning at the U.R.C. Church there will be a "Sponsored Hymn-sing" for the Chairman's appeal in aid of research into childhood illnesses - the C.H.R.I.S. fund of the Children's Hospital.
- 14th Mon. "Easter Praise" at the City Hall led by the 600 strong Mission Sheffield Choir. Speaker to be the Rev.Philip Hacking. Tickets £1.50p.
- 15th Tue. 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club. Mr.Twigg is giving a talk entitled "My Barber's Shop"
- 16th Wed 2pm Monthly Fellowship - 116, Green Oak Road  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- 18th Fri Bishop of Sheffield's Visit to All Saints' School
- 19th Sat 10.30am Sunday School Coffee Morning and Exhibition in the Church Hall  
7.30pm - 10.30pm Barn Dance in Church Hall with Live Band and Caller. Tickets at £2 include a Buffet. Bar facilities available. If you have been to a Barn Dance you will know how enjoyable it can be. It's an opportunity for all the family to have fun. If you've not been before, come and watch and join in. Tickets from James Powell and Church.

- 22nd Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
2.15pm Ladies Working Party in Hall.
- 23rd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 23rd Wed Totley's Own Amateur Dramatic Society (T.O.A.D.S) is putting on "Candied Peel" a comedy drama, in
- 26th Sat St.John's Abbeydale Church Hall at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets price £1 (or 70p for children and pensioners) from Gerald Waite - 364979 - or any other member of Toads.
- 25th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 3 Laverdene Avene
- 26th Sat All Saints are providing a hot midday meal at St.Mary's Bramall Lane as part of a C.M.S. Enquirers weekend. If you can help with preparing food, washing up or a donation - please contact Ann Powell (350612)
- 29th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club Jumble Sale in the Church Hall. If anyone has any jumble please let Mrs.Elsie Mayson or Mrs.Doreen Bryer know. Thank you.
- 30th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- MAY
- 1st Thu 8pm PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
- 8th Thu 8pm Ascension Day Holy Communion
- 10th Sat 8pm Saints' Aid in the Church Hall. We have had Band Aid and Live Aid now it's Totley's turn with ....Saints' Aid. Come along to an enjoyable 'cabaret' evening in All Saints Hall (as you have never seen it before). There will be three acts performing during the evening - Kate Ward, 'Three Point Turn', and John Marshall/Greg Brownhill and friends. Tickets at £1.50p include a buffet supper - and a licensed bar is also available.  
Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the local Christian Aid appeal. A limited amount of tickets will be available during April - for more details contact Mick Woodhead (369572)
- 17th Sat Family Walk and Picnic for all - organised by the Sunday School
- JUNE 7th Saturday - GARDEN PARTY



## YOUTH CLUB

The Friday Youth Club closed earlier this year, having seemed for the time being to have outlived its present form. On behalf of the P.C.C. a presentation was made to Gill and David Holding as a mark of our appreciation of the work, time, and leadership they have given to the young people of Totley over the last seven years.

## THEMES ON SUNDAY

During the Sundays after Easter the themes of the Holy Communion Readings focus on the 'I AM' sayings of Jesus recorded in St. John's Gospel.

Taken at face value these sayings are full of meaning. For example, "I am the Good Shepherd" portrays Our Lord's loving oversight and watchful care of both the safe and the straying. But linking the attributes of Jesus as - The Bread of Life (6:35), The Light of the World (8:12) The Good Shepherd (10:11) The Resurrection and the Life (11:25), The Way, The Truth, The Life (14:6) The True Vine (14:6) - with the phrase 'I AM' is intended to convey much more because of its meaning in the Old Testament.

In the Book of Exodus, God discloses to Moses his Name and Nature as "I AM WHO I AM". The Jews would never speak aloud the name of God. In the Hebrew language only the consonants are written down. When the name of God occurred the custom was to avoid the name of God by putting in the wrong vowel sounds. Thus the Jews spoke of J e h o v a h although the correct pronunciation was Jahweh. These same four consonants form the root of the verb TO BE.

The "I AM" sayings of Jesus identify Him with the Divinity of God and also reveal, not only the character of our Lord Jesus Christ but the nature of God Himself.

## SOME THOUGHTS FOR APRIL

It is easier to be critical than correct. (Disraeli)

Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind.

R.B.

## CHURCH NOTICE (Not at All Saints' !)

"If you must put buttons in the collection - please do not tear them off the hassocks."

# SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

APRIL, 1986

## *"Great is Truth and Mighty above all things"*

That fine statement is found in 'the least read book of the Apocrypha' I Esdras 4.41. Three young men of the Persian King's bodyguard seek to impress him with their answers to the question: 'What thing do you judge the strongest?'. You can find the whole entertaining and instructive debate in the third and fourth Chapters of I Esdras. But it is the final answer that matters to me: 'Not wine not the King, not women, but truth conquers all'. This is usually quoted in its Latin version - Magna est veritas at prevalet: Great is truth and it prevails. For me this motto is one of those firm rocks on which we can stand and so face with courage the doubts, certainties, and apparently insoluble problems of that mysterious universe in which we live.

For in God is all truth. He shows his truth in the world he has created; he speaks his truth above all in Jesus Christ and the scriptures that illuminate and surround him and he makes each one of us 'in his image, after his likeness' so that we can recognise and receive truth. We are a truth machine able to hear truth, believe truth, speak truth, do truth.

There is a necessary progression in truth. First it is as it is given in God himself, and, for example in the created universe and the scriptures. But truth must often become 'truths' before we can assimilate it. Scientists and scholars study and interpret the world to us. The Church through her scholars, saints and pastors guards, interprets and makes accessible God's revelation of himself to each succeeding generation. Truth becomes truths so that we can receive it and when we have received it through both outward authority and interior assent it becomes again simply truth - and truth for us.

So each individual Christian enters into the Church's inheritance of faith and accepts the truths in which that faith is expressed. Wholeheartedly we can say "This is our faith" and "This is my faith". And yet there still remains that personal moment of interior assent that makes us know that those truths are indeed truth for us. And for most of us that is a slow and developing experience. Some Christian truths only become truth for us long after we first knew ourselves to be believers. Some never in this life.

Truth itself is greater, more powerful and more certain than any expression of the truth. Through the centuries the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has sought to speak the truth. Yet it has made mistakes. Would any today be so certain of any precise definition of the matter of Christ's presence in the Holy Communion that they would kill those who differed from them? For most of the Christian centuries most Christians have accepted a teaching on hell that would have God torture eternally (and so pointlessly for there could be no repentance) the vast majority of the human race for something for which they could not possibly be personally held responsible. If the Church in the past has made mistakes we cannot be absolutely certain that the Church today is not making mistakes and therefore we should not get too agitated with or angry about our fellow Christians who sincerely differ from us on some things. If we are utterly committed to truth and confident that it will prevail we need neither censorship nor witch-hunts!

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



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## MASENO RUN

The Revd. Jim McKinney, Vicar of Intake, Doncaster, who is one of the leaders of the party of young people from the Diocese going to Maseno North in Kenya during the Summer, is in training for a sponsored run to raise funds for the general needs of the trip. If you, or your parish are not already involved in some way or another, why not offer to sponsor him? Write to him at The Vicarage, Kingston Road, Intake, Doncaster DN2 6LS or telephone Doncaster 23167.

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## Bishop's Book

Bishop Kenneth Skelton, since his retirement as Bishop of Lichfield in 1984, has been Assistant Bishop in our Diocese. From 1962 to 1970, he was Bishop of Matabeleland in Rhodesia.

Just beginning to arrive from Zimbabwe, are copies of Bishop Skelton's book "Bishop in Smith's Rhodesia".

"The telephone was ringing as I walked into the Archdeacon of Salisbury's house."

"It's for you, Bishop".

A man's voice at the end of the line said: "Just a moment, my wife wants to speak to you". A pause - then a woman's voice with the threat: "If Mr. Smith doesn't shoot you, I will".

That's how we are led right into the dramatic account of Bishop Skelton's experiences, anxieties, dilemmas and prophetic stand during his years in Smith's Rhodesia. It's a book which convincingly underlines Christian witnessing against racism and absolutism of the state.

It will be on sale in SPCK, the Cathedral Bookshop. Watch out for the dates when the Bishop will be signing copies.

## Organist Wanted

St. Columba's Church, Crosspool, Sheffield, in Ranmoor Parish, is on the look out for an organist from the end of August this year. If you are interested, or know anyone else who is, contact the Revd. C. P. Arnesen, 301 Lydgate Lane, Sheffield S10 5FR (Tel.: 662800)

## Not too late

It's not too late, if you believe that families matter, to help with the house to house collection during FAMILY WEEK, from April 6th. This is when the Church of England Children's Society appeals for support from the general public for its caring work for nearly 10,000 youngsters each year. Collectors are desperately needed. Contact the Revd. Ken Dagger on Barnsley 758960.

## Sheffield's delegate - from Uganda!

At least three people from the Diocese will be involved in the big Eucharist and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Women in the Church of England and in the Anglican Communion on Saturday 19th April at Canterbury Cathedral. Organised by the Movement for the Ordination of Women, it is intended not just to celebrate the priesthood of women, but the varied ministry of women in the Church, today and down the ages.

The Revd. Simon Bailey, and Mrs. Janet Vout, are to be joined by Judith Trickett, a Church Missionary Society missionary serving in Uganda, but on leave in this country at the time of the conference. Her English home is Thurcroft. Judith, who is secretary to Bishop Festo Kivengere, and a Lay Reader in the Diocese of Kigezi, has kept in touch with several parishes in this Diocese about women's ministry in Uganda, and goes to the conference with C.M.S.'s consent. Judith is a close friend of Kigezi's delegate to the conference, the Revd. Deborah Micungwe, who is at the moment without a passport in Uganda's bureaucratic confusion. Who knows whether she will get a passport in time or not? If she doesn't, then Judith will have to represent Kigezi as well as Sheffield! The Conference Pilgrimage promises to be a very colourful affair, with each diocesan delegation taking a banner to represent a local saint or woman of faith.

## Back to school for the Bishop!

Last year Bishop David visited every Deanery in the Diocese, and found himself not only on occasions on the borders of the Peak District, but also on the flat lands of Humberside. This year the Bishop has set himself a new target: to visit every Church of England School in the Diocese. This will mean calling on 48 schools! As well as meeting many of the children as possible during his visits, the Bishop is also very keen to meet teaching and ancillary staffs at the schools.

## New Developments at Whirlow.....

Whirlow Grange, on the outskirts of Sheffield and on the edge of Derbyshire, is the Diocesan Conference Centre. For over thirty years it has welcomed thousands of visitors from all walks of life, but especially from the Diocese and the Parishes. Every year more than 4,000 people enjoy the excellent facilities and unique atmosphere. The volume of activity was up again in 1985, and 1986 got off to a cracking start despite the bad weather. What this means in terms of deepening spiritual experience and greater understanding of the Christian Faith must be answered personally by those who have been to Whirlow. An overall view however would be that the Kingdom of God has been brought closer for a lot of people. And yet there is still much more to do.

### FLEXIBILITY

That is what the development at Whirlow is all about. Present conference and sleeping facilities cannot wholly meet the needs of the groups who come to Whirlow, and the new plans include the building of another room and further bedrooms. Greater flexibility in the use of facilities will mean that more people can use the centre. At last a real start is being made. A contractor has been appointed, and some new faces have appeared to settle some of the preliminary details. It really does look as though the new conference room and a substantial part of the scheme will be completed by early 1987.

### MONEY NEEDED

The amount of money necessary to complete the scheme in one go has not yet been promised, and it may be necessary to phase the work to reduce the risk of unpaid debt. Dividing the scheme into two phases would allow the conference room to be built now, and some advantage to follow, but this would be expensive, and overall would cost a great deal more money.

The Friends of Whirlow are supporting the project very well, but more still needs to be done.

### FRIENDS' FAMILY FUN DAY

Betty Wells, Chairman of the Friends reports that there's going to be a FAMILY FUN DAY on the Spring Bank Holiday afternoon of 26th MAY at 2.30 p.m. If you've never been to Whirlow, or especially if you have, perhaps you would like to come on an outing to Derbyshire for lunch, followed by fun, games, stalls, Maypole dancing and tea at the Centre and help to raise the £5,000 which the Friends need to reach their target of £10,000 towards the new development.

Maurice Snowdon can be contacted on Sheffield 363173, and Betty Wells on Sheffield 22345.



## Whirlow Grange Conference Centre



Maurice Snowdon, Warden of the Centre

## Music at Thurcroft

Pupils of the Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, are to give a concert in Thurcroft Parish Church on Sunday 27th April at 4.00 p.m. This is an annual weekend visit to South Yorkshire during which the young musicians visit Thurcroft Colliery and Thurcroft Junior School. It is greatly valued by the Menuhin School and by Thurcroft Church alike, and the Sunday Concert is a great highlight in the Parish Diary. The Concert is free, and everyone's welcome.

## Recital

The President of the Sheffield and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association, Mr. A. J. J. Cowell is to give The President's Recital at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.00 p.m., and everyone is welcome.





## MARTIN HOUSE HOSPICE

Martin House Hospice for Children is to be built at Boston Spa, near Leeds. Modelled on Helen House, Oxford, the hospice will serve the north of the country, including the Sheffield area. It will provide practical, emotional and spiritual help to children with life threatening illnesses, and to their parents, in a caring family atmosphere.

Mrs. Jill Hastings, of 82 Abbeydale Park Rise, Sheffield S17 3PF (Tel.: 363400) and Mrs. Brenda Myers, of 34 Crawshaw Avenue, Sheffield S8 7DZ (Tel.: 748027) are both willing to talk to groups and organisations about this most worthwhile project.

The latest update about the Appeal for the hospice is that it is almost at the £1,000,000 mark, and it should be "all systems go" to commence building work in the very near future.

## Future Mental Health Services - How do the Churches fit in?

(From Canon John Browning, Anglican Chaplain of Middlewood Hospital and Northern General Hospital, Psychiatric Unit)

Is your Church already involved in some co-operative project for the mentally troubled, perhaps through a luncheon club for the elderly, a drop-in centre, self help group or counselling clinic?

**Whether your answer is YES, NO or "thinking about it", I would be interested to hear from you.**

The Trent Regional Health Authority has allowed me three months leave of absence (April/May/June this year) to research the role of "Chaplain in Community Mental Health", so as to assist, by all reasonable means, the involvement of Churches in the future community-based mental health services now being implemented between the National Health Service, Local Authority, GP's and voluntary agencies. (This is distinct from services for the Mentally Handicapped which are quite different).

If you or anyone in your Church is interested in seeing how they might have for example, time, patience, skills, or rooms available for groups/clinics ..... please let me know.

The way forward offers immense opportunities for the Churches to demonstrate practically their theologies of care, healing and health so as to help shape the type of service we need and for which we can all feel some responsibility.

All messages please to: Sheffield 349491 Ext. 457 (Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield S6 1TP), or Sheffield 343740 (home).

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## Telegraph Tribute

The Revd. Bernard Croft began his ministry in Sheffield Diocese at Conisbrough way back in 1935. He has recently written to the News paying tribute to the Sheffield Morning Telegraph, which has now ceased publication. "It will be missed by many", he writes "not least by many churchfolk. From a church journalist's point of view, it was ever ready to provide space for church news and special features. It was the paper in which my first published words appeared. Calling in one day at the offices of The Church Times, after I had been Sheffield Diocesan Correspondent for some time, I was introduced by the then editor to members of the staff, as one "who writes for the Sheffield Telegraph." Evidently this was reckoned in London to be a tribute to a young journalist."

Bernard Croft has recently celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination, and from retirement in York, has visited many of the haunts in the Diocese familiar to him from his younger days. It was with regret and sadness that he bought his final souvenir edition of the Telegraph on February 8th.

## Appointments

The Revd. J. W. A. Woods to be Rural Dean of Wath (14 February).

The Revd. J. R. Armfelt, Assistant Curate of Howden Team Ministry, Diocese of York, to be Priest-in-charge of Laughton.

The Revd. A. H. P. Baillie, Team Vicar of Heavitree with St. Paul, Exeter, Diocese of Exeter, to be Assistant Chaplain of Northern General Hospital and Assistant Curate of St. Cuthbert's, Fivale.

The Revd. N. A. Barr, Assistant Curate of Kimberworth Park, to be Assistant Curate of Cantley.

Mr. C. E. Hodgson, Deputy Headmaster of Emmanuel Anglican/Methodist Middle School, Waterthorpe, Sheffield, to be Assistant Director of Education (Parish Education), (1 April).

The following were ordained to the priesthood in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 2nd March:

John Draycott of Wombwell  
Norman Smith of Greenhill, Sheffield, (NSM)

## Resignation

The Revd. C. W. Hook to resign the benefice of Hook with Airmyn (11 April)

## SLEEPING OFF THE SCARS

*WHEN WE PRAY this prayer, our Lord gently and gradually removes layers of emotional scar tissue while we sleep, allowing us to be happier people.*

JESUS, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me — heal that hurt. Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person — heal that hurt. All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I'm not

aware of — heal those relationships.

But Lord, if there is anything that I need to do — if I need to go to a person because he is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.

I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven. Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your love.

Thank you, Jesus. Amen.



## RECIPE REQUEST

### Oat and Coconut Biscuits

4oz	S.R. Flour	2 oz	Coconut
4oz	Porridge Oats	1	Tablespoon Syrup
4oz	Margarine	1	Tablespoon Hot Water
5oz	Sugar	1	Teaspoon Bi-Carb

Mix oats, sugar and coconut. Melt margarine and syrup. Mix Bi-carb with water and add all ingredients together. Place on baking sheet about a walnut-size of mixture well spaced apart to allow for spreading. Bake 350° F Gas 4 for about 20 minutes.

## A PAINED LOOK FROM THE PULPIT

SOME YEARS AGO a little lump of gristle in my back gave way while I was standing in my pulpit, conducting a service on the Jewish Day of Atonement. My face was contorted with pain, and I couldn't move my neck.

In fact the only thing I could move was my eyeballs, and I rolled them at my congregation to signal my distress.

They did not interpret it this way and, gazing at my grim unyielding countenance, started to wriggle in their seats as my eyeballs rolled over them in turn



reminding them of their guilty consciences.

The following week a stream of messages came to me, all congratulatory. Thank God, they said, one minister at least had not deserted traditional values and was not afraid to scorn sinners.

One lady told me the righteous anger in my face was an inspiration, and enclosed a suitable donation.

RABBI LIONEL BLUE



## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

We continue to have some response to the letter in the February issue of All Saints' News . . . .

"Dear Sir. Thank you for your letter - and I mean this sincerely and not as a formality. I was interested in what you thought about is as a Church and sorry you saw us in that way but I can understand it. Years ago when I was not a regular Churchgoer I admit I felt pretty much the same - but the more I went the more I saw two sides of the coin.

With hindsight my experience was that I was very self-conscious and unsure of the service and the people. I thought the regular Churchgoers shouldn't feel like that and they should be bursting with confidence ready to instantly make me feel the same! To be honest it was only because I knew it was God's will (but that's another story) for me to join the Church, that I persevered.

I soon realised effort had to come from both sides. Once I decided to make an effort I found some of the barriers were of my own making. After all, Christians we may be, perfect we are not. We all want and need a happy, friendly Church but we all have failures that need to be overlooked. Yet despite what I've said I still tend to wait instead of making the first move. There is no insult intended - it's just my human failure!

This is my experience. In no way am I saying yours is the same but the impression was similar. Anyway whether you decide to come to Church again or not - WELCOME."

Jenny W.

"How glad I was to read the challenging 'Letter to the Editor' in the February News. Every issue raised is an opportunity for All Saints to search itself before God as to how much we are trying to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not come to Church; which Gospel (Good News) is not just for our own appropriation, but to be shared with EVERYONE. Christ died and rose again into Eternal Life - i.e. a true living relationship with God. This is what we were created for but from which we have fallen. Christ is the Way, the Only Way to the Father (St. John 14:6).

In answer to some of his specific questions .....

- a) I go to church as an act of public confession that I trust the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour who died

on the cross for MY sins and rose from the dead to be my present living Lord and Coming King.

- b) I believe we should consider different "styles" of Service. One mans 'meat' is another mans 'anathema'. Services should be a blend with something for all.
- c) Vastly more regular effort should be made to contact and encourage other people to come to Church, but must be coupled with b) above.

Finally, I believe the writer of the letter has every right to ask his questions. We are not our own, we are bought with a price, the shed Blood of Christ, whose blood was shed also for the writer of the letter.

Dear Friend, you have every right, keep asking, and don't be put off."

Dudley Nixon.

"I go to Church for support to enable me to lead a Christian way of life, and contact with Rosalie Carter and others is a great help.

Efforts are being made to encourage others to become church members. It has to be gentle persuasion with example and love as prime movers. Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence and learning. 'There is change gradual and acceptable' as G.B. Shaw said. There is only one religion though there are a hundred versions of it; tolerance is helpful.

The Church is open every day for prayer, where the lonely and troubled can seek solace. It is a place where those starting out on a new life together can receive God's blessing and where a new life can be Christened with God's blessing and love.

You say All Saints is cosy - I would say loving. A cosy exterior conceals an inner caring attitude to those who need help - church members or not. When February's writer has attended All Saints a little more often and I hope his/her circumstances will permit this. I think he/she will be happy with us, warts and all."

Rex B.



## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

February 23rd James Edward Cullen  
Colin Ian Morrison

### Funerals

February 25th Edna Moss (76) 45 Queen Victoria Road  
March 14th Edith Lissaman (87) Green Oak View

Edna Moss had lived in the Totley area for most of her life and was the company secretary of the Moss family firm of decorators established for several generations.

Edith Lissaman (affectionately known as Squibs) had lived at Meadowhead before residing at Green Oak View. For many years she was manager of the Singer Sewing shop in Fargate.

We also record the death of Hilda Shepherd (80 of 14 Green Oak Road). A Totley resident for over 50 years she retained her earlier link as a member of Christ Church, Dore. She was well-known by a generation of children as dinner lady at Totley County School.

## PARISH BREAKFAST

April 6 Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Greenhoff  
April 20 Mrs. Beeley  
Family Service Mrs. D. Firth and Mrs. A. Powell  
April 27 Mrs. Wiggett & Mrs. Kirton  
May 4 Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Cooke

Please note - the revised pattern of services from next month will mean the breakfast will take place every Sunday. The current rota will therefore need to be revised and additional helpers will be welcome at this stage. Please contact the Vicar or Joan Beeley (365972). We commiserate with her on her broken arm and hope it will soon be fully recovered.

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>April</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
6	Mrs. Billard	-	V. Davies
13	-	Mrs. Jones	M. Scholey
20	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Mayson	T. Woodhead
27	Mrs. Waite	Mrs. Wiggett	D. Wilkinson
4 May	Mrs. Stansfield	-	D. Firth

### Silver Cleaning

April 13th Mrs. O. Powell

## ANNUAL MEETING - RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

### Churchwardens

Mr. Rex Beaumont and Mr. J. Eric Simons  
Deanery Synod Representatives (to 1987)

Mr. F. Barrie Briggs, Mr. Harry Powell, Mrs. Dorothy Simons  
Newly Elected P.C.C. Members (to 1989)

Mr. Robin Carter	Mrs. Elsie Mayson
Mrs. Dorothy Firth	Mrs. Elaine Powell
Mr. Cliff Job	Mrs. Angela Waite
Mr. Alan Kirton	Mr. David Snazell

### Members already holding office

- until 1987 - Mrs. Joan Beeley, Mr. Bill Bridgens,  
Mr. Bill Bryer, Mr. Dudley Nixon, Mr. James Powell,  
Mr. Irvine Powell and Mrs. Olwen Powell.

- until 1988 - Mr. W. Carter Wigg, Mr. Gordon Grayson,  
Mr. John Hill-Wilson, Mrs. Betty Johnston, Mr. John Marshall  
and Mr. Mick Woodhead.

## THANK YOU ELSIE

The Vicar thanked Mrs. Elsie Mayson - the retiring Church Warden - for all she had done during her years in office, and especially, for her recent work during the interregnum and the great help she had been to him during his first six months in this parish.

## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

### New Supervisor appointed

Mrs. Jenny Emmens has been appointed Supervisor of the Nursery-playgroup from 7th April. Jenny who has had ten year experience with playgroups is a tutor for the Pre-school Playgroup Association and has also been the Sheffield Branch secretary.

### Coffeeplus

A Coffee Evening for playgroup funds is to be held in the School Hall on Wednesday evening 23rd April. This is to be combined with a talk from a Children's Librarian with advice on current books for pre-school children. All welcome.

### Bishop's Visit

As part of his visitation of all Church Schools in the Diocese, the Bishop of Sheffield will be coming to All Saints' School for the morning of Friday 18th April with the Diocesan Director of Education. The Bishop is keen to promote the special contribution Church Schools can make to the education of our children.



The following poem was offered as a contribution to the magazine by a respected member of the congregation who out of humility wishes to remain anonymous. He states it was written at an earlier stage of life before coming a Christian.

BUT I ASK TOO MUCH

Lord, Thou knowest me very well,  
Thou knowest I can't believe in Hell,  
Yet Heaven appeareth in my eye  
Much too grand for such as I.

So when my spirit sheds its ties  
Of body, freed of time - space - size,  
Absolved from hunger, need of breath,  
Heat and fatigue, and fear of death,  
Give it Thy leave all space to roam,  
Dip in the Cosmos' mighty tome  
of history: see the nebulae spinning come  
From Chaos to continuum  
Slow into cloud and stars, give birth  
Among its spawnings, to a tiny Earth:  
With Life in its initial cauldron seethe  
With gills, then lungs, then even dare  
With scaly wings to climb the air.

I'd visit the Pacific deeps to know  
The life of those who in its fearful pressures glow,  
Or swim the Maelstrom and feel  
The heady tumult of its whirling wheel;  
Or with sequoia or with yew  
I'd meditate a century or two,  
Then, in the twinkling of an eye  
Fall with a meteor from the sky:  
Withdraw, take time to come to terms  
With beetles grubs and lowly worms  
And, just by loving them, to learn  
The 'thoughts' that in their mindless ganglions turn;  
Then, like a Hellene God, myself employ  
Among the warriors by the walls of Troy,  
Call upon Socrates, his wisdom learn,  
Then leap through time to see Pepys' London burn;  
See Stonehenge reared and know its reason,  
Join the migrating swallows in their season . . . .

. . . On Earth alone a million million things to learn  
What marvels more 'mid all the stars that burn ?  
To know a Cosmos with such wonders fraught  
It seems Eternity were far too short.  
And, furthermore, pray tell me Lord,  
How could I merit such reward ?

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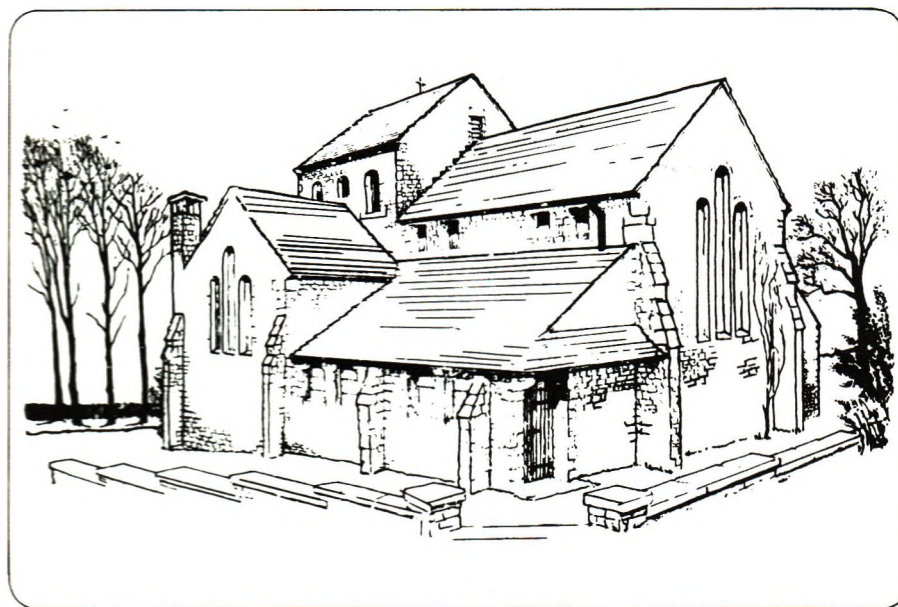
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

At this time in the year our attention is drawn to two great problems of our present generation - the needs of the hungry and poverty-stricken during Christian Aid Week (12-17 May) and the needs of the unemployed on Unemployment Sunday (1st June).

As individuals we can do more about the former. When we are presented with the facts and pictures of the effects of poor harvests and sheer poverty on the lives of our fellowmen around the world, we often think "What can I do?". During Christian Aid Week the answer is quite simple - without leaving your home you can give generously through your Christian Aid envelope, knowing that your donation will be put to good and effective use.

Christian Aid Week originated in 1957 when Janet Lacey had the idea of using the Churches as a channel to help the whole community respond to the world's needs. The first week raised £30,000. Last year Christian Aid raised £21 million which together with £12 million from the R.C. CAFOD and £11 million from TEAR fund meant £44 million in aid came via the churches. Please respond sacrificially this year to ease the plight of so many.

Like many of Christian Aid's slogans this year's is deliberately ambiguous. "Change things for good". Think about it.

The purpose behind Unemployment Sunday is to give an opportunity for the Church to pray corporately about unemployment and the pressures and hardship this is creating for so many families across the country.

All our actions should begin with prayer. Focussing our prayers on unemployment will hopefully lead to further effective action by the Churches. We may not be able to create many new jobs but there are practical responses to the issues which stem from being unemployed. Please give the Sunday and the unemployed your support.

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely,



## SERVICES IN MAY

- 4th EASTER 5 - ROGATION SUNDAY  
Theme "Going to the Father"  
8am Holy communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Romans 8: 28-39 (RSV)  
Gospel: St. John 16:12-24 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong  
Old Testament: Hosea 6:1-6 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. John 16:25-33 (NEB)
- 8th ASCENSION DAY  
8pm Holy Communion  
Ep: Acts 1:1-11 (TEV) Gosp: St. Matthew 28:16-20 (JB)
- 11th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION  
Theme "The Ascension of Christ"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-13 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Luke 24:45-53 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong  
Old Testament: Daniel 7:9-14 (RSV)  
New Testament: Ephesians 1:15-23 (TEV)
- 18th PENTECOST - Whitsunday  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 (RSV)  
Gospel: St. John 20:19-23 (RSV)  
10am Family Service-with shortened Communion (ASB) following.  
3pm Pentecost Praise (English Martyrs Church)  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Romans 8:18-27 (RSV)  
Gospel: St. John 14:15-26 (JB)
- 25th TRINITY SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 14:8-17 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. Mark 1:1-13 (RSV)
- Every Wednesday at 10am - Holy Communion (BCP)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Sir,

I have read with great interest the correspondence about 'Why do you go to Church?'.  
I must admit in earlier years my outlook was similar to Jenny W's earlier experience of going to Church. But after being Confirmed, Christ's teaching became clearer to me and more easily defined.

Now, being housebound, the Church comes to me!

In this way I have experienced both spiritual and practical help, as I am sure many others do so in similar situations to myself. Therefore whilst the Church wants us to belong and be integral parts of the Christian Community of Faith it also reaches out and gives of that faith in so many ways.

I agree the argument over styles of Services is one which cannot easily be resolved. The maxim being 'you can please some of the people some of the time, etc.' but at least if the minister tries why can't we?

Furthermore, what is wrong with being cosy and comfortable? It doesn't preclude us from being loving and caring and that is something we can all share and understand. It's as simple as that!"

Joan M.

"Dear Sir,

'On behalf of .....'

The doubts expressed, by the correspondent to the February magazine, about how worthwhile it is to maintain our Church buildings prompts the thought that the Church exists for those who do not attend as well as for those who do. In one form of the Service of Holy Communion we are asked (in the words of Paul to Timothy) 'to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for - ie on behalf of - all men.' Continuing this thought, I like to consider the Church to be a spiritual power house serving the whole community. This function of the Church, it seems to me, is complementary to its role of evangelizing and is of no less importance."

Hazel P.

"Dear Sir,

I should like to thank those who have made some interesting contributions to All Saints' News in response to my letter in the February magazine.

Have you thought how difficult it is for someone who does not go to church to pluck up courage to attend a service?

Since I came to Totley I have thought it would be interesting to visit each church as a stranger and compare the reception I received. After four years I have not started the project!

On Easter Sunday 'All Saints News' dropped through the letter box. The letters in it extended an obvious welcome. Together with the recollection that all Christians should go to Church on Easter Day they persuaded me that I should go to the Evening Service. But I was uneasy and reluctant in an irrational way. I have been in All Saints so I knew the way in. I am familiar with the forms of service so I wasn't afraid of not knowing what to do. Perhaps my reasons for going were just idle curiosity or to prove or disprove my prejudices.

On the other hand, if I was reluctant to go to Church what are the chances of somebody who has never been to church before turning up?

In the end I stayed at home and watched "Songs of Praise".

Yours very sincerely,

C.W.

Editor: - Regretably, if our correspondent had come on Easter Evening there would not have been many to welcome him. Why, when many went happily three times on Sunday a generation ago, once is now considered the norm, I'm not sure? Is it just TV or perhaps a failure to grasp the value to ourselves and to God of corporate praise?

To quote Bishop Morris Maddocks (Archbishops' Adviser for the Ministry of Health and Healing)

"Praise changes the direction of our life, reversing the downward pull, dispelling the oppression from the shadow side of us. It changes us at the centre, because our body immune system is put into top gear and all our reactions are made positive. C.S. Lewis once said 'Praise is inner health made audible'. "



PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR MAY

- 1st Thu 8pm P.C.C. meeting at Vicarage
- 3rd Sat 12.30pm 'Summer Lunch' in the Church Hall arranged by Ladies Working Party. Tickets £2.25p
- 4th Sun FAMILY WALK and PICNIC during this afternoon. Details to be posted nearer the date. (This replaces the walk planned for 17th May).
- 6th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club. Mr.Drinkwater will speak on Arthritis & Rheumatism Research.
- 7th Wed. 7pm Archdeacon's Visitation Charge at Cathedral  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 8th Thu 8pm Ascension Day Holy Communion
- 9th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 46 The Grove
- 10th Sat. 8pm SAINTS' AID. An enjoyable 'cabaret' evening in the Church Hall. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Three acts - Kate Ward 'Three Point Turn', John Marshall/Greg Brownhill & Friends. Tickets at £1.50p include buffet supper. Details from 369572.
- 13th Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Church Hall.  
1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
8pm A.G.M. of Council of Church (English Martyrs)
- 14th Wed 1.45pm Monthly Fellowship - 4 The Crescent  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- 15th Thu 7.30pm Meeting for Garden Party Stallholders and Helpers in the Church Hall.
- 18th Sun 3pm PENTECOST PRAISE - an outdoor Service of worship, witness and song in the grounds of the English Martyrs R.C. Church, Baslow Road.
- 20th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 9 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club. Mr.Hardwick will speak on the work of the Probation Service.
- 21st Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 23rd Fri. 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
- 24th Sat 3.30pm Holy Matrimony (Michael Fillingham and Janet Woodhead)
- 25th Sun 11.30am Holy Baptism
- 27th Tue 2pm Ladies Working Party in Hall
- 7th JUNE GARDEN PARTY

# SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

MAY, 1986

## WILLKOMMEN !

### The Bishop of Doncaster writes.....

**We welcome this month a group of German Lutheran Pastors from the Landeskirche of Westphalia in West Germany. They come from the Kirchenchreis of Hattingen-Witten. Their visit coincides with the visit of another group of churchpeople from Bochum, who are here as guests of the Sheffield Council of Churches.**

Hattingen-Witten and Bochum are adjoining Church districts; and we see this visit as the beginning of a Diocesan link with the christian community in that part of West Germany.

English christians generally speaking are not greatly aware of the ministry and witness of other European Churches. In our heart of hearts we still believe that Europe stops at the channel: and our interest stops there too. Europe does not stop at the Channel and never has. We are European as well as British, with a similar cultural and religious heritage; with similar opportunities to take and similar problems to face.

As far as the Church of England is concerned, we have in our tradition much in common with our Continental fellow christians. Without minimising the outstanding doctrinal differences between ourselves and the Roman Catholic Church, one thing the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission's Report does is to give us a greater sense of shared identity. We also ought to appreciate very much more than we do our family connection with the Reformed and Lutheran Churches. The Reformation is in our blood as it is in theirs.

What is true of our relationship with Churches in Western Europe is also true of our potential relationship with Churches in parts of Eastern Europe. What we have in common culturally and theologically with christians in Eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary outweighs in significant respects the differences created by the social division between a communist and a non-communist society.

It may be more difficult to relate to the ethos of the Orthodox Church and the situation of christians in Rumania or Russia. We have an experience of christianity in the West in the context of considerable personal religious liberty. Orthodox Communities do not know and throughout their history have never known such liberty. It is a mistake to imagine that the style of christian living which we regard as authentic for us is necessarily appropriate for them. That leads me to say that, apart from questions of ethos, we have a great deal to learn from the Orthodox Church. Talk for instance to an Orthodox christian about the significance of Jesus as the Light of the World, or the character of worship as part of the Church's witness, and if you don't pick up some new insights, I should be very surprised.

I have strayed far from my first reference to our German visitors. Those of you who have an opportunity of meeting them in your Churches, give them the warmest of Yorkshire welcomes.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster.



## Families are worth it!

That is the theme of family Fortnight 18th - 30th May, which is being celebrated nationwide. Voluntary Societies in Sheffield (they include the Mothers' Union, Parent Life Line, Age Concern, Family Concern, the Council for Voluntary Service and others) who have a family interest are combining together in a variety of events during the first week.

To begin the week, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and her consort will be present at a Family Whit Sing on the Cathedral Forecourt (in Cathedral if wet) at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 18th May. There's a Food Fayre with an international flavour on Tuesday 20th May 10.30 - 1.15 p.m., with stalls, coffee, light lunches and recipes in the Cathedral Hall. On Thursday 22nd May, members from voluntary societies will meet and share insights gained through their work - their successes, failures and hopes for the future, and on Saturday 24th May a Family Fun Afternoon with Madhatter's Tea Party in the Lower Victoria Hall, from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Further details are available from: Mrs. M. Curtis. Tel.: Sheffield 662373.

## Gregorian Chant

Dr. Mary Berry, the International Authority, will lead a study day workshop on Gregorian Chant on Saturday, 17th May in Sheffield Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. The day, organised by the Sheffield and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association, will culminate in the singing of the First Vespers at Pentecost. More details are available from Mr. A. J. J. Cowell, 111 Lydgate Lane, Sheffield S10 5FN. Tel.: Sheffield 666294.

## Organ Recitals

St. George's Church, Doncaster has a world famous organ, and during May, two organ recitals are taking place there. For each recital programmes cost £1.50 (75p for Senior Citizens). The dates are: Saturday 17th May at 7.30 p.m., with Graham Steed of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; and on Tuesday 20th May with Andrzej Chorosinski, from the State School of Music, Warsaw, also at 7.30 p.m.

## All systems go

Plans are well advanced for a small invasion of London from Sheffield Diocese. Focal point of the invasion is St. Paul's Cathedral, for the event in question is the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the capital city on September 27th.

Mrs. Joan Rorison reports that every one of the 500 available seats on the special train has been snapped up. A service of Holy Communion at St. Paul's will feature special prayers for the life of the nation. The Dean of St. Paul's, The Very Revd. Alan Webster is particularly looking forward to the visit and to renewing old friendships, because he spent the early years of his ministry in Sheffield. After the service and an opportunity to look around St. Paul's, the pilgrims will take to the water for a cruise down the Thames. Bishop David is leading the pilgrimage which will conclude with a short service at St. Alban's, Holborn.

### Come and hear about THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TODAY in SOUTH AFRICA

from The Revd. Winston Ndungane  
Principal of St. Bede's College,  
Umtata, South Africa  
and The Revd. Roger Symon  
Mission Programmes Secretary for  
the United Society for the Propagation  
of the Gospel

at St. Marks Church, Broomhill, Sheffield  
on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30 p.m.

An event organised by USP

## Don't forget...

The Friends of Whirlow Grange are holding a FAMILY FUN DAY, with games, stalls, Maypole dancing, and teas, at Whirlow Grange, on the Spring Bank Holiday afternoon of 26th May at 2.30 p.m. Proceeds go towards the Whirlow Development Appeal.

## Bishops come and go.....

Mrs. Margaret Salvin, secretary to Bishop David, retired on 30th April after some 30 years service at Bishopschoft. Mrs. Salvin came during Bishop Hunter's time and has been secretary to successive Bishops since then.

To mark her loyal and faithful service, a presentation was made to Mrs. Salvin from her many friends in the Diocese, at a recent Rural Dean's gathering.

We wish her a happy retirement.

# Synod Digest

## Reporting Sheffield Diocesan Synod



The Revd. Roy Arnold,  
Diocesan Communications Officer.

**FAITH IN ACTION** (reaching out towards the unemployed in the Dearne Valley); **FAITH OVERSEAS** (linking up with Christians in the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya) and **"FAITH IN THE CITY"** (the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Priority Areas) were the major topics on the agenda at the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod at South Cantley, Doncaster on March 8th, 1986.

**FINANCIAL PUMP-PRIMING** of provision for the unemployed in the Dearne Valley was wholeheartedly supported by Synod members. Mr. D. L. Fletcher, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, on behalf of the Bishop's Council, said that the aim was to help initiate and support community based projects ("creative activities not just odd-jobs") in ventures such as a music workshop, a print facility and contact points for the unemployed. The Methodist Church and other Church agencies were also taking part in this provision, he said. There was no debate but Chairman, Canon Robert Warren, noted the Synod's "enthusiastic silence" for the provision of £5,500 extra this year (as authorised by the Bishop's Council) together with £8,500 in 1987 and 1988 and £5,500 in 1989 and 1990.

**"HAM JAMBO"** was the Kenyan greeting extracted by the Revd. Stuart Matthews (Adwick-le-Street) from Synod members by way of introduction to his entertaining and informative account of his visit to the Diocese of Maseno North, our link Diocese in Africa. Encouraging noises about the forthcoming visit of young people from Sheffield Diocese to Maseno North and about the financing of an Accountant to go out to Maseno North were made by Synod members and, due in part to Stuart Matthew's enthusiasm, it felt as if this Link Project was beginning to really tick. The Bishop of Sheffield, admitting to never having been up in an aeroplane and promising "I will go cheerfully when the time comes" said he would give serious consideration to visiting Maseno North himself. The Revd. David James said that if "the average parish" could contribute £100 each, the financial backing (totalling £18,000) for the accountancy aid, would be complete.

**FAITH IN THE CITY.** A quick guided tour of the "Faith in the City" report was led by Mrs. Ruth McCurry (up from the East End of London where she is a teacher and a clergy wife) and the Revd. Alan Billings (over from Walkley, Sheffield where he is also Deputy Leader of Sheffield City, Council). Both were members of the Archbishop's Commission. The Bishop, in introducing them, said that obviously the Synod was not in a position at this early stage, of making a vast range of decisions but it was good, he felt, to begin the process of familiarisation with the Report and to begin "an inner resolution to do something about it". Synod members later agreed and went on to officially welcome the Report: to recognise the responsibility for the disadvantaged which society carries and in which the Church shares. The Report was commended to Deaneries and parishes for discussion and appropriate action and the Bishop was asked to set up a Working Party to reflect on the debate, to receive contributions from the Diocese and to identify issues arising from the Report relevant to our Diocese and to make proposals for a strategic response. Voting was overwhelmingly in favour of these motions after a good debate in which, however, the majority of speakers were members of the House of Clergy.

## Readers

Sheffield Diocesan Readers' Association, after their recent Annual Meeting announce changes to the information given in the Diocesan Directory as follows:

Hon. Secretary is Mr. A. D. Balme, 1 Wrens Way, Birdwell, Barnsley, S70 5SQ Tel.: Barnsley 81185.

Duty Secretary for all Sheffield Deaneries and Wath, Mr. A. Hawkins, 30 Flintway, Wath-upon-Deane, Rotherham S63 7TR Tel.: Rotherham 873720.

## The P.C.C. and the Archbishop

In their preparations for Christian Aid Week, the Parochial Church Council of St. Francis, West Bessacar, Doncaster, has been wrestling with the problem of increasing food mountains in Europe and America. They have found, like everyone else has, that in one part of the world there are millions of tons of food in storage (probably never to be used) whilst in other parts of the world, people are starving. They have also found that people in politics and governments with some exceptions, are unwilling to make a stand. And so they have called on the Archbishop of Canterbury "to consider the possibility of his meeting with the leaders of the churches of other denominations in this country and in countries in Europe and America to put a united case to their governments for the release of food mountains to feed the hungry of the world."

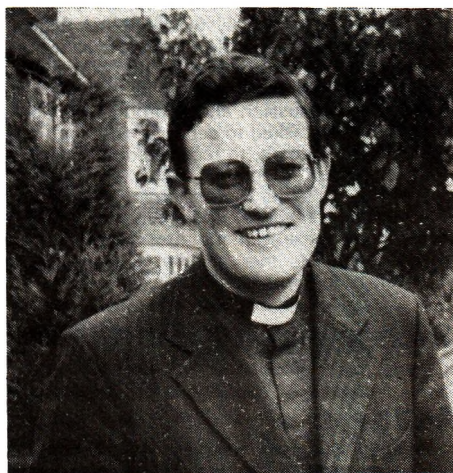
Mrs. P. Gray, Secretary to the P.C.C., who has written to the Archbishop, feels that it is time that the world-wide church made a united stand on this vital issue.





# INITIAL REACTIONS

In my innocence, I once thought that initials were those letters which pre-fixed one's surname. The Ecumenical Movement cured that. Now it's C.C.L.E.P.E., L.E.P. and latterly B.E.M. and A.R.C.I.C.



*The Revd. P. Dennis is Secretary to the Diocesan Committee for Mission and Unity.*

It would be wrong to reduce Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry (BEM) and the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) to a joke because they are both serious and important documents which demand our attention.

One reason why they are important is that they are international. They are also key documents in the search for Christian Unity. BEM is a product of the World Council of Churches and has a long history dating back to 1927. It embraces many Christian Churches including the Roman Catholic Church. ARCIC is more recent and has produced Texts and Elucidations on the Eucharist, Ministry and Ordination and Authority.

Both dialogues look for ways of reconciling differing positions, avoiding the terms in which the difference was formulated. Differences have not been glossed over. They are re-statements of our common heritage and by avoiding controversial language have attempted to re-examine and re-appropriate our common heritage offered in Scripture and Tradition.

In BEM, Ministry shows the least agreement. It is felt that Baptism and Eucharist both witness to the faith of the Church through the Ages. Having said that, there is work to be done e.g. exploring the implications of the mutual recognition of baptism for the reconciliation of churches, their members and Ministries.

For ARCIC, the earlier reports on Eucharistic Doctrine and Ministry and Ordination deal with eucharistic sacrifice and presence and the emphasis both churches place on the priestly function. Authority in the Church followed the earlier reports. The statements and elucidations wrestle with the problems which face us by going behind the controversies of the Reformation. This has produced a twentieth century debate between twentieth century churches.

We can recognise in BEM the faith of the Church throughout the Ages (with some reservations). In ARCIC, the Eucharistic Statement is felt to be "consonant in substance with the faith of Anglicans"; Ministry and Ordination provides a firm basis on which to move towards the reconciliation of the ministries of our two Communion; Authority 1 and 2 record sufficient convergence on the nature and exercise of authority for exploration to begin into structures of authority and the exercise of primacy.

BEM and ARCIC are significant steps for ecumenical relations and provide good ground for us to move further towards "the visible unity of the Church in one faith and one eucharistic fellowship, expressed in worship and common life in Christ, in order that the world might believe."

## Getting ARCIC to the grassroots.....

Videos produced by the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church on ARCIC will be shown at St. Peter's Hall, Chequer Road, Doncaster on WEDNESDAY 14th MAY AT 7.30 p.m. The Revd. Norman Pay, Vicar of St. Hugh's, New Cantley and Miss Christine Dodd, Adult Education Advisor for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam will speak and answer questions. All are welcome.

## Appointments

The Revd. A. N. Attwood, Team Vicar of Maltby Parish Team Ministry, to be Sheffield Industrial Mission Chaplain in the South Yorkshire Coalfield.

The Revd. D. J. Drye, Vicar of Worsbrough Common, to be Rector of Armthorpe.

The Revd. C. Guilloteau, Assistant Curate of Goole, to be Assistant Curate of Hatfield.

The Revd. P. Hallett, Vicar of St. James, Doncaster, to be Vicar of Henstridge and Charlton Horethorne with Stowell, Diocese of Bath and Wells (6 June).

The Revd. P. G. Harbord, Assistant Curate of Rawmarsh, to be Assistant Curate of St. George's, Doncaster, in charge of St. Edmund's.

The Revd. A. J. Mills, Assistant Curate of Mexborough, to be Assistant Curate of Howden Minster, Diocese of York (15 June)

The Revd. A. B. McMullon, Assistant Curate of Stainforth, to be Vicar of the Church of the Redeemer, Blackburn, Diocese of Blackburn.

The Revd. I. Shelton, Assistant Curate of Wath-upon-Deane, to be Team Vicar of Manthorpe and Hospital Chaplain, Grantham Team Ministry, Diocese of Lincoln.

The Revd. Canon M. Wright, Rector of Warmsworth, to be Vicar of Wath-upon-Deane (11 July)

## Resignation (correction)

The Revd. C. W. Anthony to resign the benefice of Hook with Airmyn. (11th April).

## FELLOWSHIP FEEDBACK

Following the Church A.G.M. in March, it struck me that, apart from the Annual Report, very little is ever really shared in the magazine about what happens at the various Fellowship groups of our church.

During the last few months the Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Fellowship have been tackling issues involved with living out their faith in everyday life, particularly as mothers and wives. Among some of the subjects covered were, 'Old Testament Law - how Jesus saw it and what it means for us today', 'The Holy Spirit in our lives - what he does for us in everyday terms', 'The Fruits of the Holy Spirit - what they are in a way that everybody can easily relate to', 'Putting God first in our lives', 'The meaning of Easter today', 'Learning to rest in the Lord' and most recently 'What it means to be a Christian'.

The Wednesday Evening Fellowship have been following the Lent '86 Course in recent weeks, but other issues are tackled as people feel prompted to raise them. We felt that, as a group, we needed more exposure to Christians from other Church backgrounds who might share their walk with the Lord. We spent a blessed evening with Eddie & Gill Debell of Woodseats Baptist Church. More recently Graham & Karen Ince of the Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship shared an evening and left us with plenty to 'ponder anew'.

Helping to understand issues of faith that challenge us in everyday life, praising God, singing Christian songs, hymns and psalms, and praying with and for one another are just some of the Faith-building exercises an increasingly wide range of local people are devoting their time to.

Are you spiritually fit and healthy? If you are eating wholemeal bread, jogging every morning and still not sure that God loves you, then come and join us in fellowship.

"Your will be done - Your kingdom come ..."

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Wednesday Fellowship	Mick & Tricia Woodhead	369572
Friday Fellowship	Tricia Woodhead	369572
Monthly Fellowship	Stella Jockel	369413

Our Vicar, Stewart Rayner, will be pleased to talk to anybody with particular questions about fellowship and the life of our church.

John Marshall



## COMFORTABLE WORDS FOR CHRIST'S LOVERS

"A revelation of love which Jesus Christ, our endliss bliss, made in sixteen showings" to Mother Julian of Norwich.

Mother Julian was a recluse, an anchoress, who lived in Norwich from about 1342 for at least 70 years, she was certainly still living in 1413. She wrote two texts, the first known as the 'short text', was an essay about the revelations (i.e. visions) "by the goodness of God to a devout women." The second or 'long text', is a reworking of the same material described as a "revelation... made to a simple, unlettered (sic) creature living in this mortal flesh, in the year of our Lord one thousand, three hundred and seventy-three, on the thirteenth of May; and before this creature had desired three graces by the gift of God."

Archaic? Well hardly, but certainly quaint when compared with today's modes of expression. But what were these revelations?

The sixteen showings, or visions, which Mother Julian experienced cover the passion of Jesus and the subsequent Messianic message. What did she have to say that could possibly interest us today? There is a fair bibliography covering her writings, which were not rediscovered until 1909, but here are a few random extracts which give an idea of what they were about and it is soon evident that what she wrote is as relevant today as it was in her own time, just as the Gospels or Paul's Letters are still relevant.

"This vision was revealed to my understanding, for our Lord wants to have the soul truly converted to the contemplation of Him and all His works."

"...for I would rather have remained in that pain until Judgement Day than have come to heaven any other way than by Him."

On the revelation of the crucified Christ: "I am he who is all. I am he whom the Holy Church preaches and teaches to you. I am he who showed himself before to you."

"Then I saw truly that it gives more praise to God and more delight if we pray steadfast in love, trusting his goodness, clinging to him by grace, than if we ask for everything our thoughts can name"

"He is quick to clasp us to himself, for we are his joy and delight, and he is our salvation and our life."

Lady Julian was one of many women mystics in Christ's Church - St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bridget of Sweden. St. Theresa of Lisieux, just to name a few. They showed the female side of God, the Creator of ALL mankind. Once the quaintness of the language and form of expression have been mastered she stands for all time; simply because she writes directly from her own desire to know God and because of that desire, of God's answer, which she passionately wants to share with us - even today! This is just the spirit in which Paul preached and wrote.

Thursday 8th May is the day set aside by the Church in remembrance of her service to her Lord, Jesus Christ. That service is entirely in the tradition set by Jesus when He said, "If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must renounce himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - (St. Matthew 16:24) which is one of the post-Communion sentences set for that day.

Lady Julian renounced her life, took up her cross, and followed Him. He rewarded her with SURE knowledge of His Love for her and for us all. This is the stuff of mysticism. And she, a true evangelist, had to make sure that all mankind could know the precious but simple truth that she had been given. She HAD to tell us, not of her love - though that too is revealed - but of God's love so that we also might be helped and encouraged.

Let Mother Julian have the final word; here is her comment on our Lord's response to one who longs for Him: "Here you have the matter of meekness, here you have the matter of love, here you have the matter of self-knowledge, here you have the matter of rejoicing in me."

Thanks be to God.

Barrie Briggs

## END QUOTES

Comment by old man living in rural backwater.

"There is a fear about God when you are old - because there isn't very long to make up your mind."

Comment from old lady also from rural backwater,

"We'll all eventually meet on the same train, won't we? We're all journeying to where God is, aren't we?"

R.B.



## ALL SAINTS GUIDES

The All Saints Guide company is urgently seeking a new Guide Captain for September. If you were a Guider before you got married, perhaps now is the time to return to Guiding. Perhaps you have never been involved but feel you can now make a contribution to the Church's work with youngsters through Guides. If so - the Guides and their helpers would like to hear from you - contact the Vicar (362322).

## RECIPE TIME

### Chocolate Praline

(Ingredients for a baking tray about 8 x 12 inches)

6oz Margarine	3oz Caster sugar
6oz Plain Flour	3-4 Teaspoons coffee (according to
3oz Coconut	taste - pressed through a sieve)

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl with a knife until like breadcrumbs. Press the mixture into a greased baking tray and bake in a moderate oven for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. When cold, cover with melted chocolate and then mark into squares before completely cold.

Norma Tempan

(The Editor thanks all those who have recently contributed recipes. They will appear in future issues. Try not to put too much weight on now - as there are some tasty, wholesome recipes to come!)

## PARISH BREAKFAST

May 4	Mrs.Ibbotson & Mrs.Cooke
May 11	Mrs. Beeley
May 18	Mrs.Brownhill & Mrs. Ruthven
May 25	Mrs.Ludlam and Mrs.S.Cook
June 1	Mrs.Woodhead & Mrs.T.Woodhead

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>May</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
4	Mrs.Stansfield	-	D.Firth
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18	Mrs.Tym	Mrs.Pearce	H.Taylor
25	Mrs.Jones/ Miss Steward	Mrs.Beeley	T. Barron
1 June	Mrs.Bryer	-	A.Powell

## Silver Cleaning

May 4	Mrs.Coates & Mrs.Bramall
May 18	Mrs. Edwards

## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

April 6th Elizabeth Jane Doole

### Funerals

April 4th	Kennywell Foster (86) 31 The Grove
April 4th	Gladys May Raw (87) 70a Green Oak Road
April 4th	James William Harrison (72) 37 Mickley Lane
April 10th	Betty Jenkinson (71) 21 Aldam Court

Ken Foster was a civil servant before retirement and had lived for over 50 years in Totley.

Gladys Raw came to Totley seven years ago after over 50 years on the Manor Estate. Always a regular churchgoer she continued to receive Communion at home in these latter years. We give thanks for her faith and her friendliness. Jim Harrison resided for the past 40 years in Mickley Lane but knew Totley long before, having lived for some time in Abbeydale Hall, where his parents were caretakers. For much of his working life he was the main gardener for the Lavers.

Betty Jenkinson had returned to Totley after spending many years in the Carter Knowle area. She worked in the finance office of Wade Furnishing.

## DORE AND TOTLEY GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Sheffield Council of Churches for Community Care have decided to issue identity cards to authorised volunteers. If you have not collected yours already from 69 Division Street (759452/757310) would you please do so without delay. You will need a passport photograph.



More volunteers are quite urgently needed if all calls for help are to be properly met. If you can spare some of your time to lend a helping hand,

sit in with the housebound, etc -

please contact:	Zita for Dore	366204
	Ann for Totley Brook	350612
	Olwen & Lynne for Totley	365357/360653

Anyone needing help of any kind - contact these numbers



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### PTA BRING & BUY

The P.T.A. are holding a Bring & Buy Sale at 3.30pm in the School Hall on Wednesday 14th May. There will be a Cake Stall and a stall of Nearly-New Children's Clothes. Refreshments will be served.

### J3 and J4 TRIP TO KELHAM ISLAND

When we arrived we went straight to the science lesson room and had a lesson about steam. After that we saw the Crossley gas engine. Then we went to Millers Corner but it was closed, so we went to look at the knife sharpeners and they had the original belts there. Then we went and had a look at the Smithy with its wax figures. Next we looked at the Don Valley Steam engine and did some drawings of it. We went to see a film about Sheffield Steel industries and then went home.

Neil Aldersley

### J1 and J2 TRIP TO ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

On Friday 14th March we went to the Industrial Hamlet. We saw lots of people working there. There was a man carving, a man making tools, another man showed the children how to work a big hammer, there was a swinging chair that worked with the hammer. There was a big wheel, two people went to the back of it and got wet. We saw a machine that made a piece of metal that came out in strips. We saw some more people making pots and some making tools. There was a house with an old-fashioned toilet and old-fashioned clothes and it had rugs.

Steven Fox and John Hill

### SHEFFIELD 'YOUNG AT ART EXHIBITION'

The following children had work exhibited at the exhibition:

Neil Aldersley, Lucy Ferguson, Elizabeth Flint,  
Stephanie Herring, Anna Hill, Diana Hodgkins,  
Davinia Kennie, Colin Mackey, Matthew Winn-Smith,  
Charlotte, Emilie and Rebecca Scholey.

### OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

O God bless our school, let peace dwell here and let our rooms be full of contentment. Let love abide here. Let us learn to love one another, to learn about your world, to love life, but most of all to love you in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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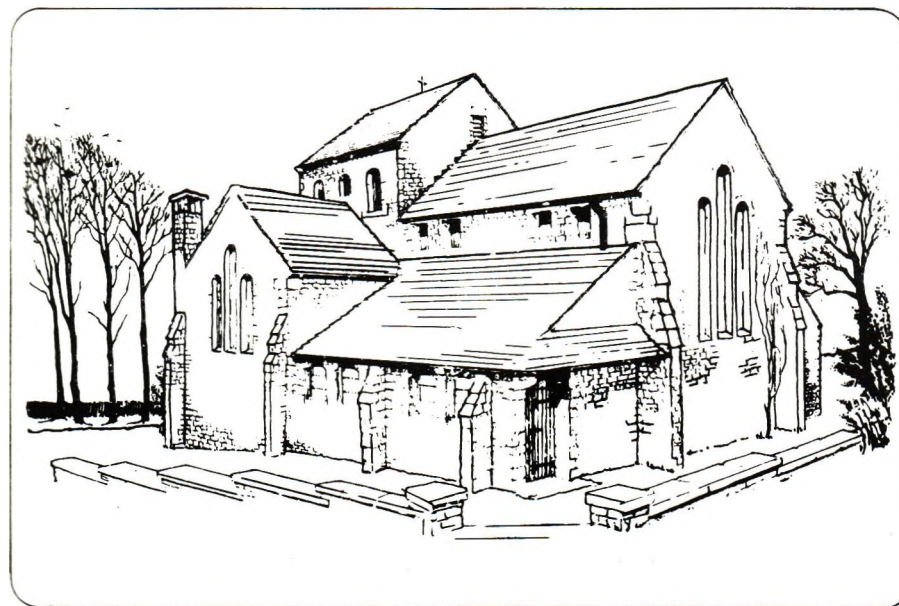
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A recent article in the 'Church Times' **highlighted the** tension that can arise at a time of Mission and **evangelism** between the 'newly converted' and the long standing **members** of the Church. This is sometimes described as stemming from the differences in outlook of the 'born-again' and 'once-born' Christians. This is a misleading distinction because we are **all** as Christians 'born of water and the Spirit' whether we have grown up into Christian experience or been converted at an evangelical rally.

The article uses the Parable of the Prodigal Son to reflect the differences. The 'elder brother' had remained faithfully and dutifully serving his father. With all his admirable qualities he was unable to cope with his brother's return - the celebration and the joy eluded him. The 'Prodigal' was no doubt profoundly grateful to his father, thrilled with his new found forgiveness and bounty and happy to 'splash it around' without embarrassment.

So today, **misunderstanding and a lack of tolerance** may alienate and damage relationships. The newly converted Christians may find little significance in the tradition and **ritual the more established members are devoted to.** They may **feel much more at home with sing songs and guitars that to their 'elder brothers' seem lacking in respect.** They **sometimes need to acquire sensitivity and understanding.** The 'elder brother's' **'resentment and coldness however 'discouraged any warm relationship'. There is a danger then of new Christians withdrawing from the fellowship of their local parish church into groups of eclectic Churches where their energies and potential are encouraged.**

Both may then be the losers. The wisdom, insight and experience of the 'elder brother' may be missed out on; the joy, enthusiasm and new found committment of the 'Prodigal' will fail to stimulate and renew the spiritual life of the traditional congregation.

The Father in the Parable pleaded with the elder son to share wholeheartedly in the celebration of his brother's return. He would have urged the 'Prodigal' too to seek out the company of his elder brother. His command to us **as always is 'Love one another'.**

Yours sincerely,

2.

*Stewart Rayner*

## PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR JUNE

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|------|------|--|
| 3rd  | Tue. | 11am-6pm NEARLY-NEW SALE in Church Hall in aid of the Children's Society (Enquiries to 364937)<br>1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close<br>7.30pm Ladies Club. "What's in a name". Talk by Elaine Powell. |
| 4th  | Wed  | 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road  |
| 7th  | Sat  | 2pm <u>GARDEN PARTY</u> in the Church Grounds.   |
| 8th  | Sun  | 11.45 am Holy Baptism (Edward Heath)   |
| 9th  | Mon  | 7pm Governor's Meeting at All Saints' School   |
| 10th | Tue. | 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close<br>7.30pm Rita Nightingale (author "Freed for Life") will be speaking at Bents Green Methodist Church   |
| 11th | Wed  | 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  |
| 12th | Thu  | 8pm P.C.C. meeting at the Vicarage   |
| 13th | Fri  | 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 20 Totley Grange Drive  |
| 14th | Sat  | 2pm-5pm St.Luke's Nursing Home SUMMER FAIR at Little Common Lane, Whirlow.<br>3pm Holy Matrimony (Darren McManus & Wendy Lomas)  |
| 16th | Mon  | 8pm Meeting in Church Hall for helpers for the October Holiday Club.   |
| 17th | Tue  | 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close<br>7.30pm Ladies Club "Dolls through the Ages". Talk by Mrs.Nauen   |
| 18th | Wed  | 1.45pm Monthly Fellowship - 3 Marstone Crescent<br>8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road   |
| 20th | Fri  | 7pm Ladies Working Party JUMBLE SALE in Hall   |
| 21st | Sat  | 2pm Transport 17 SUMMER FAIR at Totley Rise Methodist Church   |
| 24th | Tue  | 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close<br>2pm Ladies Working Party in Hall   |
| 25th | Wed  | 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  |
| 26th | Thu  | 10.30am-12.30pm COFFEE MORNING with a difference in aid of the Children's Society at 2 Main Avenue. The aim is not to sell but to collect jewellery, coins (foreign or pre-decimal) and Teddy Bears.             |
| 27th | Fri  | Friday Fellowship - 46 The Grove   |
| 27th | Fri  | 7.30pm in Hall- Kimberworth Park Male Voice Choir  |
| 28th | Sat  | Sunday School Outing to Bridlington<br>2pm CHESHIRE HOME GARDEN PARTY to be opened by Derek Nimmo.   |

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## SERVICES IN JUNE

- 1st PENTECOST 2 (Trinity 1)  
 Theme a.m. 'The Church's Unity and Fellowship'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion(ASB)  
 Epistle: Acts 2: 37-47 (NEB)  
 Gospel: St.Luke 14: 15-24 (NEB)  
 Theme pm 'The People of God'  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Exodus 19: 1-6 (RSV)  
 New Testament: I Peter 2: 1-10 (NEB)
- 8th PENTECOST 3 (Trinity 2)  
 Theme am 'The Church's Confidence in Christ'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle: Acts 4: 8-12 (NEB)  
 Gospel: St.Luke 8: 41-56 (NEB)  
 Theme pm 'The Life of the Baptized'  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6: 17-25 (NEB)  
 New Testament: Romans 6:3-11 (NEB)
- 15th PENTECOST 4 (Trinity 3)  
 Theme am 'The Church's Mission to the individual'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle: Acts 8: 26-38 (JB)  
 Gospel: St.Luke 15: 1-10 (RSV)  
10am Family Service  
 Theme pm 'The Freedom of the Sons of God'  
6.30pm Holy Communion(BCP)  
 Epistle: Galatians 3:23 to 4:7 (TEV)  
 Gospel: St.John 15:12-17 (JB)
- 22nd PENTECOST 5 (Trinity 4)  
 Theme 'The Church's Mission to all men'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle: Acts 11:4-18 (NEB)  
 Gospel: St.Luke 10:1-12 (NEB)  
 Theme pm 'The New Law'  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St.Matthew 19:16-26 (NEB)

- 29th ST.PETER's DAY (Pentecost 6/Trinity 5)  
 Theme am 'St.Peter'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: I Peter 2: 19-25 (TEV)  
 Gospel: St. Matthew 16: 13-20 (JB)  
 Theme pm 'The New Man'  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP) - no sermon  
 Old Testament: Exodus 24: 3-11 (RSV)  
 New Testament: Colossians 3: 12-17 (RSV)  
7.15pm "Midsummer Praise" (see below)

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Every Wednesday

### MIDSUMMER PRAISE

On the fifth Sunday in June - at 7.15pm on 29th - we are planning an informal Service of Praise, Prayer and Thanksgiving, with families and all age groups in mind, to be held outside on the South Lawn if fine. Our time of worship and fellowship will conclude with a Barbecue. We hope you will come - and bring those friends who are a little apprehensive about going inside the church building!

### MALE VOICE CHOIR TO SING FOR CHURCH FUNDS

On Friday 27th June at 7.30pm the Kimberworth Park Male Voice Choir will present a varied programme of music in All Saints' Church Hall in aid of Church Funds. Tickets at £1 including refreshments are available from Church, Mrs.Joan Beeley (365972) and Mrs.Elaine Powell(362516). We are grateful to the choir for their kind offer to sing for us - please give them your full support.

### COOKING CANONS WANTED - LAY OR CLERIC

As part of the Garden Party fun a Men's Cookery Competition is being organised. Men are being asked to bake a Victoria Sandwich following a standard recipe - no cheating! Their entries will be judged by an expert and then sold at the Garden Party. Entry/Recipe forms are available from Church and the Vicarage at 20p each. Come on men - don't miss this opportunity of displaying your cooking talents!

THANK YOU for supporting the local Churches CHRIS Fund Hymn-Sing which raised £810 - and the Sunday School Coffee Morning which raised £51.50p for TEAR Fund Transport.



## TRANSPORT 17

The minibus will run a free shuttle service for anyone who finds it difficult to get to or from All Saints' Garden Party on 7th June. If you live anywhere in Sheffield 17 and would like to be collected from home from 1.30pm onwards - please contact Betty Housley (367184), Robin or Rosalie Carter (365969).

We understand that, although the Minibus is fully used on weekdays, there are some weekend days free over the summer months. If anyone can spare the time to take a group of relatively housebound people even on as local an outing as to Whirlow Brook Park, it would be much appreciated. Enquiries about booking the bus should be made to Ron Hogg (394151).

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship has now moved house to the home of Albert and Tess Webb, 12 Aldam Close (351256). It also has two very welcome gentlemen members. Other men in the parish with Tuesday afternoon free - please note. The group will continue to be blessed by the Lord while ever the enthusiasm of every member goes on increasing. Jesus be praised! V.T.

Friday Fellowship The contact for the Friday group is now Ann Ruthven - 368643.

## BRING A TEDDY BEAR -

- or foreign and old English coins, or old jewellery, to be collected for the Children's Society at 2 Main Avenue - preferably bringing them to the coffee morning on 26th June.

## CHOIR NOTES

Our thanks go to Simon Hubbard on his retirement from All Saints' Choir after four years of service on the treble rows.

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB PROJECT

The Dore & Totley Christian Council are making plans for a Children's Holiday Club to be held for four mornings in the October Half-term for 5-12 year olds from the community.

The Club will probably be at All Saints' School. Volunteers are required for various responsibilities - leading small groups, supervising refreshments, organising activities. If you feel able to help, do come along to a meeting of helpers at All Saints Church Hall at 8pm on Monday 16th June.

# SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

JUNE 1986

## *Patriotic, English, Christian*

**"Patriotism is not enough" said Nurse Cavell. She was right. There are loyalties to God and to the human race that must go beyond our affection for and commitment to our own country.**

But none-the-less, I'm certain that, though nationalism is a vice, patriotism is a virtue. I go along with Sir Walter Scott's question

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land!"

and his harsh judgement on

"The wretch, concentrated all in self..  
who has no love for his country.

But when you love your country it is like loving your own family. It does not mean that you believe everything in it is perfect and that everything it has done (or is doing) is right. Far otherwise! "My country right or wrong" does not mean that we have moral blindness but that even when apparently wrong things are being done in the name of my country it is still my country and receiving my love and loyalty. And sadly it needs saying that love of our own country does not mean hatred of other countries. Running down others doesn't help us.

To future historians and onlookers from the past alike it will seem most extraordinary that in this country in the 20th century, uniquely in history, we had an "intelligentsia" and leaders of public opinion who seemed reluctant to love their own country.

For me, Patriotism begins at home. Love of the place and people where I live and work stretches out first to Northumbria and the North and so to the whole of England. I give in to the temptation to quote another lesser poet -

"The English, the English are best  
I don't give a fig for all of the rest"

even though of course I don't really agree with his second statement! But the history of which I am a part is the history of England. If Scots and Welsh are expected to have a passionate loyalty to their own country I can't see why we English should not have one as well! History is the key word here. Races should never be so for the thing that makes the English, English, is not a common blood - for we are mongrels through and through - but a shared history. I greatly regret the small part that seems to be played in our schools by the teaching of the history of England (and indeed of the United Kingdom).

Nearly always it has been possible to be a loyal Englishman and not a Christian! Despite shameful times of persecution the Jewish Communities' immense loyalty and 'Englishness' is evidence of that. Today we must welcome as part of the life of our nation thriving Hindu and Muslim communities. And freedom of religion (which includes the right to have no religion) has become a key feature of our way of life. Nonetheless the English Kingdom and the Christian Church are inseparable in history. I resist the current attempts to push the Christian faith to the sidelines of the national life. An acceptance of the real place in the life of the nation of other religions (and no religion at all) should not result in the abandonment of this most significant of all the strands that make up our national life.



ST. GEORGE



Patriotic, English, Christian, that's me - and I'm proud of it. 'But why is he saying this now' you might be asking. Perhaps first because I'm writing this on St. George's Day (23 April) though you will be reading it in June. But more importantly because our commemoration of 900 years of the Domesday Book, that astonishing Tax Collector's manual is a way of asserting our share in the long history of this Christian Kingdom of England. I hope you can come and share with me in the festivities at 6.30 p.m. (and in the afternoon) at:

Ecclesfield on 13th July  
Aston on 20th July  
Hatfield on 27th July  
Conisbrough on 3rd August  
God bless you all.

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield

Please note the revised date at Conisbrough.

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## Getting the Sums right

From the comfort of their home in Crosspool, Sheffield, last month a Sheffield couple set out for an uncertain but exciting two-year venture to Africa. For Ron Stevens it will be Missionary work with a difference when - accompanied by his wife Mary - they arrive in the township of Kakamega, in Maseno North, Kenya. His basic task will be in fact, to convert chaos into order in the financial affairs and book-keeping of the Anglican Diocese out there. The Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya is the Link Diocese of the Diocese of Sheffield and it is through this link that Ron and Mary are being financed for their two-year stay. Ron, a Lay Reader at St. Columba's Church, Crosspool, Sheffield is to take on the role of Financial Administrator. Already out there tackling administrative work in the Dioceses are a coloured American couple from the parish of Holy Trinity, New York. They will live next door to the Stevens. A lifetime's business experience in the Sheffield Steel Industry and an impressive array of business qualifications will accompany Ron on his business trip with a difference.

## Grandad

Malcolm and Darren Knubble who live at Intake, Sheffield are looking for their Grandad. The last they heard of him was when he was a Church Verger at St. Mary's Church, Wombwell after which he left to take up a similar position at a church in Sheffield. If you have any information about him - Joseph Knubble - Malcolm and Darren (4 Little Lane, Intake, Sheffield S12 2BG) would be glad to hear from you. The Editor of Sheffield Diocesan News would be glad to hear from you as well, so that we can let our readers know the outcome of the Knubble search.

## Renewal Day

The Community of Scargill House invite you to KINGDOM COME, a full day of teaching, music, sharing, interesting seminars, prayer, worship and time for quiet contemplation... a time to renew your faith and learn more about how God would have you live your life. It's on SATURDAY, 28th JUNE from 10.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. at Scargill House, Kettlewell, near Skipton. Write for booking form and leaflet to "Kingdom Come", Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton. BD23 5HU. Tel. (075676) 234 or 315.

## The Canon's Book

### THE LEAP FROM DOUBT TO FAITH

CANON REGINALD ROBSON

Today's Issues for  
the Man in the Pew



Canon Robson has a fellow-feeling for the man in the pew who is genuinely puzzled by those T.V. programmes, and some episcopal statements which seem to cast doubt on the Christian Faith. His book "The Leap from doubt to Faith" attempts to deal with some of these problems with a minimum of theological terminology. Some understanding of the Bible and Christian teaching is one thing, but to go on from there to a living faith in God must at some point represent a leap from doubt to faith.

Canon Robson's ministry has been devoted to the Diocese and City of Sheffield, and his book is available in S.P.C.K., the Cathedral Bookshop, priced £2.50.

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## Penny Farthings - or Pounds?

Rachel Heath is 24, a geology graduate of Aston University, and worships at St. Peter's, Askern, Doncaster. This month she is just about to start a 2,000 mile sponsored cycle ride for charity. Her journey round England and into Scotland is to raise funds for a TEAR Fund project in Indonesia, and towards new accommodation at Scargill House, a Christian holiday and conference centre in North Yorkshire, where Rachel recently worked as a member of the community.

Hospitality on Rachel's journey is being provided by families who have stayed at Scargill, and she looks forward to renewing old friendships. Already there is several hundred pounds in the kitty, but Rachel hopes that sponsorship money will mean that she raises at least £1 for every mile she rides. And what does Rev. Peter Noble, Vicar of Askern think of the idea? He's very supportive and enthusiastic, and full of admiration - you see, he can't ride a bike - he walks everywhere!

If you would like to know more about Rachel's journey or sponsor her, contact Mrs. Janet Heath at Vine Cottage, High Street, Norton, Doncaster. DN6 9EH. Tel. Doncaster 701178.

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## Ordination

Your prayers are asked for those to be ordained in the Cathedral by the Bishop of Sheffield on Sunday, 29th June at 11.00 a.m.

### To the Priesthood

Brian Benford at Stocksbridge (NSM)  
Anthony James Delves at Cantley  
John Thomas Gilliver at Beighton (NSM)  
Robert William Ivell at Wadsley  
Timothy Percy Parker at Pitsmoor with Ellesmere  
David George Rhodes at Brinsworth and Catcliffe  
Andrew George Sage at Rawmarsh with Parkgate  
Paul Raymond Smith at Frecheville and Hackenthorpe  
John Thomson at Ecclesall

### To the Diaconate

Andrew Bowsher (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Grenoside  
Jeremy Cobb (College of the Resurrection, Mirfield) to Greenhill  
Jack Harris (Westcott House) to Christ Church, Doncaster  
Trevor Riess (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Stainforth  
Trevor Thurston-Smith (Theological College, Chichester) to Rawmarsh  
Gavin Wakefield (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Anston  
Nicholas Whetton (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Hatfield

### Please pray also for

Pamela Russell to Barnburgh with Melton-on-the-Hill, who will be ordained deaconess by the Bishop in Barnburgh Church on Sunday, 3rd August at 10.45 a.m.

## Appointments

The Revd. C. P. Arnesen, Assistant Curate of Ranmoor, in charge of Crosspool, to be Vicar of Distington, Diocese of Carlisle.

Sister M. E. Hodge, C.A., parish worker at Armthorpe, to be lay assistant/evangelist in the united benefice of Millom with Thwaites, Diocese of Carlisle.

The Revd. R. Rathbone, Chaplain of Everthorpe Youth Custody Centre, Diocese of York, to be Chaplain of Lindholme Youth Custody Centre.

Capt. Geoffrey Clarke, C.A. to be Assistant Chaplain of Lindholme Youth Custody Centre.

## York Visit?

Anglican Choirs who would like to visit York during the summer months are invited to sing Evensong in the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Micklegate. There's an excellent three manual organ with a modern console, and choirs love to visit the church. If you are interested contact Ted Armitage, Holy Trinity's Organist, on York 490183.

## Diocesan Registry

The Diocesan Registrar and Bishop's Legal Adviser, Paul Ward, requires an assistant. If you are aged over 25 and of a good standard of education, and would like to know more about the post (which may be part-time or full-time) please apply to THE DIOCESAN REGISTRY, 26-30 BANK STREET, SHEFFIELD S1 1EA. Legal experience would be helpful, but training will be given to the successful applicant.





# SOUTH MEETS NORTH *by Brian Cranwell*

One of the recurrent themes I found when researching churches' responses to unemployment was the ease with which it is possible to achieve the opposite ends to those they were set up for, often causing even more rejection to the unemployed.

So it was with thankfulness that I read David Arthur's article in the latest Industrial Christian Fellowship's Journal "Crucible". It gave his reactions to his visit to South Yorkshire last October, at the invitation of the Bishop of Sheffield, the Dean of St. Paul's and the Christians' Unemployment Group (CHUG). David, a Chartered Accountant, was invited along with other Christian professional people in touch with decision-makers in the City and Parliament, to meet people on the receiving end of their decisions - as Rev. Michael Keen, the Diocesan Unemployment Officer, put it "the powerful meeting some of the powerless" - over a weekend resident at Whirlow but touring the area "to see the devastation for ourselves." His sense of shock and awareness of his naivety came straight out...

I simply had no idea of the sheer scale of the devastation in the heart of Sheffield. The Lower Don Valley is an area of some four square miles where only a few years ago factories and steel mills clanged and glowed with the activity of thousands of workers. Now hardly any of the works survive. It resembles a great city after the blitz. Vast areas have been razed to the ground. A few of the old buildings stand like huge empty cathedrals, their contents sold or scrapped, their workforce gone. The Tinsley Park steelworks, built in the 1960's as one of the most up-to-date mills in the UK is joining the others, not because of inefficiency or losses, but a victim of the inexorable process of rationalisation of the steel industry. In twenty years the number of steel workers in the Sheffield area has fallen from 93,000 to 20,000 or below.

The article continues in similar vein about meetings with unemployed people and their tales of "endless and humiliating battles with officialdom", the effects on marriages, families, self-esteem and personal health. David ends with his thanks to the Bishop and all concerned "for opening our eyes to the enormity of the problem". Other members of the group have also written letters and articles, including one published in "The Times". The encouraging notes that ring so authentically through this article are not just of compassion, but humility, and a new awareness of the need for more support for churches in places like South Yorkshire. The results in quantitative terms will never be known, but in all CHUG branches, prayers and thanksgivings for this response and for future guidance are part of the Unemployment Sunday Services on June 1st - in Sheffield's case at St. Marie's Cathedral.

*Brian Cranwell is Curate of Ecclesfield and has wide experience in industry and commerce.*

## New Charity Shop helps Children

A new charity shop opened a short time ago giving Doncaster people a new opportunity to help much needed work with children.

The Children's Society has opened the shop at 8a Nether Hall Road, Doncaster to boost funds which will help 10,000 children in need and their families each year.

Staffed by local volunteers, the shop is the latest in a national chain of shops selling a full range of good quality second hand goods.

The Children's Society is hoping to extend its work in South Yorkshire, so the shop's success will have a local impact.

For offers of help or more information, please contact Mrs. M. E. Trevena, 40 Beech Avenue, Worksop. Telephone 0909 472201.

## The National Society 1811 - 1986

- Celebrating 175 years in education. The Society was a pioneer in the field - founding the National Schools and colleges, training teachers, developing the curriculum. Today the Society works with the General Synod Board of Education in representing the interests of Church Schools, gives legal and administrative advice to governors and head teachers and provides grants for buildings.

Diocesan education teams are supported by in-service training and resources, especially at the RE Development Centres in London and York, and the Society publishes a termly magazine and other literature on many aspects of religious education.

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## WHIRLOW GRANGE - YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Whirlow Grange is not only the Conference Centre of the Diocese of Sheffield but a place where people can find a new perspective on society and a new relationship with God. It has been aptly described as a crucible and a catalyst. Within it, God's purpose can be worked out, and, through it, the Holy Spirit can change lives.

Since it was opened in 1953 Whirlow Grange has increased in popularity, with about 4000 visitors a year, and has really outgrown its present facilities. Plans to develop these are in hand and the support of parishes and individuals within the Diocese is being sought. The diocese uses the Centre regularly for parish weekends, study days, clergy training, conferences, retreats and healing ministries.

The Centre has a Management Committee responsible to the Diocese with the Bishop of Doncaster as Chairman. The day-to-day running is in the hands of the Warden, Maurice Snowden. He and his wife, Marjorie, have been at Whirlow since 1981.

Whirlow Grange - a place in which people can enrich their lives, a place where people from all walks of life can listen to God, praise Him and learn more about Him - has behind it a force of prayer. This force has its source in the prayers of those known as the Friends of Whirlow. Their prayers, as well as assistance of various kinds, have made a major contribution to the current stability and status of Whirlow.

If you feel you could give this support too and become a Friend of Whirlow Grange, please write to me - Noel Ruttle, 29 Endcliffe Glen Road Sheffield, S11 8RW.

## REX THOUGHTS

From the American No.1. Best Seller "Lake Wobegon Days" by Garrison Keillor about a small mid-Western town, is his view of the Lutheran pastor on the Gospel.

"He preached the straight Gospel. As he (the pastor) said The Gospel is meant to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable".

We all agree on the first part but there may be differing views on the second. Afflict is such a harsh word. Affliction is the state of being in calamity, trouble, misery or distress. The word afflict means to be troubled in a bodily or mental way. The comfortable need to be afflicted in order to think about and have more practical concern, and to care for those less fortunate than themselves.

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## LETTER THROUGH THE EDITOR

"Dear C.W.,

Here is yet another letter for you.

I would just like to say that I do know how difficult it is for someone who has never been to Church before, just to go along.

It took me nearly two years - and unlike you I had not been in Church since I was a child so I did not know anything about the Services or know anybody who went to Church well enough to go along with them. I did feel though, like you, reluctant in an irrational way. None of my friends who lived nearby seemed interested and I thought I was a bit odd in thinking about it all the time.

In the end the desire got so strong that I could not ignore it any longer and so I went. I have never regretted it as now I realise it was God's call to me. I also know that for me I had to go without anyone persuading me. Once I got there I did not stay on my own for long. I met many kind people and one lady in particular, with whom I made friends, took me under her wing, and after my many questions, helped me to find what I had been searching for.

I found Jesus and became a Christian. He who is even more wonderful than we can know has brought, one by one, most of my friends who I felt would never be interested into his Family.

C.W., if there are questions in your heart that are still unanswered, I do believe those answers will come. There's one more thing I hope you don't mind me asking - are you real? If so, I hope we shall meet you soon!

With kind regards,

Barbara Brownhill

(Editor: Yes, C.W., is real, we've met.)

EDITOR'S NOTE. I have another reply to C.W. to publish next month and after that I shall close the correspondence on this particular theme for the time being. However letters and articles (space permitting) are welcome on all aspects of our Christian Faith. I have received a number of verbal comments following the 'laying-on-of-hands for healing' on Good Friday - perhaps some would share their thoughts and experiences on the Ministry of Healing for future issues.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Funerals

April 23rd Wilhemina Lloyd (82) 35 Sunnyvale Road

April 30th Harry Edwards (85) 67 Aldam Road

May 2nd Jack Barker (74) 49 Mickley Lane

As we look back over Wilhemina Lloyd's long years at Totley, we give thanks for her gentle, sincere and kindly nature; for her painstaking and practical skills in dressmaking which gave delight to many, especially on Wedding Days; and for her deep faith and love of Our Lord.

Our support and sympathy go out to George and David.

Harry Edwards had lived in Aldam Road for 10 years. He had been a platelayer, but was known in retirement for his passion for fishing, which he continued to enjoy until latterly despite the onset of Parkinson's disease. We give thanks for his friendship and termination and offer our deep sympathy to Hildred.

Jack Barker had resided on Mickley Lane for over 50 years and was well-known as the butcher at Totley Co-op for the whole duration of the Butcher's shop. We give thanks for his friendly service to our community and extend our condolences to Mary and John.

### THANK YOU

"Dear Friends,

We thank all of you for your love and support to us. At a time of sadness we have been comforted. We give thanks for a beloved wife and mother and rest assured that one day we will be united in God with her again.

Many thanks to all who offered contributions to her memory. The £110 received has gone in thanks to Christian Aid to help God's work in the world.

In loving thanks,

George and David Lloyd"

### A HEALING THOUGHT

'God has made ample provision for our every need. He has supplied for every disease two specific remedies; one inherent in the properties of nature and discoverable by science, and one hidden in the being of man and discoverable by faith. But man must make the effort to find them, harness them and use them. '

from "The Healing Light" by Agnes Sandford



## RON AND MARY OFF TO AFRICA

TWO ORDINARY Churchfolk from the Diocese of Sheffield are due to set off in May for an extra-ordinary African venture. And they are going on behalf of all the other Church members from our part of South Yorkshire. Ron, who took early retirement after a lifetime in the steel industry is going to be Financial Administrator to the Diocese of Maseno North, our Sheffield Diocesan Link Diocese in Kenya. His task will be that of introducing a simple but effective accounting system in the Diocese of Maseno North plus other financial advice.

They will live in a bungalow in Kakamega, a far cry from their own home in Crosspool, Sheffield. Their stay in Maseno North is to be for two years and they will, in fact, be joining two Americans — Ray Allman and his wife — from the parish of Holy Trinity, New York. Ron and Mary worship at St. Columba's Ranmoor, where Ron is a Lay Reader, so as well as taking his many professional qualification he will too be taking his dedication and a definite calling to serve God and the Church in the thoroughly practical manner of helping our brother and sister Anglicans in Maseno North get their simple book-keeping up to date.

To keep our own books straight here in Sheffield Diocese we are being asked to raise at least £7000 for this project and ideally £100 per parish. Personal donations will, of course, be very much appreciated, and home based money-raising events such as Coffee Mornings or a simple Barbecue in your back garden. Check dates with your vicar if you would like to help Ron and Mary in their African venture in our Link Diocese of Maseno North.

### ALISON OFF TO AFRICA

Alison Rayner will be one of 24 young people aged 17-21 from eleven deaneries in our diocese going to the link diocese of Maseno North for six weeks this summer to work in a youth camp. They are going to share in a church-building project, to build links with the young people of Kenya, and to learn from the lively faith of the African Christians. At the moment they are engaged in a series of sponsored activities to raise their air fare and will be grateful for any support for this venture on behalf of the diocese. Alison wishes now she had been sponsored for the number of injections she has needed!

### DAD OFF TO DERBYSHIRE

The Vicar, together with all the clergy in the Diocese will be at Swanwick from 30th June - 3rd July for the Diocesan Conference. During that week, Bill Hossett and other retired clergy will provide a 'skeleton' services to cover for Funerals!

### RECIPE TIME - Cherry Coconut Slab

Melt  $\frac{3}{4}$  bar of cooking chocolate in flat tin and leave to set. Mix 4oz Chopped cherries, 12 tablespoons coconut and 8oz caster sugar. Add two beaten eggs. Spread over chocolate. Bake in slow oven (350° F approx). for 30 mins.

### PARISH BREAKFAST

June 1	Mrs. Brown	
June 8	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Brownhill
June 15	Miss A.M. Firth	Miss A. Firth
June 22	Mrs. Davis	Miss Davis
June 29	Mrs. A. Powell	Mrs. Smith
July 6	Mrs. Ellis	Mrs. Johnston

### FLOWER ROTA

June	Altar	Memory Table	Children's Corner
8	Mrs. Hill-Wilson	Mrs. Wiggett	J. Goodrich
15	Mrs. M.W. Johnson	Mrs. Hall	J. Claydon
22	Miss Gillott	Miss Gillott	L. Marshall
29	Mrs. Greenhoff	Mrs. Parsons	P. Best
6 July	Mrs. O. Powell	Mrs. Beeley	S. Catton

### Silver Cleaning

June 1	Mrs. E. Powell	June 15	Mrs. D. Firth
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### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

#### The Visit of the Bishop of Sheffield

On Friday 18th April the Bishop of Sheffield visited All Saints' School and we thought you would like to know something about it.

Bishop David arrived at 9.20am accompanied by two representatives from the Diocesan Education Committee. From then until 10am they talked to me with the Vicar about the school, and about its relationship with All Saints' Church. The Bishop had obviously done his homework and we were impressed by how much he knew about the school and very encouraged by all he had to say.

Then followed Morning Assembly - using the theme of the previous Sunday "I am the Good Shepherd". All the classes had been working on this theme during the week, so they all understood the implications of Jesus' statement. Each class contributed to the Assembly with plays, poems, readings and prayers. John Hill brought two of his father's lambs and talked about the work of a shepherd. Bishop David said he had seen many hamsters, gerbils and goldfish on his school visits but it was the first time he had been confronted with two lambs. He then put on his cope and mitre and showed



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS (continued)

the children his crook. What he had to say fitted in with our theme, and we were very impressed with his easy relaxed manner with the children who responded well to him.

The Assembly had been attended by several school governors, who then joined the Bishop, the staff and the other visitors for coffee. After coffee Stewart and I escorted Bishop David on a tour of the school, and he showed a great deal of interest in what the children were doing in their classes. The children and the staff thoroughly enjoyed his visit and were encouraged by his interest.

Some comments of the Bishop may be of interest to you. As you might expect he considers that the parishioners of All Saints' should feel privileged to have a Church School and should take a great interest in the Church of England's involvement in education. I know that many of you do, and certainly at school we are delighted with the support and encouragement we receive from Stewart. The Bishop agreed that Church Schools should be more ecumenical and Christians of all denominations should be encouraged to send their children. He also feels that parishes which do not have their own Church School should be reminded that they still exist and that they need the interest and support of the wider Church. I know the members of my local Church of St. Luke's, Lodge Moor, take an interest in our Church School at Totley. As Stewart stated at the Church A.G.M., the Bishop feels in the present educational climate more and more people are likely to chose to send their children to Church Schools and the Church School system must rise to the opportunity this presents.

Joan Stratford

## SPORTS DAY

The School Sports Day is planned for Thursday 26th June beginning at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Errata In last month's magazine David Ray's name was omitted from the list of children who had paintings exhibited in the 'Young at Art' Exhibition.

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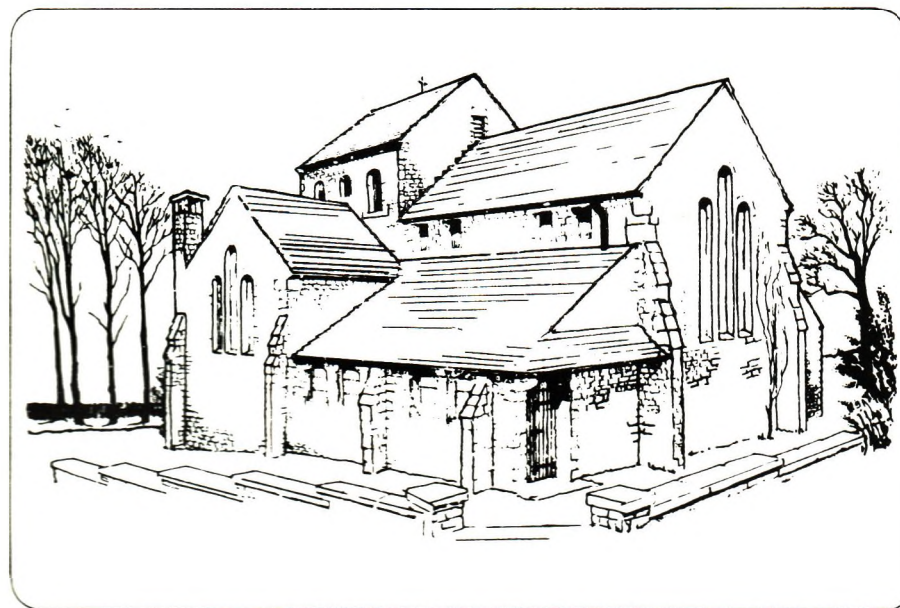
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on a day designated as a special World-wide Day of Prayer for South Africa - the tenth anniversary of the Soweto uprising. The growing conflict in South Africa represents the struggle of a people for recognition and civil rights. Recently an all-party deputation of MPs returning from a private visit called on the Churches and all Christians to pray and work for the end of apartheid, to nurture Christian contacts and to see 'as Jesus Christ would see' the individual, each and every one of whom is our brother and sister in South Africa, black, white coloured.

There are no easy answers to tension and conflict between peoples and races. Intense suffering is often involved. As Christians we are called to hold fast to the vision of the family of man under the Fatherhood of God, and to strive by every means at our disposal for healing and reconciliation.

Yet for us, and for all, political freedom is not enough. Written on the tombstone of Martin Luther King are words from his own greatest speech - "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last." Real freedom, from pain and limitation, bondage and fear may lie only beyond death. In this life it is often delayed or imperfect.

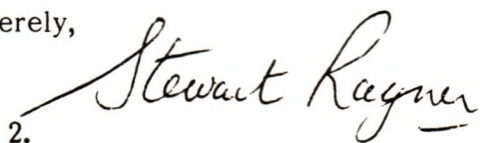
What then should we expect and strive for in the lesser conflicts and limitations of our day-to-day lives?

We must accept that conflicts and limitations are inevitable - in the Church as in the world; in our families friendships and marriages as well as between races and nations. We are not yet perfect, we are not yet fully free. We are not yet all that we can become.

Yet conflict can be a friend as well as an enemy. Every crisis (as the word itself implies) can become either a danger or an opportunity. What it is for us will depend on what we learn from it and how we use it. Conflicts and limitations can teach us much. They can show us our own weaknesses, challenge us to grow and develop.

Any of us who are facing particular tensions and conflicts at this time need to seek forgiveness for our own faults, but also place ourselves in God's hands and let Him work within our hearts, minds and lives - to heal the situation and remake us to serve His purpose.

Yours sincerely,

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## PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR JULY

- 1st - 3rd Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swanwick.  
1st Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
1st Tue Ladies Club Strawberry Evening at the Vicarage.  
2nd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road  
5th Sat 1.30pm Jumble Sale (Young Mothers & Toddlers - 364036)  
2.30pm Holy Matrimony (David Peter Hardy and Kathryn Anne Snazell)  
6th Sun 7.30pm to 9pm Midsummer Praise & Barbeque  
8th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm COFFEE EVENING & BRING'N BUY. Flans Garden Games and Cheers 80 Abbeydale Park Rise  
9th Wed Deanery Synod and Service  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  
11th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  
12th Sat 11.30am Service of Blessing following Marriage in Germany (Helena Hill-Wilson and Wolfram Staufenberg)  
13th Sun 11.45 am Holy Baptism  
14th Mon 8pm Standing Committee - The Vicarage  
15th Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Church Hall  
1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
16th Wed 1.45pm Monthly Fellowship - 17 Church Lane, Dore  
7pm All Saints' School Concert  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road  
17th Thu Ladies Club Summer Outing to Demar Glass and afterwards for a Barlow Bar Snack.  
19th Sat GRAND OPERA CONCERT 7.30pm St. John's, Abbeydale  
22nd Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
2.15pm Ladies Working Party in Hall  
23rd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  
24th Thu 10am - 12noon COFFEE MORNING for Children's Society at 220 Baslow Road. Bring & Buy.  
8pm P.C.C. Meeting at the Vicarage.  
24th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 3 Laverdene Avenue  
29th Tue 1.45pm Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
30th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road.

### Commissioning Service

Alison Rayner thanks all those who have supported her for the Diocesan Youth Camp in Kenya. There is to be a Commissioning Service at the Cathedral at 10 p.m. Friday 18th July, prior to their flight.



### GARDEN PARTY THANKS

We are grateful to all those who helped, contributed to, and supported All Saints' Garden Party on 7th June. The day remained dry and even the sun began to shine as the Sheffield Military Band played us through the afternoon. After the expenses have been met - we shall have made about £575.

### CHRISTIAN AID THANKS

Thirty All Saints' house-to-house collectors were out in our allotted part of Totley during Christian Aid Week and received £373.43p. In addition £100 came from the roads covered by the English Martyrs Church, £38.33p was collected at the 'Whit Sing' in the grounds of that church, and £40.23p came in 'seedboxes'. We are grateful to all collectors and those who gave - and in particular to David Lloyd for his efficient organisation.

Part of the money-raising effort was the 'Saints Aid' Concert with £148.06p profit - bringing Christian Aid Week's total to £710.36p.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy at the home of Eric and Dorothy Simons, 220 Baslow Road on Thursday 24th July from 10am to Noon. Please come and bring your friends.

### JOHN WADE SINGERS

The John Wade Singers are busy rehearsing for a Grand Opera Concert on Saturday 19th July at St. John's Church, Abbeydale. The concert will take the form of a number of choruses from various Operas, including Cavalleria Rusticana, Nabucco, Faust, Tannhauser, Carmen and Aida, as well as solos and duets from principals.

The concert is an interim performance before the main event for 1986 - Verdi's Aida - 16th-18th October.

Tickets for each event £2 (OAP/Children £1.50) on the door or from members - aid of local charities.

### CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to the following Choir members who have passed the RSCM intermediate test for their Blue Ribbon - Fiona Ivison, Tessa Vitty, Carolyn Job and Sarah Burke. We welcome from probationer status into full membership of the choir - Andrew Needham. Well done. O. Powell

### COFFEE EVENING

A coffee evening with Bring & Buy, Garden Games is to be held on Tuesday 8th July at the home of Mr & Mrs. Gerald Waite, 80 Abbeydale Park Rise. From 7.30pm. All welcome.

### SERVICES IN JULY

6th

PENTECOST 7 (Trinity 6)

Theme 'The More Excellent Way'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11 (JB)

Gospel: St. Mark 12:28-34 (NEB)

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-9 (NEB)

New Testament: I Corinthians 12:27 to 13:13

7.30pm Midsummer Praise - on South Lawn

13th

PENTECOST 8 (Trinity 7)

Theme 'The Fruit of the Spirit'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: I Corinthians 12:4-13 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Luke 6:27-38

11.45am Holy Baptism (Charlotte Elizabeth Barker)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:24-28

New Testament: St. John 15:16-27

20th

PENTECOST 9 (Trinity 8)

Theme 'The Whole Armour of God'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

Gospel: St. Mark 9:14-29

10am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: St. John 17:11-19

27th

PENTECOST 10 (Trinity 9)

Theme 'The Mind of Christ'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev. Bill Hossett)

Epistle: Galatians 6:1-10

Gospel: St. Luke 7:36-50

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Job 42:1-6

New Testament: St. John 13:1-15

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Every Wednesday



## THE COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club meets every Sunday in the Vicarage after the 10am Service. We provide a varied programme of Christian Fellowship for teenagers in the parish.

Although small in number, we have enthusiastically performed sketches for the Sunday School and the Dore & Totley Christian Fellowship. Each week we have a talk on Basic Christianity accompanied by lively discussion. Prayer and praise draw us closer to God and hopefully to a greater love for Him and His Creation.

David Lloyd and Mick Woodhead

## IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION (John 16:33)

Well, there is no doubt about tribulation, there is a lot of it around in our city of Sheffield.

Tribulation or stress, as we now call it, cannot be avoided. It is part of the human condition, essential for the natural development of personality and the human spirit.

Many people will tell you that they work well under stress, but trouble arises when people get stressed to breaking point. Society is always changing - change itself can be stressful, but today the accelerated rate of change is intensifying many stresses and adding new ones.

This situation affects us all, particularly young people. With the marriage break up rate now one in three, many children are caught in the crossfire of marital strife. In addition we are now faced with an ugly eruption of violent and horrific abuse of children, previously well concealed. It is not surprising therefore, that an increasing number of young people under twenty years of age are contemplating suicide and taking their own lives.

Fortunately many of them now turn to the Samaritans, and as Samaritans we can help and befriend them. Talking over problems and sharing one's worries is probably the most useful and positive therapeutic steps that anyone can take. Sometimes just putting fears and emotions into words, makes them clearer, more easy to come to terms with, and makes difficulties fall into their proper perspective.

Your neighbour may not only be in your street, your community or your church, but out there in your city - you can reach him through the SAMARITANS. Why not join us in this essential service? Volunteers are always needed. Our Branch address is 30 Rockingham Lane. Telephone 767277.

John 383

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## Diocesan News

JULY, 1986

## *It's been back to School for Bishop David!*

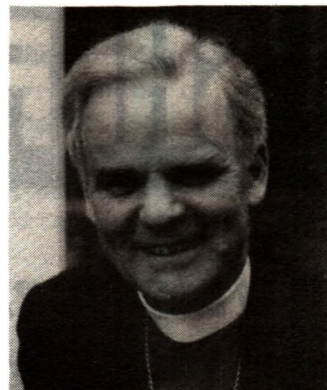


By the middle of this month Bishop David will have visited all 48 Church Schools in the Diocese. It has been a mammoth task, accomplished with great enthusiasm by Bishop David and the Revd. Dr. Noel Harrison, Diocesan Director of Education. Since the beginning of the year the Bishop has met thousands of children, staff, parents, governors and friends. It's been another reminder that in all aspects of its work, the Diocese is a family.



The Bishop of Doncaster writes:-

# CHRISTIAN BELIEVING



**The House of Bishops published their Report on the Nature of Christian Belief early in June; and it is to be the subject of a considered debate in the General Synod this month.**

The Report is a response to a debate in the Synod in February last year; and it deals with a matter which has caused some heart searching among christians: the controversy over belief about the Empty Tomb and his Resurrection. The Report makes it clear that the Bishops acknowledge and uphold both beliefs as expressing part of the faith of the Church of England. Our own Bishop has written fully on these matters in past issues of the Diocesan News, and I neither wish nor need to elaborate further. I simply say that I am glad to verify my own personal commitment to those beliefs.

The Report, although it is largely concerned with this matter, is also a response to the wider question of the nature of christian believing. It draws attention to the Declaration of Assent which all accredited and ordained ministers of the Church have to make; and to the Preface to that Declaration.

It is clear from the Preface that christian believing entails a holding fast to our inheritance of faith: uniquely revealed in Scripture, set forth in the Creeds, with its truth borne witness to in our formularies. The Preface also asserts the vocation of the Church 'to proclaim afresh to each generation' the faith it holds. Those ordained have the task of 'bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known'.

Being a faithful minister, and indeed being a faithful christian, involves a double task: to hold on to the testimony which God has given, and also to relate that testimony to the society in which we live. We have to ask probing questions as well as to look for reassuring answers. We do not distort biblical testimony, but we want the world to understand the Gospel.

Bishops are called to exercise their own leadership role in christian believing. They are to be guardians of the truth. They have also to exercise a prophetic ministry in opening doors of understanding.

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The Chernobyl nuclear disaster is some weeks behind us, although the serious effects for the thousands who lived in the immediate vicinity of the plant will be there for years to come. In our own anxiety about the consequences of the accident for the rest of Europe, it would be a tragedy if we forgot the real victims.

It is easy to react by calling for a shut-down of nuclear power plants in this country, and to refuse to contemplate the building of new ones. We have ample alternative reserves of coal. I do not believe that such a reaction is necessarily right. We must take a fresh look at other energy sources, and review our priorities. Yet whatever our own reserves are, costs and world needs may make nuclear power essential. A rushed nuclear programme at a later stage has more potential for crippling damage than the cautious and careful continued use and development of nuclear energy now. God is the God of all energy resources. What is crucial is that we use energy resources responsibly.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster

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## "Celebrating at least 900 years of Christians living, praying and praising...."

Bishop David writes about this month's 900th Anniversary of the Domesday Book celebrations in our four representative Domesday Parishes.

*"We have much more TOWN than COUNTRY in the Diocese. The 'Faith in the City' Report is important to us and will, I hope, in the coming months and years guide and strengthen the Church's work and witness in many sadly deprived communities in South Yorkshire. But once we were all country and many of our ancient parish churches remind us of that not-so-far-in-the-past time when our bit of the West Riding was made up of a great number of country villages. 115 of our villages get a mention in Domesday and that means there have been Christians living, praying, praising in these places for at least 900 years. We remember all this on July 13, 20, 27 and August 3."*

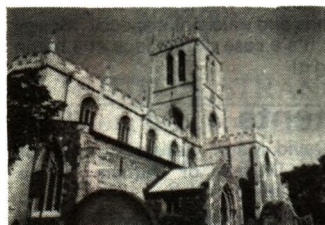


### JULY 13th. ECCLESFIELD

A pleasant ramble round the countryside to the north of Ecclesfield begins at 2.30 p.m. Bring a picnic and stay for the service at 6.30 p.m. - there's space for 1,000 people in the church! The Revd. David James. Tel. Sheffield 467569.

### JULY 20th. ASTON\*

A walk round Aston beginning at the Church School at 2.30 p.m. Bring a picnic and join the service at 6.30 p.m. The Revd. Simon Bailey is co-ordinating the event for the Deanery. Tel. Dinnington 562335.



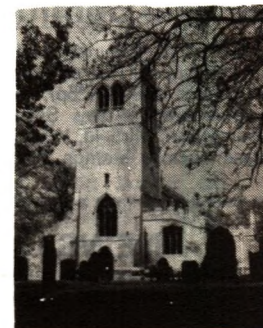
### JULY 27th. HATFIELD\*\*

Henry VIII intended to visit Hatfield - whether he did so remains uncertain. Begin the walk round this attractive old village at 2.30 p.m., enjoy your picnic and stay for the service at 6.30 p.m. The Revd. John Sweed. Tel. Doncaster 840280.



### AUGUST 3rd. CONISBROUGH

Beginning at 2.30 p.m., a walk through Conisbrough to the castle with your picnic there if fine (if not, in the Hall), with the service at 6.30 p.m. Arrive in style from Doncaster if you wish on the River Bus. The Revd. Ian Chisholm. Tel. Rotherham 864695.



\* There's an exhibition at Dinnington Church, put up with help from the local Comprehensive School, on Dinnington in the Domesday Book, from 13th-27th July.

\*\* On the Barn Field next to Hatfield Church on Saturday 26th July at 3.00 p.m. there's a Pageant and History of Hatfield, with a Barbecue in the evening.



## Calling

St. John's College, Durham is once again organising a Vocation Conference from 26th - 28th September. "Our Christian Calling" is the theme of the conference, and every opportunity will be given to participants to look at the importance of being a Christian, male or female, lay or ordained, in the world of today. More details from Miss Julie Harrison (Conference Secretary), St. John's College, 3 South Bailey, Durham City, DH1 3RJ. Tel. (0385) 69113/4.

## Youth News

A Diocesan Youth Event is being planned for October 4th. at 7.00 p.m. in Sheffield Cathedral. It's envisaged that it will be an event for Christian young people (12-21 years) to be able to bring along their friends. If any one or any group would like to contribute to the event, please contact Chris Gill (Sheffield 587600), or Zoe Richardson (Sheffield 583034) or Mike Parnell (Doncaster 864577).

## Cover Story?

St. Augustine's Church, Endcliffe, Sheffield, are giving their magazine a facelift, and they're asking for people, young or old, in their parish to design a new cover to replace the one they've been using for some years. To add to the fun, they're offering small prizes for the best ideas. The best bit about it all is that if you can't draw, all you have to do is have the idea, and they'll get someone else to draw it for you. I wonder who gets the prize then?

## Are they bats in the belfry?

All Saints, Rotherham, bellringers are well on the way to raising £6,000 for two new bells to be added to their existing ring of ten. They've been raising the money over two years, and the bells should be hung by the end of this month. The ringers have had generous help from many friends in both practical and financial ways. The bells will be hung but not able to be rung until they raise the last sums of money to purchase wheels, rollers, irons, centre blocks stays and sliders, floor bosses and rope! One of the pleasant things about a visit to Rotherham is to hear the church's bells ringing proudly over the town.

## Mirfield Commemoration

**Day** is on Saturday, July 12th, from 12 noon and applications for programmes which are free, and service sheets (25p), should be sent to: The Commemoration Day Secretary, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, WF14 0BN. Please enclose stamps for the cost of postage.

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## Healing Power

During their Flower Festival, 21st-25th August, St. Peter's Church, Conisbrough are hoping to share something of what many there are experiencing of God's Healing. The theme of the Festival will be "Our God is Healing". It will be open every day 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m., and there will be opportunities, for those requesting it, to receive ministry. More details from the Parish Office. Tel. Rotherham 867718.

## Art and Craft

St. Helen's Church at Thurnscoe are holding the Annual Art Exhibition and Working Craft Fair on Saturday, July 12th, 12-8.00 p.m., and on Sunday July 13th, 12-7.00 p.m. Artists requiring entry forms should write to Mrs. R. Williams, 7 Walbert Avenue, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0TN.

## Jewels at Ripon

By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, an exhibition of the Church of England Children's Society's replica Crown Jewels is being held in the library of Ripon Cathedral as part of the celebrations of Ripon 1100. The exhibition is open now to mid October 1986, daily Monday-Saturday from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

There is no admission charge, but donations towards the work of the society with its real jewels, children, young people and families, will be welcomed.

## Songs of Praise

St. Peter's Church, Warmsworth, Doncaster have their Flower Festival on Saturday, 19th July 10 a.m. - 6.30 p.m., Sunday, 20th July 10.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m., Monday, 21st July 10 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. There will be Craft Stalls and Refreshments, and the theme "Songs of Praise" will be reflected not only in the flowers, but also in the hymns and music of a special "Songs of Praise" service. It's a case of first look at a hymn tune, and then sing it!

## Appointments

The Reverend David Mann, assistant curate of St. Andrew, Roker, Diocese of Durham, to be Chaplain at Sheffield Cathedral.

The Reverend Brian Cranwell, assistant curate of Ecclesfield, to be Vicar of St. James, Woodhouse.

Deaconess Susan Hope serving in Boston Spa in the Diocese of York to serve in the parish of St. Margaret & St. Thomas, Brightside with Wincobank.

Captain Geoffrey Clarke, (C.A.) to be assistant Chaplain at H.M. Prison, Lindholme.

## THE SMALLER BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves: they will have no end of fun.

Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill; they will be saved a lot of bother.

Blesses are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses; they are on the way to becoming wise

Blessed are those who know when to be quiet and listen; they will learn a lot of new things.

Blessed are those who are sane enough not to take themselves seriously; they will be valued by those about them.

Happy are you if you can take small things seriously and face serious things calmly; you will go far in life.

Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown; you will walk on the sunny side of the street.

Happy are you if you can be kind in understanding the attitudes of others, even when the signs are unfavourable; you may be taken for a fool but this is the price of charity.

Blessed are those who think before acting and pray before thinking: they will avoid many blunders.

Happy are you if you know how to hold your tongue and smile, even when people interrupt and contradict you or tread on your toes; the Gospel has begun to seep into your heart.

Above all -

Blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all whom you meet: the light of truth shines in your life, for you have found true wisdom.

(supplied by John Marshall)

## TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

When her boy arrived home from Sunday School his mother asked him what he had learnt.

"Well," said the boy, "our teacher told us how God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He marched them to the Red Sea and ordered his builders to construct a big bridge across it. When he had finished they all trooped over to the other bank just as Moses saw the Egyptians coming with their tanks and big guns. Quickly he fastened some explosives to the bridge supports. When the Egyptians were on the bridge there was a big bang and the men and tanks and guns fell into the sea and sank to the bottom."

"Billy!" explained his mother, "is that really how teacher told the story?"

"Well, not exactly," Billy admitted, "but if I told you what she said you'd never believe me!"



## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

In reply to C.W's letter in the May magazine, I confess that I, too, prefer "Songs of Praise" to Evensong and feel an identification in praise with all the hundreds of people who watch it. Admittedly, though, the Vicar's series of sermons at Evensong during Lent was well worth hearing.

I also confess to a reluctance to go to worship at other churches though I have 'done the rounds' in the past. I would like to go to a Housechurch service, and to hear the new minister at Totley Methodist Church, where incidentally I think the system of pastoral care is superior to that of All Saints. But I think what prevents me from going is that I know I am loved and accepted as I am through all the ups and downs of life and don't really want to rock my own boat. This is not to say we don't have problems - what group of people ever co-existed happily all the time.

I would suggest to C.W. that he comes to look round All Saints Church when there is no one else there. I am sure that he appreciates that evolution is a slow process, but that everything is changing, however slowly, all the time. He would see that the trappings of "Murder in the Cathedral" have all gone, that there are some new style hymn books, that the times of morning services have changed and that we have a new Vicar, but the timeless beauty and peace in the silence of this house of prayer remain.

I would also suggest that if he wants to be less conspicuous at a service he comes to a Family Service although of course he would be welcome, as indeed several newcomers recently have been, at any of our services or any other activities.

We human beings are an odd lot, aren't we? Our behaviour is so often instinctive rather than rational. I often think that there must be laughter in heaven over all our posturings, but as long as we all praise our God who shows us His constant love throughout all the trials of this life, I can't see that it matters whether it is alone at home, whether by choice or necessity, or whether it is with any group of Christian people wherever they are - we are all thus part of the Communion of Saints in which we say we believe.

Rosalie Carter.

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Dear Sir,

I am afraid that this letter is one of those which makes being a Christian rather painful. And if you do feel any

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pain because of it, it is because a particularly sensitive problem has been highlighted.

It is the simplest thing in the world, as Christians, for us to profess our faith in, and to discuss in detail, the Christian faith with other Christians.

Are not many of us guilty, however, of being Christians with other Christians and hiding our faith when with the non-believers?

The reassuring feedback which we receive by "preaching to the converted" merely bolsters our existing faith. Hence, we tend to gravitate towards the already established flock.

Do we feel that, when confronted with the unruly, the mocking, the hostile or the down-and-out that we should not converse on matters of our faith, as they are not one of us?

As Christians, we should evangelise, and that's hard work - when preaching to the unconverted.

Yours

John Sellars

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## REX THOUGHTS

"A Poppy is a Devil Weed"

I said to him - he disagreed

He said the Devil had no flowers, tall and fair

Through corn and rye and meadowland

by Garth and Barrow everywhere

the Devil has not any flower

but only money in his power"

The pertinent word is money, money honestly earned is blessed, that obtained by deceit and trickery is clearly cursed. Money given to charity cheerfully is blessed, money wasted leaves a bitter taste. They say money makes the world go round, it is the direction on which it goes that really counts. The oft misquoted, 'Money is the root of all evil' should read, the love of money is the root of all evil, it can push aside all other loves that make the world a better place.

RB.



## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

May 25th Jonathan Colin Ogilvie  
June 8th William John Wade  
Nicola Joanne Marie Allum  
Edward Arthur Heath  
June 15th John Sellars & Christian Sellars

### Holy Matrimony

May 24th Michael Kenneth Fillingham  
& Janet Elizabeth Woodhead  
June 14th Darren Christopher McManus  
& Wendy Margaret Lomas

### Funerals

June 11th Rose Hannah Marsden(88) 82 Green Oak Crescent  
June 13th Wilhelmina Ruth McKeown(87) Green Oak View  
June 17th Caroline Augusta Roscoe(90) 45 Mickley Lane

Rose Marsden came to live in one of the Totley prefabs forty years ago. We give thanks for her life within our community, her friendship and her care.

Winn McKeown, born in Kent, spent her early married years in the Orkney Islands where her husband worked at Scapa Flow, before coming to Sheffield. Gifted with a kind and understanding nature she used it in thoughtful and friendly ways.

Carrie Roscoe had been Secretary of the Totley Sports and Social Club for 39 years since its earliest days in the upstairs room on Hillfoot Road. She lived a full life for the benefit of others in the locality organising programmes, outings and whist drives (at which she excelled) and being a cheering friend to many.

NOTICED by Mrs.J.Watson whilst visiting Winchester Cathedral  
this copy of an ancient account                      £        s        d

'To work done to St.Joseph,Soldering & repairs			8
Cleaning and ornamenting the Holy Ghost			6
Repairing the Virgin Mary & making a new child	4		8
Screwing nose on devil, putting a new horn on his head, and glueing a bit on his tail		5	6
This is a Christian Bill		11	4

### A CONTRIBUTED EQUATION      W=IEH

Wisdom is the mathematical product of three variables:

- I Intelligence, or the ability to learn
- E Experience, or the opportunity to learn
- H Humility, or the willingness to learn

If any of these factors be zero,then the product will also be zero.

## RECIPE TIME      Ginger Shortbread

To make 12 pieces

4oz (100g) Butter	<u>Topping</u>
2oz (50g) Caster Sugar	4 tbsp Icing Sugar (generous)
4oz (100g) SR Flour	2oz (50g) Butter
1 tsp Ground Ginger (generous)	3 tsp Golden Syrup

Cream butter and sugar until pale and fluffy.  
Sift flour and ginger, add to creamed mix and mix well.  
Press into greased 9 inch (23cm) round tin.  
Bake 350°F/180°C Gas 4 for 20 minutes.

Put all topping ingredients into a saucepan and melt on a low heat, stirring all the time. Bring to the boil and cook for 1-2 minutes (no longer).  
Then pour the mix on shortbread while both are still hot.  
Leave to cool in tin - but cut while still warm.  
Store in airtight tin.

## NEWS YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR - Men's Cake Results

The Victoria Sandwich Baking Competition for Men at the Garden Party - judged according to the highest standards - resulted in 15 cakes and the following awards:

1st Prize - Mr. Jonathan Parsons

2nd Prize - Mr. Harold Mayson

Highly Commended - Mr. John Billard and The Vicar.

The date for the 1987 Garden Party has been provisionally fixed for 13th June.

## PARISH BREAKFAST

July 6	Mrs. Ellis	Mrs. Johnston
July 13	Mr and Mrs. Filleul	
July 20	Miss H.Job	Miss G. Job
July 27	Mrs A Waite	Miss V. Waite
Aug 3	Mrs. Beeley	Mrs.Billard

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>July</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
6	Mrs.O.Powell	Mrs.Beeley	S. Catton
13	Mrs.Jockel	Mrs.Billard	S.Borrill
20	Miss Taylor	Mrs.Partington	A.Wiles
27	Mrs.Manterfield	Mrs.Beeley	A.Ruthven
Aug 3	Mrs.Jockel	Mrs.D.Smith	B.Brownhill

## Silver Cleaning

July 6	Mrs.Gray	July 20	Mrs.Brownhill
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Thornbridge Visit

From Monday 19th May until Friday 23rd May a group of 18 Junior children, accompanied by Mr. Michael Tempan and Mrs. Joan Roberts stayed at Thornbridge Hall Environmental Centre. One of the children wants to tell you about their visit.

"Thornbridge was good apart from the fact that the beds had only one pillow and they were very small. Also we had to do the cooking and wash and wipe the dishes.

On the first day we went to Lathkill Dale and walked all day. On Tuesday we visited Eyam and looked at the Riley graves. We went on an adventure walk on Wednesday. On Thursday we went up to Mam Tor in the morning and then swimming at Buxton in the afternoon. On Friday we went to Padley Gorge and on the 'weasel course' on Higger Tor before coming home. It was a good week but I liked Friday best of all because of the 'weaseling' - it was the best thing of the week."

Paul Cooper

I am sure all the children who went on the visit would like to say a big "Thank You" to Michael Tempan and Joan Roberts for taking them to Thornbridge Hall. J.S.

### School Concert

The School Concert is on Wednesday 16th July at 7pm in the School Hall. All are welcome.

### Festival of Flowers 1st - 4th July

Whilst the pupils were at Thornbridge, we were invited to Ashford-in-the-Water to watch the Well-Dressing being made. They were beautiful and so interested the children we decided to try a simple one ourselves this half term.

Feeling inspired by our first summer weather, we decided to extend our idea and hold a Festival of Flowers in the School Hall on Hillfoot Road on Tuesday to Friday 1st-4th July from 1.30pm to 4pm.

We are hoping to exhibit the following :-

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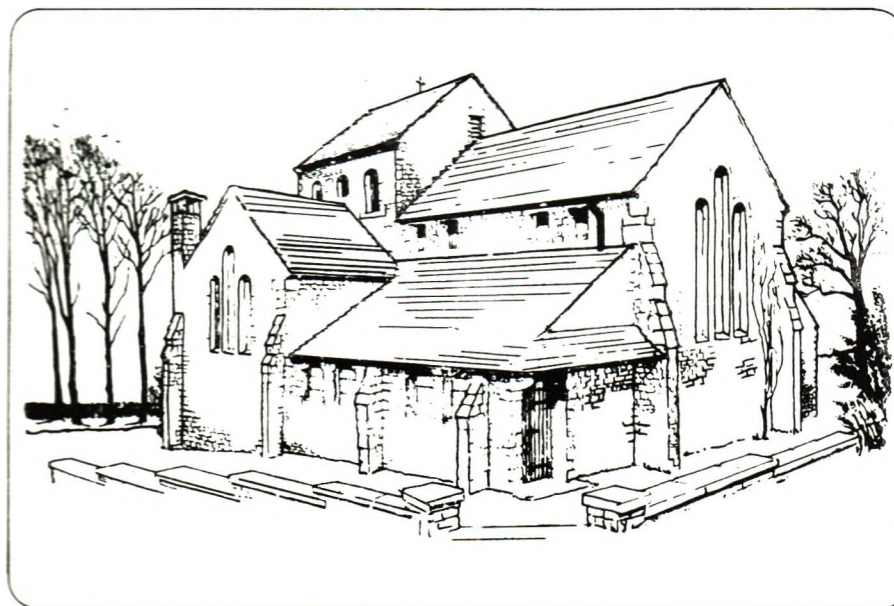
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The month of August brings with it a relaxation of routine and a holiday atmosphere. One aspect of holidays I appreciate is the opportunity to read books I would not otherwise have time or inclination to settle down to.

One given to me some time ago is "Victorian Miniature" by Prof. Owen Chadwick. It is a glimpse of thirty years of life in the Norfolk village of Ketteringham (population of 215 living in 28 cottages) from 1835, particularly reflecting the relationship between the traditional squire (Sir John Boileau) and the evangelical parson (Rev. William Andrew).

In Victorian fashion, both men had kept personal journals and so had other members of the family. Fortunately these have survived together with letters and records of the same period.

The book is a fascinating study of Church and village life of 150 years ago but shows, too, how two devout and sincere men came to mistrust each other. The records of their diaries of the same encounters or incidents show that often one was not thinking as the other thought he was. What one genuinely believed was his right or duty caused offence and misunderstanding in the other. Both had a genuine concern for the material and spiritual welfare of the villagers yet, at times, even this caused mutual resentment.

I could not help wondering how much it still reflects about relationships today. If we were to keep detailed diaries of our personal reactions and feelings, would some future historian discover that we had misconstrued the motives of others, been jealous without grounds and unjust without cause. It is so easy to gain - and then retain - a completely false impression of other people.

False impression also arose over preaching. What the vicar considered a good sermon was not similarly viewed by the squire who does seem to have been attentive to most of what was said even though it could last up to two hours.

Though sometimes their perceptions and assumptions were poles apart, their motives and concerns were both equally sincere. More open communication and an honest attempt to understand each other might have resolved some of the misconceptions. They might even have ended up liking and respecting each other. As it was, the diaries were possibly some kind of substitute for real contact and meeting.

Perhaps today we can learn from them of the need to work at better communication, really listening to others and being prepared to try and understand them.

Yours sincerely,

*Stewart Rogers*

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

- 3rd PENTECOST 11 (Trinity 10)  
Theme 'The Serving Community'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Philippians 1:1-11 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 20: 1-16 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 42: 1-7 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. John 13:31-35 (JB)
- 10th PENTECOST 12 (Trinity 11)  
Theme 'The Witnessing Community'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 17: 22-34 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 13-16 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 49: 1-6 (NEB)  
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2 (NEB)
- 17th PENTECOST 13 (Trinity 12)  
Theme 'The Suffering Community'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 20: 17-35 (TEV)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 10:16-22 (JB)  
10am Family Service & Communion (ASB shortened)  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 7:54 to 8:1 (RSV)  
Gospel: St. John 16: 1-11 (TEV)
- 24th PENTECOST 14 - ST. BARTHOLOMEW (Trinity 13)  
Theme 'St. Bartholomew'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 5: 12-16 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Luke 22: 24-30 (RSV)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Theme 'The Family'  
Old Testament: Genesis 45: 1-15 (NEB)  
New Testament: Ephesians 3: 14-21 (RSV)



31st PENTECOST 15 (Trinity 14)  
 Theme 'Those in Authority'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: I Timothy 2: 1-7 (NEB)  
 Gospel: St. Matthew 14: 1-12 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 45: 1-7 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St. Matthew 22: 15-22 (JB)

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am every Wednesday

#### SOME SEPTEMBER SERVICES

On Sunday 7th September at 10am one of the Sheffield Industrial Mission Team will preach and bring a display of the Mission's work.

This year we plan to prolong our Harvest Celebrations in order to see how they fit into our present monthly pattern of worship. On Sunday 21st September the Family Service will take the Harvest theme - with Harvest Festival Communion and Evensong on the following Sunday 28th September.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The Ladies Club are holding a Silent Auction in the Hall on Tuesday 23rd September in order to raise money for the upkeep of the Church Hall. A light supper will be included in the entrance price. They would be grateful for goods to be auctioned. These need not be new as long as they are in perfect condition. If you have anything to donate please contact Elsie Mayson (362321) or Doreen Bryer (361964) soon. Anything welcome - collection can be arranged.

Old books into New is the aim of the Book Fair in aid of Christian Literature Overseas at the U.R.C. Church in Norfolk Street, Sheffield on Saturdays 6th/13th/20th Sept. Donate your old books and buy some more for yourself. All books are welcome - local collecting points at St. John's, Abbeydale (1st to 4th Sept) and English Martyrs (7-8pm 3rd) Books can be left at All Saints during August - if you cannot get to a collecting point.

Enrolment for the Abbeydale Adult Education Centre is on 17th September. A copy of the Autumn programme is on the Church Notice board.

#### PARISH REGISTER

##### Holy Baptism

June 27th Helen Louise Seffers Cross  
 July 13th Charlotte Elizabeth Barker  
 Richard Alexander Pearson

##### Holy Matrimony

July 5th David Peter Hardy & Kathryn Anne Snazell  
 July 12th Wolframe Staufenberg & Helena Mary Hill-Wilson  
 (Service of Blessing following marriage in Germany)

##### Funerals

June 27th Eileen Joan Bailey (66) 65 Main Avenue  
 July 1st Florence Sarah Clark (81) 16 Laverdene Drive  
 July 2nd John Dore (77) 39 Green Oak Road  
 July 21st Albert George Keyworth (67) 42 Marstone Crescent

Eileen Bailey had lived on Main Avenue for the last 17 years and her friendly nature had gained her wide respect.

Florence Clark, a regular communicant of All Saints, had previous long associations with Wingerworth Parish Church, and also St. Aidan's, Manor, when she had a Post Office on City Road. Her deep faith had been to her a great source of strength in times of sadness and difficulty.

John Dore was a gents outfitter at the B & C Co-op in town. The first 40 years of his married life were at Meersbrook before coming to spend another eight happy years at Totley.

George Keyworth who lived on Marstone Crescent for 35 years was company secretary and director of the Aurora Group of Companies. He was at various times treasurer, captain and president of Lees Hall Golf Club.

##### FLOWER ROTA

<u>August</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
10	Mrs. Waite	Mrs. Collinson	S. Catton
17	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Hardy	A. Waite
24	Mrs. Noton	Miss Bird	V. Waite
31	Mrs. Heap	-	H, G & C. Job
7 Sept.	Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Powell	Mrs. Gray	D. Gregory

##### Silver Cleaning

Aug 3 Mrs. Billard Aug 17 Mrs. A. Waite

##### PARISH BREAKFAST

Aug 10 Mrs. Snazell Miss Bird Aug 17 Mrs. Marshall Mrs. Kirton  
 Aug 24 Mrs. Wiggitt Mrs. Greenhoff Aug 31 Mrs. Ibbotson Mrs. Cooke  
 Sept. 7 Mrs. Ludlam Mrs. S. Cook



AUGUST, 1986

## The World around us !

*How should we respond to that fearful barrage of evil tidings that comes to us from almost every part of the world we live in?*



1. With **HOPE**. Despair is a temptation; to give in to despair is sin. But Hope does not mean foolish and empty optimism or an irritating cheerfulness that seems indifferent to the suffering of our fellow human beings. Hope is a rational response that springs from our grasp of two great truths. The first is the nature and character of Almighty God. He is our heavenly Father, and we believe has a loving purpose in creation. Ultimately that purpose will be fulfilled. The second is our own experience of humanity. We are surrounded by much goodness. I greatly enjoyed recently sharing in the Sheffield Marathon (not as a runner!!) and in the presence of that huge multitude innocently involved in that great endeavour my confidence in humanity was much restored.

2. With **CONCERN**. Ostriches have no future! We are not entirely helpless pawns. We can light our candles in the dark. Here I can commend to you the World Development Movement. Our General Synod has committed us to a practical concern for the needs, at every level, of the rest of the world (see the report 'Let Justice Flow'). For the last six years Revd. Arthur Watling has kept the World Development Movement flag flying in this Diocese. That torch he is now passing on to Roy Barry. My hope is that Roy will be able to help a great and steadily increasing number of people to show their concern for the world by sharing in the work of the World Development Movement. If you want to know more ring him up - Sheffield 665738.

3. With **PRAYER**. The foundation of our prayer is Hope and Concern. Because we trust God we turn to Him in prayer. The touchstone of the sincerity of our prayer is that we are, at the same time, doing what we can to help. On Monday, 27th October, (within the Week of Prayer for Peace and One World Week) the Pope is asking the leaders of the world's religions - not just Christians - to come and pray with him at Assisi. I hope that this day can be used by every one of us as a Day of Prayer for Peace. It is not too soon to be marking that day in your Diary (and that of your Parish) as one to be kept in some uniquely significant way as one of Prayer and Fasting for Peace.

God bless you all —

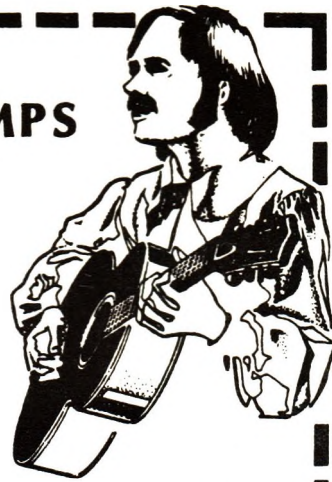
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AT

# Greenbelt



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Despite a sprinkling of classical music and a substantial portion of country and western, it is a safe bet that for the majority of the thousands attending, **Rock is what it's all about!**

The organizers invite top Christian groups and others less well known to "pick up their guitars, plug in their amps and blow their own trumpets". That means for at least three hours in the Big Top in the afternoon, five hours on the main stage in the evening followed by a "late night special"!

So if you recognise the musical talents of David Grant, Deniece Williams, Stryper and Garth Hewitt or want to hear more of 'The Fat Band', 'The Mercy Seat' and 'The Famous Potatoes' (Smiths?) and are still not too deafened to hear the biblical insights of Os Guinness and Carol Anderson at the seminars (not to mention the crusading zeal of Bruce Kent) — then Greenbelt is for you!

The organizers assure everyone that it's a Christian family event to the glory of God, conspicuously short on the ugly overtones that mar some other pop festivals.

Advance postal bookings close July 15 but there will be room for thousands more who just turn up on site for the day or for the whole 4 days August 22 to 25. Bring your own tent! *Greenbelt Festivals, 11 Uxbridge Street, London W8 7TA.*



## Apologies to the Bishop, and to readers

In the Bishop of Doncaster's letter last month about the Report from the Bishops on the Nature of Christian Belief, a few words were omitted in the second paragraph, about the recent controversy. It should have read: "the controversy about the **Virginal conception of Jesus** and about the Empty Tomb and His Resurrection." Sorry if the omission made it impossible to understand! *Editor.*

## COALFIELD CHAPLAIN

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Links between the Church, Coalfield Communities, and the Coal Industry have existed since the deep mines were first sunk, and local congregations and their ministers have been and still are the focus for these links. For over 25 years these links have been added to by Industrial Mission. The Revd. Tony Attwood begins work this month as Industrial Chaplain in the South Yorkshire Coalfield. His main responsibility will be meeting people to continue and develop contacts throughout the pits of the

## Opportunities for Lay People

At Whirlow Grange Diocesan Conference Centre, an exploration into the Christian Faith entitled "What do we believe?" October 31st - November 2nd. The weekend is for people who would like the opportunity to have time to talk through the basics of Christian belief, perhaps for the first time since their Confirmation classes. It will be led by the Very Rev. Alfred Jowett, late Dean of Manchester. Apply to: Miss M. E. Selby, 25, Bannham Road, Darnall, Sheffield S9 4PG. Tel. 0742 433442.

South Yorkshire Area, the offices of British Coal and the Coal Mining Unions in Doncaster, Barnsley, and Sheffield, and in local churches. He comes to the work with a great deal of experience of the Coal Industry in both Elsecar and Maltby. A Service of Renewal will mark this new stage in the Church's Mission, at which Tony will be licensed by the Bishop of Doncaster. It will be at PRIORY PLACE METHODIST CHURCH, DONCASTER, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th at 7.30 p.m.

## Stained Glass

Brian Sprakes of 2 Craithie Road, Town Moor, Doncaster, DN2 5ED, Tel. 21022, is compiling an official catalogue of mediaeval stained glass in the county of South Yorkshire. If you know of any such glass - however apparently small or unexciting - please get in touch with him.

## Domesday Map

A Domesday Map of the Diocese is now available listing and showing the churches and places mentioned in the Domesday Book 1086. The framed map priced £14.95 is available from the Revd. Geoff Anderson on Sheffield 463487.

# Diocesan Synod

## Synod Paper-Weight!

**"Each armed with paperwork weighing nearly 1 lb. members of Sheffield Diocesan Synod gathered at Snaith, near Goole for their Summer meeting on Saturday, June 21st. Before them was a full agenda and important decisions"...writes the Revd. Roy Arnold, our Diocesan Communications Officer.**

### 'Godsend' in 1988

Plans for a major ecumenical event in June 1988 were given the green light by Sheffield Diocesan Synod. This, it is hoped, will involve all the major Christian denominations in South Yorkshire in a day of study and reflection on Saturday, June 11th and then a major Service of Celebration on Sunday, June 12th possibly at a Sheffield Football Stadium. Hopes are that this will take the form of a Communion Service but with the different denominations represented receiving Communion from their own clergy. This sort of Eucharist takes place at the ecumenical gatherings at the French Community of Taizé. The proposed name for this event is "Godsend" and whether or not it goes ahead will depend upon the support of the other major Communions: Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Reformed Church and others.

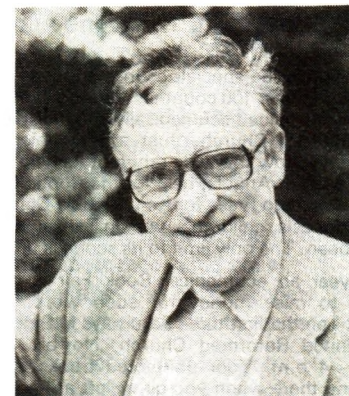
### Unity matters

Major matters involving Christian Unity on a world-wide basis were the focus of attention when the Synod discussed the Ecumenical texts on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" and various aspects of the work of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission.

Synod members voted overwhelmingly their acceptance of these various documents and this will now be duly reported to the General Synod for further action on these major issues. The Anglican/Roman Catholic discussions, here endorsed, have covered the major issues of understanding about the Eucharist, about Ministry and Ordination and about Authority in the Church. The Synod affirmed that "the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission's 'Final Report' offers a sufficient basis for taking the next concrete step towards the reconciliation of our Churches.

### Whirlow change

After a keen debate plans for building extension work at the Whirlow Grange Diocesan Conference Centre, Sheffield were given the go-ahead. Synod members agreed that the Diocese Board of Finance should financially underwrite the cost of completing Phase 1 of the Building Project and also affirmed the decision of the Synod, at a previous meeting, to give £40,000 from the "Church in Action" Fund towards the project. Synod members went on to vote (42 for and 27 against) the Diocesan Board of Finance underwriting the cost of completing Phase 2 and 3 of the Whirlow Grange Extension Project.



*Revd. Roy Arnold*

### Lay Training

The appointment of a fulltime officer to assist the Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry (Miss Margaret Selby) was agreed by Sheffield Diocesan Synod. His (or her) task will be to assist Margaret Selby in the training of lay people in new forms of Ministry. The post will be for five years and may be occupied by a lay person or an ordained person.

### Book balancing

Financial matters - forming a major part of the paperwork before Synod members - in the event took up little actual time. This stage of the Diocesan Synod meeting was, in fact, the annual general meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance. A report on the work of the Finance Committee, the annual Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Auditors' Report, the appointment of Auditors for 1986 (Messrs. John Watson, Sons and Wheatcroft) and the 1987 Forecast of Income and Expenditure. There was little debate on the issues and no questions or queries were forthcoming.

The Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Mr. Leslie Fletcher, announced that Mr. Douglas Hurley, of Scawsby, Doncaster has been appointed as the new Stewardship Adviser with effect from 1st October.

### The cost

All the major decisions taken at the Synod will ultimately have their financial implications. The "Godsend" project is expected to cost £69,000 of which it has been suggested that the Church of England (Diocese of Sheffield) should pay 35% which is £24,325 (2.2% of the 1987 quota requirement.) The total cost of the new Training Officer (assistant to Margaret Selby) is expected to be an annual total of around £16,780 but with only £5,280 of this (.5% of the 1986 quota requirement) down to the Diocese to find. Phase 1 underwriting of the Whirlow Grange project will have little impact on quota requirements but to complete the work in one stage (as agreed by Synod) might cost the Diocese as much as £48,740. A grant towards the Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (as agreed at the Synod) will cost £1,325 in 1987 (a .1% addition to 1986 quota requirements.



SPCK Worldwide specializes in the literary needs of Christians in over 100 countries. Its long experience makes it highly valued ecumenically and indispensable to the Anglican Church. Just a few objects for recent grants show the wide range of its help: Hymnbooks for Marxist Angola, help for the Coptic Church in Egypt, a printing press for Kenya, Bible Commentaries in Indonesia, children's work in Tanzania and in the Caribbean. The only limit to its scope is finance.

Every year an ecumenical Book Fair is held in Sheffield to raise money for such work. Please support it - on the first three Saturdays in September in the United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Your unwanted books may be taken along there when you go or left at one of the places on the list sent to each Sheffield church. Enquiries to: Rotherham 812665.

Rev. Stephen P. Coker, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Doncaster, to be Vicar of St. Aidan, Buttershaw, Bradford.

The Revd. Dr. Noel M. Harrison to be Rector of Tankersley and continuing as Diocesan Director of Education.

The Revd. H. Bagnall, OBE, Chaplain in the Falkland Islands to be Vicar of Hook with Airmyn.

The Revd. David Walker, Assistant Curate, Handsworth, to be Team Vicar at Maltby.

The Revd. H. G. Salisbury to resign the benefice of Great Snaith, 31st August.

The Diocese has appointed a new Stewardship Adviser. He is Mr. Douglas Hurley of Scawsby, Doncaster. For most of his career he has worked with the National Coal Board on the accounting side. For the past couple of years he has been one of the Diocese's voluntary stewardship directors, and one of his first tasks will be to recruit more voluntary directors to join Ken Sargeantson who will be the only remaining volunteer in this field. He comes to the job highly commended by the parishes who have recently benefitted from his advice. His interest in stewardship started in his own parish of St. Leonard's, Doncaster, where he has been a Churchwarden and a member of the Parochial Church Council. Mr. Hurley begins work for a five year fixed term contract on 1st October, and we wish him well in his work.

St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Mexborough are holding their first Flower Festival on September 5th, 6th, 7th. The theme of the flower arrangements will be the Church's Year. Body and soul can be refreshed during the festival with light refreshments, salads, hot soups, ploughman's lunches and cream teas, whilst visiting preachers are: Friday 5th, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Sheffield; Sunday 7th at 10.45 a.m., the Archdeacon of York, and 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Whitby. More details from either Mrs. Butterfield on 0709 583163 or Mrs. C. Brettell on 0709 584298.

The Church Missionary Society's Northern Congress is in Huddersfield 24th - 26th October. Entitled "The true cost of living, the cost of living true", the Congress will look at how learning from each other and from the experience of those overseas, our separation from one each other and from God can be overcome, so that we become a "holy" people, "united" with others, helping to create a "whole world".

Further details, before 7th September are available from Alan Isaacson, CMS Secretary, 213, Springvale Road, Crookes, Sheffield. S10 1LG. Tel.: Sheffield 681053.

The Christians' Unemployment Group (CHUG) have produced a new game called "The 24 Steps". It aims to show what happens to people during the first 24 months of unemployment. It was launched in Rotherham during June and is now being sold to UK Churches. It is suitable for use in informal worship, or in men's, women's or youth groups. National interest has been such that a second edition is now being produced. Copies are available, priced £1 from the Revd. Raymond Draper. Tel.: 0709 543111.

The Revd. John Giles, of St. Mark's Broomhill, Sheffield, has several thousand silver plated spoons commemorating the papal visit to England at very bargain prices. If you're interested get in touch with him on Sheffield 663613. The story goes that all those who went to church at St. Mark's on St. Peter's day, were given one of the spoons! What a good idea. If John doesn't get rid of them all, he'll be able to continue that tradition for a good many years.

Ecclesiastical vestments of all shapes and sizes and colours are wanted for Zambia. They are to be shipped out through the Port of Goole. Zambian sailors have made this request through the Missions to Seamen in Goole, whose chaplain meets with people from almost all over the world. Contact the Revd. Tim Leach at the Vicarage, Goole DN14 6AR. Tel.: Goole 4259.

**GOD HAS GREATER THINGS** for us yet. If you are in the middle years ('mature', shall we say?) with all its problems – ageing parents, troublesome teenagers, identity crisis, first real signs of slowing up – you must believe that God has more for you yet. The best sort of 'mid-life crisis' is to be wholly cast on God and longing to know him better!

**A RECENT SURVEY** says that 94% of the population of Britain engage at some time in some way in gambling. The Church Times reports that the official view of the Methodist Church and the Church of Scotland is that gambling is against the law of God. Only some of those in the Church of England however believe that gambling is wrong in itself. Very few Roman Catholics think that there is anything wrong in it. Catholic priests marking their race cards are a common sight at race meetings but here the view is that it can become wrong when carried to excess.

Apparently, excess and addiction can happen only too easily according to the experience of Gamblers Anonymous, the organization established since 1964 to help the families of problem gamblers.

**The National Council for Social Aid, 38 Ebury Street, London SW1 has produced a leaflet which spotlights some of the dangers, considers some ideas to keep the temperature of our gambling fever down and suggests where first aid can be found. It comments that those who get hooked may be covering up other problems.**

*"I'M READY TO ACCEPT JESUS as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God." That is the one thing we must NOT say.*

A man who was only a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

– C.S. LEWIS  
*Mere Christianity*



### MORE BEATITUDES

Blessed are they who understand  
my faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my ears today  
must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
when coffee spilled at the table today.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say  
"You've told that story twice today!"  
Blessed are they who know the ways  
to bring back memories of yesterdays.  
Blessed are they who make it known  
that I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss  
to find the strength to carry the Cross.  
Blessed are those who ease the days  
on the journey Home in loving ways.

### AUGUST THOUGHTS

When communities were scattered and smaller, anyone who was deeply religious was easily identified. The comment was, he or she "has got religion". I was reminded of this recently, in an opposite kind of way, when meeting an old school chum. Discussing how we spent our time, I mentioned that I was fairly active in Church matters as a Churchwarden.

He looked surprised, said, "I didn't know you were like that?", quickly followed by a spluttering, "Don't get me wrong!" and looking most uncomfortable.

Unless we are in clerical garb or Salvation Army uniform practising Christians are no different in outside appearance - it is an "inside job". It is our Christian belief which gives us this inner peaceful strength.

G.K.Chesterton on beliefs said, 'When people stop believing in religion, they don't believe in nothing; they will believe in anything. As for outside appearances, a priest without his 'dog collar' could easily be taken for an insurance agent. In a way he is - think about it ?

Rex B.

### LINK LETTER FROM THE LINDSAYS

Dear Friends,

I have begun travelling the Diocese again for two main reasons - to audit the Church accounts and to check on the work of the new Diocesan accounts clerk and Bishop's Secretary, Emmanuel Nyitsse.

There are twelve parishes in the Diocese and it takes roughly four full days of travelling each week to complete each parish, which by simple arithmetic means 12 weeks travelling one after another to do once round the diocese and in consequence a lot of days away from Jos and Pam.

Today I travelled to Mada. To reach Mada involved driving 50 miles each way over rough laterite roads, both narrow and broken, over flimsy wooden bridges and through a river-bed (if it had been the wet season I would not have been able to visit).

Mada has a station on the railway line. Apart from a few railway buildings it consists of a sprawling African community of mud houses and a small Anglican Church surrounded by barbed-wire to keep out the local poachers and animals. Land issues between Christians and Muslims are a constant reminder of the conflict which exists just below the surface in most communities.

In order to check the Church Accounts everyone had to be present, so often the person who keeps the Account books is the one who can write the best, but by the same token every one attends to hear the auditor agree or otherwise with the figures just to make sure that the money is safe and not being misused! One can trust people so far, but it's good to have someone from the Diocese say 'Yes' or 'No'. Everyone can have their say and of course a visitor from outside the town makes it a social occasion and people come in to greet the visitor.

I have just finished teaching the 1985/6 Academic Year course in "Administration and Church Accounts" at the local Theological College and again the ladies have come out in front - and the full-time Churchmen with only just enough marks to reach the qualifying pass of 40%. The ones who believe they know the most, don't study and do worst and the ones who know little study and come out with pass-marks of 80%. This has been a constant feature over the past four years.

Pam's Speech Therapy continues to grow. There is obviously a need when she gets approached with requests



for help. The latest is a three year boy who is not talking at all. He has a severe delay in both speaking and understanding language. Please pray that Pam will find the 'key' to the boy's problem and be able to help him. Pray also for the mother -he is her first child, and a boy, and as such is in a very important position in the family situation.

Please pray for the Church Missionary Society and all the support it gives to the church in Nigeria.

With every blessing,  
Tony and Pam Lindsay

## INCARNATION, VIRGIN BIRTH AND A NEW HUMANITY

**THE CENTRAL MIRACLE** the heart of the Christian understanding of God, is the Incarnation itself. It is the faith of us all that this is truly expressed in the affirmation of the catholic Creeds that in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity is incarnate.

The divergences between Christian scholars on the relation of the Virginal Conception of Our Lord to this great mystery, and on the question whether or not that Conception is to be regarded as historical fact as well as imagery symbolic of divine truth, have been indicated, and they are reflected in the convictions of members of this House. But all of us accept:

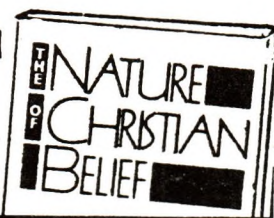
**First**, that the belief that Our Lord was conceived in the womb of Mary

by the creative power of God the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a human father can be held with full intellectual integrity.

**Secondly**, that only this belief, enshrined in the Creeds, can claim to be the teaching of the universal Church.

**Thirdly**, that this House acknowledges and upholds this belief as expressing the faith of the Church of England and of its historic teaching, affirming the truth that in Christ God has taken the initiative for our salvation by uniting our human nature with himself, so bringing into being a new humanity.

— *Nature of Christian Belief*



## ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

### The Festival of Flowers

This took place on four of the hottest days this year. The school hall looked beautiful as it was filled with the most attractive flower arrangements from the smallest in a shell to the largest which was a superb creation of tiger lilies and double daisies. Help was received from several professional sources, but the majority of the arrangements were made by the children, their parents and friends.

In the exhibition were miniature and plate gardens, collage drawings and art work, a nursery rhyme corner, and a bridal bower. Each class made a well-dressing which proved interesting to make and attractive to look at.

Everyone who visited was quite amazed by the various talents on display. I am sure that our children and their parents will have a lasting memory of the colour and beautiful perfume that wafted around the school during the week.

I would like to thank everyone who participated, anyone who came to look and gave a donation. Their money will be sent to a charity in the near future.

Pam Challis

P.S.

I should like to thank Pam Challis for organising the Festival. When she first suggested it, I was rather apprehensive about the quantity and quality of the displays, but my fears were quite unfounded - it was the most wonderful sight. Pam, Joan Roberts and the parents who assisted deserve praise. Personally I was disappointed by the number of people who came to look, perhaps those who did will tell others about it, and next time it will be better attended.

Joan Stratford

### School Outing to Gulliver's Kingdom

We have been to Gulliver's Kingdom on a coach and it took a long time to get there. When we got there we walked up the hill and then up some steps, and when we went in we found there was millions of things to do.

First I went in the circus world and saw a big elephant, and a clown sitting in a chair. I pressed a button and the clown began to laugh. Next we went to the miniature village of Lilliput. It had a church which had music coming out of it, so we didn't go on it. Rosie and I went on the bouncing castle. My baby sister, Laura, went on the little baby castle but she did not like it so she came off. After that we went



to the picnic area and had lunch. I had ham, lettuce and cucumber sandwiches, a packet of crisps and a drink. I liked the bouncing castle best of all, and we had a happy day.

Lucy Ferguson aged 7 years.

### YOU AND ME LORD !

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer  
and ever once say "I".  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer  
and ever once say "My".  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer  
and not pray for another  
For when you ask for daily bread  
You must include your brother.  
For others are included  
in each and every plea  
From beginning to the end of it  
It does not once say "Me".

At the time Jesus taught the 'Lord's Prayer' to his followers, it would have been easier for them to understand the meaning of the word 'Our' than for us today. The Westerly world thinks individually first, and then corporately. This was not true of the Jew - who was a member of a people first, and then an individual.

Christianity holds in tension the ultimate importance of the individual and the corporate nature of the Body of Christ.

A hindrance to Christianity has been the tendency by some in every generation to make it "me and God" rather than a "me and God and you" situation.

### PULPIT PRANKS !

A vicar's wife was pleased to receive a letter from a friend in the previous parish, but was a little surprised to read:

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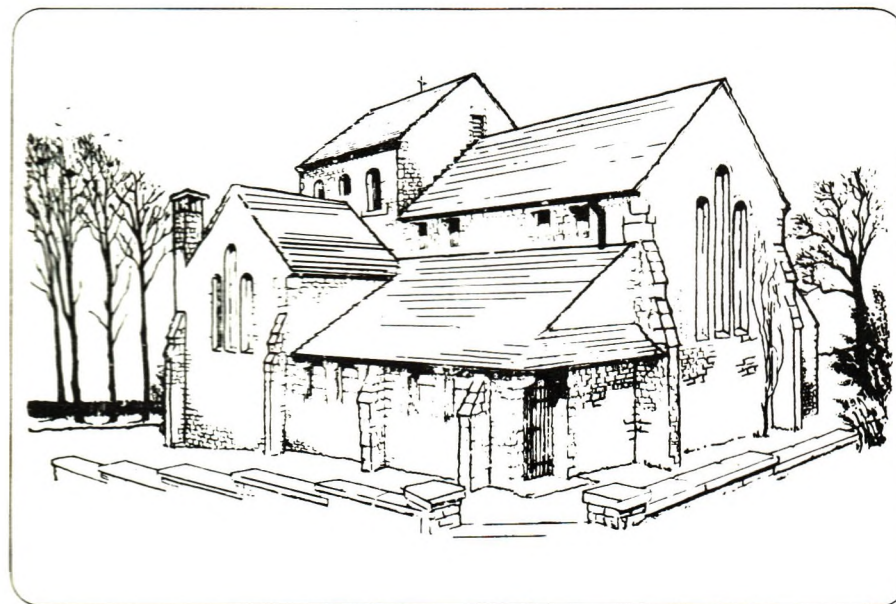
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This issue of the magazine contains tributes to two young people who have died in recent weeks - Deborah Jockel (26) killed in a climbing accident and David Pearson (17) dying after a very brief unexpected illness. These sad tragedies for our community bring into focus the question 'Why?' and the whole problem of pain and suffering.

However we are really only faced with a problem because we are Christians. If we had no belief in God, there would really be no question to ask. The tragedies of life could be blamed on the world we live in and the element of chance. For those who are its victims it is just bad luck.

If however we believe in God, we have the beginnings of a problem. I say the beginnings, because like the ancient Greeks we could believe in a god who looked on people as playthings rather like a child who makes his toy soldiers fight. We could echo the closing words of Thomas Hardy's tragic "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" - 'The president of the Immortals had ended his sport with Tess'.

Similarly, there is really no problem with suffering if we take a Hindu or Muslim approach - "it is the will of Allah". This simple acceptance of suffering has been a contributing factor to lack of progress in the fight against disease and poverty in parts of the Third world.

The problem of suffering arises because, as Christians, we believe in a God of LOVE, who cares about us, and in God as CREATOR, who seemingly ought to make things a better way.

I offer the following thoughts and diagram, not as an answer to the mystery, but to show that there is a relationship between suffering, love and creation and somehow GOD is in its midst.

Yours sincerely,

*Stewart Rayner*

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## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

- 7th PENTECOST 16 (Trinity 15)  
Theme 'The Neighbour'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: I John 4: 15-21 (JB)  
Gospel: St.Luke 16: 19-31 (JB)  
(Preacher: Rev.Elizabeth Nash - Sheffield Industrial Mission)
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Leviticus 19: 9-18 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 10: 25-37 (RSV)
- 14th PENTECOST 17 (Trinity 16)  
Theme 'The Proof of Faith'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Galatians 2:15 to 3:9 (RSV)  
Gpsle: St.Luke 7: 1-10 (JB)  
11.45 am Holy Baptism (Gemma Bradley)
- 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 7: 1-11 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 17: 11-19 (JB)
- 21st PENTECOST 18 - ST. MATTHEW'S DAY  
Themes 'The Offering of Life' -am 'St.Matthew' pm  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: I Peter 4: 7-11 (NEB)  
Gospel: St.Matthew 25: 14-30 (JB)  
10am Family Service (Harvest-tide)  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) -Rev.Bill Hossent  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 9: 9-13 (RSV)
- 26th Friday 9.15am All Saints School Harvest Festival  
28th HARVEST FESTIVAL - Pentecost 19)  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (NEB)  
Gospel: St.John 4: 31-38 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament : Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (TEV)  
New Testament: St.Matthew 13:18-30 (NEB)
- Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am every Wednesday

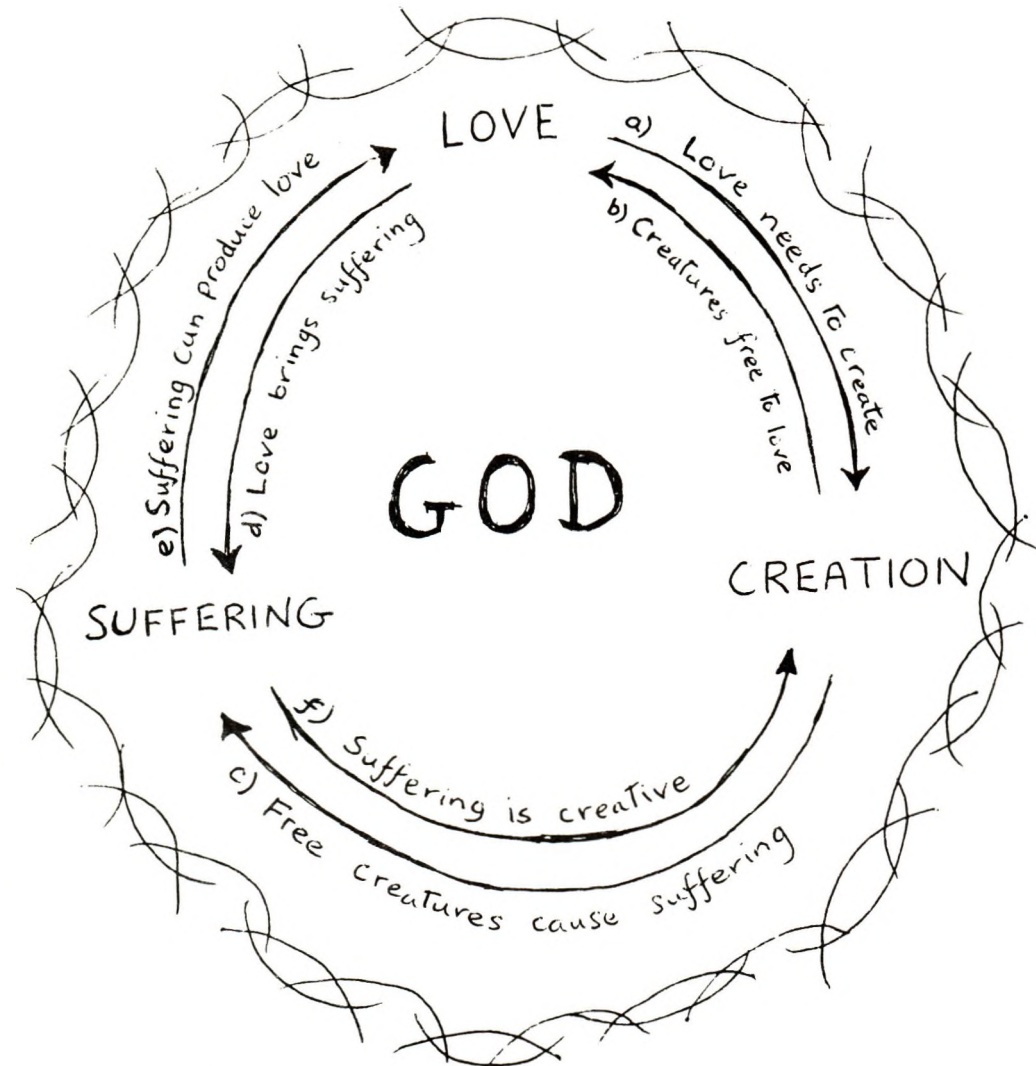


## THE CIRCLE OF LOVE AND SUFFERING

- a) LOVE needs to create. If you lived on a lovely desert island full of natural foods but without people and animals, you would have all you need to survive, but you could never express the emotion of love. We can't love in a vacuum - we need something living to love. God also, as a God of Love, needs a living creation in order to express His love.
- b) Yet love cannot be forced, it must be freely expressed. If we make a puppet, we may be proud of it and look on it with some affection but we can not really love it as a living thing. If, like Pinocchio, it becomes a living creature, it is able to love us in return but is also free to get itself into all sorts of trouble.  
Love needs to create creatures free to love.
- c) Freedom, however, gives the creature power to choose between good and evil and to cause suffering. The opening Biblical picture of Adam and Eve portrays this facet of God's creation. We know much of the suffering of the world results from the freedom of people to be selfish, cruel, careless or simply to have wrong priorities, spending on armaments rather than food production and disease prevention. So we can add another link in the circle.  
Free creatures cause suffering.
- d) Also love brings us suffering. Parents suffer when their children are ill or hurt, and suffer anxiety when they go off to do things on their own. It is because we love others that their loss brings us such sorrow and heartache.
- e) The reverse is also true - suffering can produce love. Struck by the plight of the suffering, some have shown great devotion as a result - like Albert Schweitzer or Mother Theresa - and on a less spectacular level there are many who daily care for handicapped relatives, visit the sick, and unselfishly respond in love to needs of all kinds.
- f) Finally suffering itself is creative. The plight of the diseased has led to medical research, the plight of the poor and hungry to better educational opportunities and improved food production. On an individual level, people who have suffered a physical illness or an emotional handicap, have found that in striving to overcome it, or simply live with it, they have developed talents and resources they did not know they had. In many ways, therefore, suffering is creative.

So we have a complete circle. It does not supply us with an answer, but it does show us that somehow there is a link between suffering, love and creation - and that God is in

the midst. We see these aspects at work very clearly in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have His promises "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life" to comfort us. May we be granted, too, the reassurance of His presence with us by the power of His Holy Spirit, in times of pain, grief and loss.



"The Crown of Thorns."



- 1st Mon. Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 113 Green Oak Rd  
 2nd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
 3rd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  
 8.10pm Standing Committee - Vicarage  
 4th Thu Induction of Brian Cranwell at Woodhouse  
 6th Sat 4pm Holy Matrimony (Philip Massara & Joanne Hawke)  
 9th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
 7.30pm Ladies Club - Beetle Drive  
 10th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road  
 11th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage  
 12th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 20 Totley Grange Drive  
 15th Mon 8pm Open Meeting at the Cutlers Hall arranged by  
 Trinity Trust "Christians and the Media"  
 16th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
 7.30pm "Sharing the World" is the theme of the  
 Council of Churches Holiday Club - more helpers  
 needed for preliminary meeting -Totley Meth.Hall  
 17th Wed 1.45pm Monthly Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Road  
 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road  
 20th Sat 2.30pm Holy Matrimony(Geoffrey Sumner &  
 Alison Cole  
 3.45pm Service of Blessing (Douglas Turner &  
 Patricia Johnstone)  
 23rd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
 2.15pm Ladies Working Party in Hall  
 7.30pm SILENT AUCTION and light supper, in Hall  
 to raise money for Hall funds. Contact 362321 or  
 361964 if you have any suitable items.  
 8pm Council of Churches (Dore Parish Church)  
 24th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road  
 26th Fri 9.15am All Saints' School Harvest Festival  
 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 3 Laverdene Ave.  
 30th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
 1st Wed 8pm All Saint's Toddler Group AGM  
 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road

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 \* 3rd Fri. 7.15pm "WINE, CHEESE, AND FLOWERS" \*  
 \* in the Church Hall - Admission £1.75p by \*  
 \* ticket \*  
 \* Demonstration at 8pm prompt \*  
 \* Proceeds in aid of Church Funds \*  
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Don't forget to visit the BOOK FAIRS on Saturdays 6th/  
 13th/20th September at URC Church,Norfolk Street in aid  
 of Christian Literature overseas.

# Sheffield Diocesan News

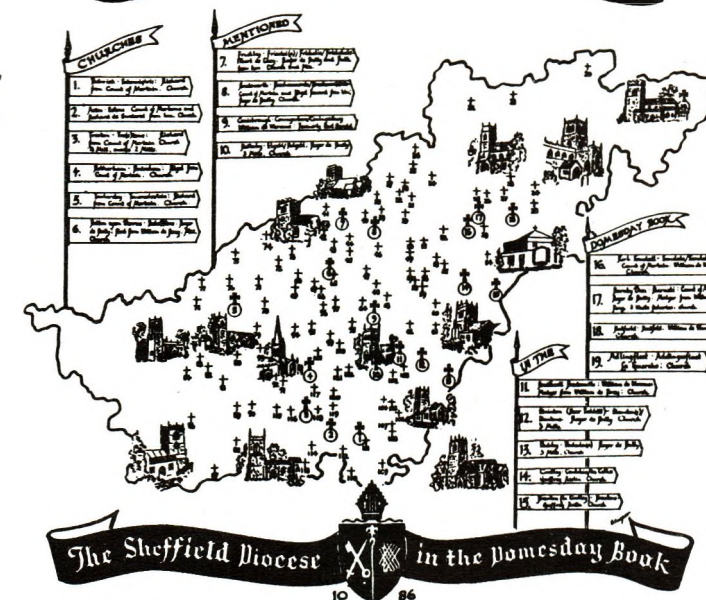
SEPTEMBER, 1986

In Celebration of 900 years of Christian Witness -

## Finding the Way....

### THE BISHOP OF DONCASTER

writes:-



The Domesday Map of the Sheffield Diocese is an attractive product, and I begin my letter with a discreet sales pitch. If you have not yet ordered your framed copy, get in touch with the Reverend Geoff Anderson at Thorpe Hesley (Tel.: 0742 463487)

The Domesday Map appeals to me: but all maps do as it happens. Every holiday I arm myself with new Ordnance Survey Maps; and even the rail map with the British Rail timetable has a fascination. I am not entirely sure why this should be so; but as a pleasing generalisation, it might be said that historical maps tell you where you were, Ordnance Survey maps tell you where you are; and the British Rail map takes you where you want to go.

Life can be confusing as we look at the issues confronting us, at the problems facing society, or at the disagreements which sadly surface within the Church. In the circumstances, a degree of christian map reference will do us no harm. We shall be better able to get our bearings and discover where we are, if we take seriously the possibility of wider christian reading. Some of you might consider taking a Church Newspaper like the Church Times or the Church of England Newspaper. Even if you do not want to read a theological journal yourself, you might encourage your Vicar to do so.

I realise that much reading is not to everyone's liking; and even when it is, we may have no great inclination to reading of this particular kind. I still want to press the point, and particularly to those of you who serve on P.C.C.'s, Deanery Synods, or the Diocesan Synod. We shall find ourselves getting more interested than we imagined. We shall undoubtedly be better informed. Whether it is gaining a better awareness of how or what we believe, thinking through the rights or wrongs of sanctions against South Africa, or weighing up the pros and cons of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood, we shall have a clearer idea of where we stand.

Finding your place on the map is not the sole aim in view. As I have said, the function of maps is more than to tell you where you were or are. It is to show you where you are on the move to. You gain a sense of direction. God has his purpose for each parish and for the Diocese as a whole. The greater our understanding, the greater our participation in his purpose.

It is a sorrow to us that we have lost the wider ministry of Dorothy Carnelly. She was a lovely christian, and the centre and motivation of a loving family. She was part of that generation of clergy wives that can only be described as Mothers in Israel. We share with Desmond in thanking God for her life. On second thought, we have not lost her wider ministry; there is no wider ministry than the ministry of the saints in heaven.

WILLIAM

Bishop of Doncaster.



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## Piping up!

Children, from one of the Church School orchestras, who played at the Bishop's Garden Parties at Whirlow Grange during the Summer for Headteachers and staffs of Church Schools. The Garden Parties marked the end of the Bishop's visits to all the Church Schools in the Diocese.



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## Appointments

Revd. Eric G. Clarkson, Vicar of Chapelton, to be Vicar-designate of St. Columba, Crosspool (30.9.86)

Revd. G. David Graham, Priest in Charge of St. Paul's, Wheatley Park, to be Team Vicar of Dunstable in the Diocese of St. Albans.

Mr. David Sherwin (St. John's College, Nottingham), to be licensed as an Evangelist at Conisbrough (30.8.86).

Mr. Paul Bagshaw (Northern Ordination Course) to be licensed as a half-time Lay Chaplain with the Sheffield Industrial Mission.

The Revd. John F. Twisleton, Vicar of St. Wilfrith's, Moorends, to serve in the Diocese of Guyana.

Please pray for those to be made Deacon on 7th September:

Geoffrey Hollingsworth (Northern Ordination Course) to serve in the Parish of Thorne.

Ian Draffan (Northern Ordination Course) to serve in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Millhouses (NSM).

## Mission

Alive in Mission - Doncaster Fellowship of Churches, launch Mission Doncaster 1987 on Saturday, 13th September at St. James' Church, St. Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster at 7.30 p.m. A whole series of bi-monthly celebration evenings is planned, as well as locally based mission teams. Rev. Jim Smith, who works with the Church Pastoral Aid Society is to be the mission evangelist, and will preach at the launch. Further details are available from Mrs. Ros Redden, Tofield House, Carr Lane, Wadworth, Doncaster. DN11 9AR. Tel: Doncaster 853829.

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## At home

THE FRATERNITY OF THE RESURRECTION, Sheffield Branch, are to have an "AT HOME" Day on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th. It will be at the home of Mary and Granville Cauldwell, "Avonlea", 84 Hoyland Road, Hoyland Common (Tel: 743160) between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. FATHER RONALD HAYNES of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, who is the Director of the Fraternity will be present. There will be a Gift Stall, and refreshments will be served. Please come, and be assured of a warm welcome. Proceeds for the Community's work. Car parking no problem.

## Branching out

THE LATEST ADDITIONS to the ever growing and successful chain of shops run by The Children's Society are proving their worth in South Yorkshire.

The shops, in Nether Hall Road, Doncaster and Chesterfield Road, Woodseats, Sheffield, sell a wide range of good quality donated goods in bright, pleasant surroundings - a pleasure for shoppers and shop helpers alike. The proceeds help the Children's Society in its work of helping some 10,000 children in need and their families, including challenging work with teenagers and young offenders. Please go along to your local shop - donated goods of all kinds and shop helpers are always welcome to help this vital work. For more information contact the Society's Shops Organiser Isma Raw, telephone (0274) 41074.

## The Archdeacon of Doncaster writes:

"I would like to thank all those who supported Dorothy and me by their prayers, their concern and their cards and letters during her illness and my recent bereavement. The knowledge that so much love and prayer and concern surrounded us was a source of great strength to us in a time of great trial."

## Celebration Day

There will be a day conference on "Women in the Church - an ecumenical celebration" on Saturday November 15th, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at King Edward VII Upper School, Glossop Road, Sheffield, with speakers, workshops, bookstall and creche. Take your own lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. It will cost £2 for the waged, £1 for the unwaged and there's no need to book, unless you require a creche place, when you should 'phone Ronwyn Thomas on 0742 665084 before 8th November. For further details of the day contact Hilary Bagshaw on 0742 338780.

## Chrysanthemums Centenaries Crafts and Concerts...

St. Mark's Church, Mosborough, Sheffield began its Centenary Year last month, and the first social event of the year is a concert and supper in the church hall on 20th September with Pearson's Pottery Band of Chesterfield. Each month will see a special event throughout the coming year culminating next July with an eight day festival with flowers, events and an historical exhibition. Details from Mrs. Margaret Coggon. Tel: 0742 485661.

On Saturday, 27th September, Christ Church, Stannington, Sheffield have a Craft Fair in the Lomas Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. There's refreshments and a creche.

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, Rotherham, have their Centenary Weekend on 27th and 28th September. There are special services on the Sunday, but on the Saturday there's an open day at the church from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with music, exhibitions and a gift day. In the school from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., an exhibition of old Wickersley by the Church Records Group. Refreshments are served all day in the Old Tythe Barn.

St. Francis' Church, Bramley, Rotherham, has a new pipe organ and it will be played at the 'Songs of Praise' Flower Festival on the 5th, 6th, 7th September. Refreshments are available all through the festival and there's a Praise Service at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 7th September.

Christ Church, Doncaster, have their Flower Festival on 12th, 13th, 14th September, with flower arrangements presented by a Doncaster Flower Club. Admission is 10p and proceeds go to the Restoration Fund. On Friday 12th September, there is a concert by Carlo Curley and Richard Baker entitled "The A-Z of the King of Instruments". Admission by programme priced £5 and £3, usual concessions, available at Leger Travel, 25 Scot Lane, Doncaster, or at the door.

## Impressions

Super weather - excellent speakers, Bishop Colin Buchanan on the Word, Father Edmund Wheat on the Sacraments, and Frank Field M.P. on the World - people really meeting people - the newly ordained thrown in at the deep end - services excellent and smoothly flowing - and a blackbird singing in the silences of Evensong - laughter too in plenty.

They were the impressions of the clergy and full time lay workers of the Diocese who joined the Bishops during the Summer and were inspired and refreshed at Swanwick Conference Centre in Derbyshire.



Banner in the chapel at Swanwick, made specially for the conference by St. Peter's Church, Greenhill, Sheffield.

## Running out of steam?

CHUG, the Christians' Unemployment Group is not running out of enthusiasm or steam, but has had problems since bus fares went up. Many of its members are unemployed and are finding it increasingly difficult, on their meagre incomes, to attend the group's meetings which take place all over South Yorkshire. As a result the CHUG Travel Fund has been set up to help the unemployed to come to its meetings. Any donations from individuals, groups or churches will be most gratefully received by the treasurer: Bill Boylan, 28 Broom Riddings, Greasbrough, Rotherham. S61 4NR.



# Choir on the move



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Sheffield Cathedral Choir is busy making plans for a tour of Holland at Easter 1987, giving recitals and services at Rotterdam, Haarlem and Amsterdam. Not that foreign visits are the only ones they make, for they recently went to Beverley Minster to sing Evensong. It was a most enjoyable experience for boys, men and parents.

The Choir has twenty two boys and eleven men, with Graham Matthews, Master of the Music and Peter Crowther Master of the Choir. Graham Matthews has just returned from the Far East where he examined for the Associated Board of Music. Andrew Wilson, the Sir Henry Conrad Organ Scholar, appointed by the University, acted as Sub-organist during his absence. There is a strong association between the Cathedral and the University, and students who are accepted as Songmen experience a wide repertoire and join in with the many important occasions which occur throughout the year.

Fully choral services at the Cathedral are Friday Evensong at 6.30 p.m. and the normal Sunday morning and evening services. The Choir is a Guild Choir and operates the Royal School of Church Music training scheme, with the boys wearing different coloured ribbons round their necks according to the tests they have passed from Probationer to Chorister. The men attend a rehearsal on Tuesdays, and the boys on Wednesdays and Thursdays, tea being provided by the boys' mothers. The Head Chorister Marcus Bingham has just been awarded a Music Scholarship to Repton School. The boys of the Choir are not only proud of their choral achievements - but of their football too. During last season they didn't lose a match! The Cathedral Choir from the Master of the Music to the youngest Probationer is part of the Cathedral family, always working for high standards which not only enrich the worship, but provide a first class music education for its choristers.

*Applications for membership of the Choir are always welcome, both from men and boys, and should be made to: The Cathedral, Sheffield. S1 1HA. Tel: 0742 753434.*

## REX THOUGHTS

On the occasion of Miss Catherine Bramwell Booth's 103rd birthday, Radio Four interviewed her sister, Miss Eva Booth, a mere 91 years of age. Miss Catherine was too frail to be interviewed.

Miss Eva spoke passionately of the mystery of life that had always baffled her. "If only, if only she could find the secret". She is not alone, and despite the pundits and professors it still persists, and will always so remain.

The dictionary says 'MYSTERY' -

: something beyond human comprehension

: The Eucharist

: a Divine truth partially revealed.

I am not denying that some persons may have had a communication, or rather a 'happening' possibly partially revealing. In Acts 17:27 St. Paul says "He fixed the limits of their territory. They were to seek God and it might be touch and find Him". Again partially revealing. My maxim is to trust in the Lord (- if you don't have trust you have doubts; better to trust and have peace of mind -) and follow His commandments as far as human frailty will allow, but always to try.

One of my favourite hymns is 293 (AMR) "He who would true valour see" ending "he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim" - now look at pilgrim in the dictionary.

## REMEMBER, JESUS IS PRAYING FOR US TOO



**JESUS is praying for us. In him you have the finest prayer partner in the universe. His prayers are perfect and never hindered or spoiled by sin. His prayers are always heard by the Father because they come from the Son who pleases the Father in everything he does.**

**Christ never forgets to pray for us. He is never too busy with other things or preoccupied with more important matters.**

**His prayers are specific and timely. As**

**you struggle with your exams and studies he knows, and prays for you. As you try to cope with three children under the age of six, do all the shopping, cooking, washing, ironing, housework and try to grow as a Christian - he sees and prays for you. Do you face redundancy or do you have to make tremendous decisions that will effect others' work prospects? He knows and prays for you. Do you wrestle with pain, sorrow, fear, anxiety, loneliness, bereavement? He cares and he prays for you.**



## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

The end of the school year at All Saints was a very busy time as usual. Those of you who attended the Summer concert will agree that it was extremely entertaining. On the evening of the Royal Wedding the school staff entertained the top Juniors (who are moving on to Comprehensive Schools) and their parents, to a Barbecue. We also had a colourful Royal Wedding Assembly on that day, and a Leaver's Assembly on the last day of term.

We have one staff change in September. Mrs. Margaret Elliff is moving to Caterknowle Junior School and we wish her every happiness in her new post. Margaret has been at All Saints' School for a short time but she has contributed greatly to the music in school, as those of you who heard the "Jonah-Man Jazz" at the Summer Concert will appreciate.

Our new teacher will be Mrs. Lynne Holdsworth who has been teaching at Rainbow Forge Junior School for the last three years. We hope Lynne will be very happy at our school.

Several people have asked me how I feel at the end of my first year as the Headteacher at All Saints' School. I can answer in one word - exhausted! It has been a very hard year, and at times my husband and children thought I had left home as they saw so little of me. I have valued the support and encouragement of the staff and parents. Inevitably a new Headteacher makes changes, and although they may not have agreed with all of them, they have supported them and I thank them for their tolerance.

All of us at school have been delighted with the support we have received from Stewart. I know that he will be modest and say that he is only doing his job (as indeed he is,) but I know from talking to the Headteachers of other Church Schools not all Vicars are as conscientious. His care for the children and the staff has been appreciated and he is a popular visitor at school. We would be less than honest if we didn't add that, apart from a few notable exceptions, we have been disappointed with the support we have received from Church members. Just over a year ago when I was appointed to my post I was asked to support All Saints' Church, and I have by attending Services most Sundays and supporting other activities. It has not been easy as my husband and I have been members of St. Luke's Lodge Moor for 19 years and our teenage children attend with us. I have tried hard to get involved with All Saints', perhaps in my second year I will be able to rely on wider support for our Church School. If you are unable to support

your school by your presence at functions, perhaps you will remember it in your prayers.

Joan Stratford.

## HARVEST TIME

Gifts and decorators for Church are required on Saturday 27th September at 2pm. Please bring flowers, fruit, vegetables, tins and provisions to decorate the Church and for eventual distribution in the parish. Items can be left in Church earlier or on Friday. All are welcome to come and lend a hand in decorating our Church for the Festival.

## Harvest Lunch

A Harvest Lunch is planned for Sunday 28th September at 12 noon. It will be a simple sit-down meal and we hope as many as possible will be able to come. Tickets £1 (50p under 12's) available from Church (please purchase by Sunday 21st)

As our morning service is now earlier, following our usual cup of tea, there will be a thought provoking Harvest Slide presentation in Church at 11.30am, whilst Lunch is being prepared in the Hall.

## Family Worship at Harvest-tide

The Family Service at 10am on 21st September will take a Harvest theme. On Sunday 28th at 10am the Sunday School children will join in the beginning of the Holy Communion Service before presenting their gifts and going to their classes. A creche will be arranged for other youngsters.

## FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

For an experimental period, the Parochial Church Council have decided to reduce the Church Hall Letting Fees to £4 per hour until 31st December 1986. Mrs. J. Beeley (Hall Secretary - 365972) will be pleased to answer all enquiries.

The resurfacing of the Church Drive and car park has now been completed. The greater part of the cost of this necessary work was met from the proceeds of the Jubilee celebrations.

Elaine Powell

## JOHN WADE SINGERS

As a result of the Grand Opera concert in July, around £200 was raised for a Gamma Camera for the Children's Hospital. The singers thank all who supported them.

Preparations are in hand for the main performance of 1986 which will be Verdi's AIDA on Thurs - Sat. 16th - 18th October at St. John's Church, Abbeydale, commencing at 7.30pm to conclude about 10pm (Tickets from 360122/360820)



## PARISH REGISTER

### Funerals

July 24th Dorothy Evelyn Haslam (81) 52a Green Oak Road

August 1st David John Pearson (17) St. George's Farm

August 8th Laura Hall (84) 30 Chatsworth Road

August 15th Deborah Anne Jockel (26)

August 18th Leslie Gilbert Jackson (73) 46a Green Oak Road

Dorothy Haslam spent most of her life at Hathersage, supporting her husband's work at Burbage Farm, coming to Totley 12 years ago when their farming days were done. Laura Hall was born in Totley on Hillfoot Road in 1902 and attended All Saints' School, worshipping there each Sunday before being involved in working for the building of All Saints' Church. She lived for many years at the top of Main Avenue before moving to Chatsworth Road.

Les Jackson was another well-known local character who had lived in the Totley & Dore area for the last 60 years. A bricklayer who took great pride in the quality of his work, he was always ready to cheer others with his jovial banter and humour.

### David Pearson

David's unexpected death after only a few days illness at 17 years of age was a great shock for our community. A member of a long established Totley family, David grew from a shy Sunday School pupil and cub scout to a capable patrol leader in the Scout troop.

A tall, quiet lad with a gentle and reserved manner, David was maturing into a young man with the solid dependability and certainty often found in a countryman - for that's what he was, most at ease when talking about the weather or the vegetables he and his father grew at St. George's Farm, and using and repairing mechanical machinery.

David never sought to promote himself but was respected as a constant friend and a dependable leader for the younger lads in his patrol in the Scout troop.

Since David left school in the summer of 1985, he had been on a motor mechanic's course at Granville College.

We offer our very deep sympathy to Barbara and John, David's parents at the loss of their only child.

Robin Carter

### Deborah Jockel

It is only one's own family and loved ones who can truly know and appreciate a person, but at a time of great sorrow, when personal recollection is painful, it is for others to pay the tribute. I am honoured that I should be able to

write about Deborah, since she was a very dear friend, of whom I thought a great deal.

Our respective families grew up alongside each other for a while and we all quickly forged friendships which still hold firm today. Deborah and I later went to the same college and university together, and over the years my respect and admiration for her have grown.

Deborah was gifted in many respects, setting herself only the highest of standards. She was a fine sportswoman, playing for her school, university and county. She did well at university and was following a successful career in the Civil Service in London. Yet Deborah's main concern in life was not her own success, but the happiness of other people. She was a truly caring person who worked tirelessly for others - for the underprivileged, for those of racial minorities, for those in the Third world. Deborah had very high ideals, and was one of the rare few who actually strive to put their ideals into reality - to make our world a caring loving world.

I think Deborah had three very special gifts: the gift of being able to love all people; the gift of being able to accept people for what they are (in spite of what they are); and the gift of being able to listen to people. Her warm, cheerful friendliness and lovely smile were the first things you noticed about her, and I am sure that this is how we all shall cherish her memory within us.

Deborah had a pure spirit and great integrity and in this respect has achieved much in 26 years - more, perhaps, than many of us can ever hope to achieve in a lifetime.

Our thoughts are with Catherine, David and Stella at this time; and though we cannot hope to offer any solace which could replace Deborah for them, perhaps our love for them can give them just a little strength to draw upon.

Penelope Hill-Wilson

### WISE WORDS

None of us knows what he accomplishes, and what he gives to humanity. That is hidden from us, and should remain so, though sometimes we are allowed to see just a little of it, so we will not be discouraged.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Spin carefully, spin prayerfully,

Leaving the thread with God.

Anon.



## RECIPE TIME

## LemonShortbread

4oz Margarine	<u>Filling</u>
3oz Sugar	2oz Butter
4oz Plain Flour	2oz Sugar
4oz S.R. Flour	1 large egg (size 2)
1 large egg (size 2)	2 level teaspoons grated lemon rind
A Deep 7" Flan Tin	2 tablespoons lemon juice

Cream margarine and sugar, then beat in egg. Gradually work in the flour. Knead the dough into a ball then wrap and chill for  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour.

Put all filling ingredients into basin and place over a pan of gently simmering water. Stir until sugar and butter have dissolved and mixture is thick enough to coat back of wooden spoon similar to the consistency of thick double cream. Leave to cool.

Cut dough in half and roll half to fit the flan dish. Pour the cooled lemon curd over shortbread base. Roll the rest of the dough into a 7" round for the lid and place over the top of the lemon curd.

Bake above centre of oven 350°F Gas 4 for 30-35 minutes.

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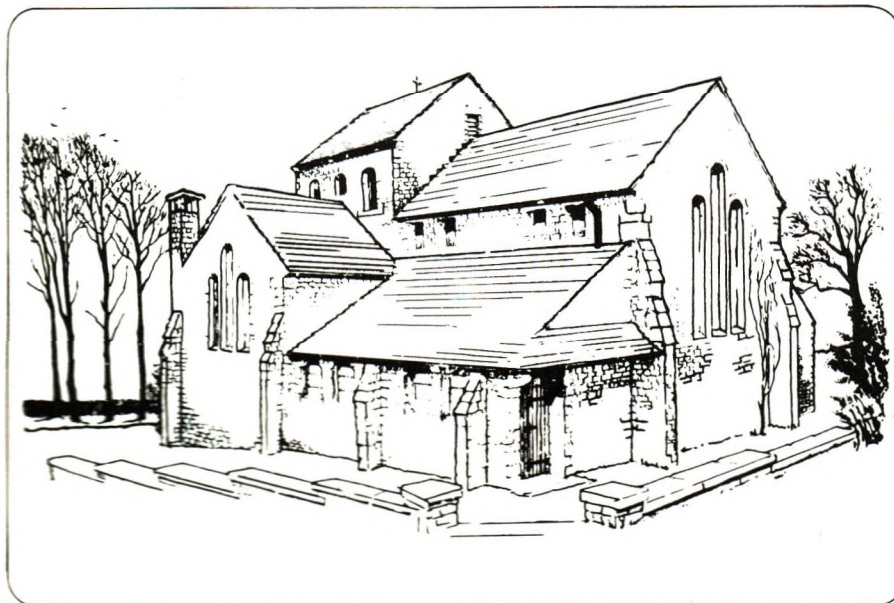
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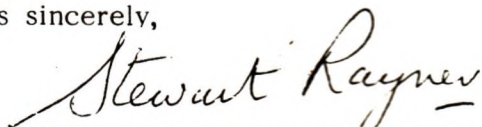
Dear Friends,

The end of this month sees an important event in the life of a parish. The Bishop of Sheffield comes to All Saints for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In past centuries the Bishop would come to a parish and conduct a Confirmation Service in the process of his visit. Although practices have changed it is still important we see Confirmation as the Bishop's Parish Visitation. We should all be there to greet him and to give our prayerful support to the newly-confirmed members of our congregation.

I wonder what you remember of your Confirmation. I recall that the Catechism classes for mine hadn't been very inspiring. During the Service I was more concerned to get things right than with the Holy Spirit. Yet looking back I can see the Service did mark a turning-point of new commitment in my spiritual life though I was unaware of it at the time.

This "time-lag" effect is a feature of most of the Church's Sacraments - Baptism, Matrimony, Ordination and Holy Communion. Often it is by missing a Sunday Communion that we become more aware of the week-by-week strengthening power of the Sacrament. Sacraments, like all spiritual gifts and experiences, take time to transform and renew their recipients. Similarly the Sacrament of Healing, which will form part of a Quiet Afternoon at All Saints' on St. Luke's Day (Saturday 18th October) offers both immediate significance for those who take part - and longer term effects over a process of time, by which God's purposes of bringing wholeness and integration are worked out in our lives. I commend this Sacrament and its benefits to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Theme 'Endurance'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: I Corinthians 9:19-27 (TEV)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 7:13-27 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Daniel 3: 13-26 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 9:51-62 (NEB)
- 12th PENTECOST 21 (Trinity 20)  
Theme 'The Christian Hope'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: I Peter 1:13-21 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 11:17-27 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB) (Preacher: Maurice Snowden  
-Warden of Whirlow Grange)  
Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:1-4 (TEV)  
New Testament: St. Luke 18:1-8 (JB)
- 19th LAST AFTER PENTECOST (Trinity 21)  
Theme 'Citizens of Heaven'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (RSV)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 1-13 (NEB)  
10am Family Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Philippians 3:7-21 (JB)  
Gospel: St. John 17:1-10 (JB)
- 26th 9 BEFORE CHRISTMAS - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY  
Theme 'The Creation'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Genesis 1:1-3, 24-31 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 1:1-14 (RSV)  
12 noon Holy Baptism (Melissa Jenkinson)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. John 3: 1-8 (NEB)
- Mon 27th 7.30pm Confirmation by The Bishop of Sheffield.  
Sat 1st Nov. ALL SAINTS' DAY 10am Holy Communion (said)



## "LISTEN FOR A CHANGE"

This is the theme for ONE WORLD WEEK (October 19th-26th). However, owing to pressure of other activities the Joint Meeting organised by the Dore, Totley, and Bradway Council of Churches will be held outside the 'official week', on Saturday 1st November in Totley Rise Methodist Hall from 7.30pm to 10pm. Admission is by free ticket - numbers are limited.

We aim this year to have four groups of people who have fled from their own country and settled here (probably from Chile, Namibia, Poland and Vietnam). Why have they come? How have they found things here? What are their hopes? This meeting will be to listen to them first-hand. We plan to divide the meeting into four smaller meetings, each person being able to attend two of the four in succession. Thus the groups will be small enough to be informal. This will be followed by a general get-together over light refreshments with maybe some music and display of handcrafts from the countries represented. This meeting promises to be an unusual opportunity to 'Listen for a Change'. Tickets from D.Nixon, H.Draper or R. Beaumont.

Linked with One World Week is the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE and prayer leaflets for October 19-26 will be available from Church. PLEASE use them . . . PRAYER and PEACE are surely the keys to life today.

FACT "To preserve 'peace' the world spends about £2,000,000 a minute, and promotes war - 140 wars since 1945 with a death toll of about 15,000,000."

## PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND 1987

When you make up your social diaries for 1987 - do not book anything for the weekend 17th/18th/19th July. We are planning a weekend for the family, both the unit and the extended family of All Saints - a weekend of family fun, but fun with a theme and a message.

If you like to camp or caravan then the South Lawn extension could be the site of the All Saints' Village, but if you don't fancy the great outdoors do not feel the weekend's not for you. Join us for the days and evenings and sleep at home!

Suggestions and thoughts welcome. Watch this space for further details.

Robin Carter

## PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR OCTOBER

1st Wed.	8pm All Saints' Toddler Group AGM
	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
2nd Thu	8pm Standing Committee - 35 Wollaton Road
3rd Fri	7.15pm "Wine, Cheese & Flowers" in Church Hall.
	7.30pm 'Down to Earth' Eric Delve at City Hall
7th Tue	12.15pm Community Workers Liaison Lunch in Hall
	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm Ladies Club "Parsons Peasure" Ken Parsons
	8.30pm Mission Committee - Brook Hall
8th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
9th Thu	8pm P.C.C. Meeting - The Vicarage
10th Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
13th Mon	7.30pm Deanery Synod
14th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
15th Wed	2pm Monthly Fellowship - The Vicarage
	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
16th Thu to 18th Sat.	"Aida" John Wade Singers at St. John's.
18th Sat	2.30pm to 4.30pm Quiet Afternoon on Healing
20th Mon.	7pm All Saints' School Governor's Meeting
21st Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm Ladies Club "Aboard the QE II" Joan Gray.
22nd Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
23rd Thu	COFFEE MORNING arranged by Ladies' Working Party at 17 Chatsworth Road. All Welcome.
24th Fri	1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
25th Sat	7.30pm OLDE TYME MUSIC HALL Totley Troupers in the Church Hall. Tickets £1.50 (£1) for Church Funds.
27th Mon	7.30pm CONFIRMATION at All Saints Church
27th to 30th	Children's Holiday Club at Totley Rise Methodist.
28th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	2.15pm Ladies Working Party in Church Hall
29th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
30th Thu	5pm-8pm - Under 12's Disco in Church Hall(Adm.30p)

## NEW SESSIONS - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All Saints' Young Mothers & Mothers and Toddlers Club meet in the Church Hall every Wednesday at 10.30am in School Term Time. Come and find out more.

Brownies meet on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Hall with Guides following at 7.30pm. New members welcome, and we are still concerned to recruit another leader for the Guides to help with the running of the company.



Alison is most grateful to all those who supported her on her visit to our link-diocese of Maseno North. She hopes to have the opportunity to enlarge on her experiences at a later date, but a brief report follows:

"Our first stop was Mumias, where we helped to build an office for the Mother's Union with Kenyan students who were learning practical skills. There we began to get used to life without electricity, running water or plumbing.

In Namasoli, one of the two places we stayed in Butere Archdeaconry, we shared the pastoral activity by visiting and meeting people with the archdeacon. Included in the itinerary was a Communion Service attended by the Bishop, a Funeral Service which seemed to last most of the day, and a visit to the Equator.

In Butere, itself, we helped to build a guest house, the income from which would be used for funds for the Cathedral.

We were staying there at the same time as 1,000 members of the Mother's Union from all over Kenya met for their annual Conference addressed by Michael Harper.

Whilst in the Diocese of Maseno North our staple diet was rice, boiled potatoes and chicken stew (sometimes with head and claws!) together with green oranges. Occasionally we had beef, chips, roast groundnuts and bananas.

The Church Services were usually 2 to 3 hours long and one church we attended still hadn't managed to raise the roof, although the building had been started in 1979."

LETTER FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF BUTERE

Dear Rev. Rayner,

I am very grateful indeed in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to write to you this small fellowship letter in love of our Saviour and Redeemer of our lives. Thank you very much in the love of Jesus Christ for sending the youth to visit our diocese. It was a great blessing to us. They were good and were free to share with us the love and the joy of Christ. We do pray God blesses them and you all spiritually. They did visit different places in Butere Archdeaconry, they meet Christians and learned new ideas and experience.

I ask you and your Christians to have a link of partners in Mission between us and your congregation. Greetings and prayers to you all in Christ Jesus. Love Amen. Waiting to receive a nice communication with you in Christ's Peace, Love and unity, that is because we belong together in Christ Jesus.

Wishing you blessings from God, yours in Christ's Love,  
Stephen Emuria

# Sheffield Diocesan News

OCTOBER, 1986

## Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges

**"Greetings from Maseno North", wrote the Rev. Jim McKinney and the party of young people from the Diocese of Sheffield who've been to Kenya. They've had an exciting and unforgettable time and they've returned home having strengthened the link between our diocese and Maseno North. Long may it continue.**

It all began, if you remember, at the end of July. Jim continues: "After an uneventful journey from Sheffield via Heathrow, we arrived at Jomo Kenyatta Airport, Nairobi, to find it much colder than Sheffield. Whilst in Nairobi, we made sure that we saw all that we could of the city and also went on a safari trip to one of the great game parks nearby, seeing plenty of wildlife, much of it close to hand.

We caught the overnight train from Nairobi to Kisumu - an absolutely fascinating journey travelling in coaches at least twenty five years old, and stopping in remote outposts in the middle of the night. It was the nearest thing to an interwar trip by the Orient Express that it would be possible to find today.

Bishop Isaac Namango and Ron Stevens met us at Kisumu and drove us the thirty miles to Kakamega, the administrative centre of the diocese and home of Bishop James Munda, the diocesan bishop. Here we met together for worship with our hosts, the eight archdeacons of the diocese.

Bishop James greeted us, and told us to be careful about the food. The Christians of Maseno North are very generous and assume that we all have huge appetites, so we should not worry about politely refusing the large amounts of food we are offered, no matter how courteously prevailed upon.

After this service of dedication and greeting, the real substance of our project began with our dispersal to our initial placements, the Church in the Province of Kenya centres at Maseno itself, Mumias, a large town about forty miles away, Khasako, a particularly thriving complex of church, medical centre, schools, training centre and farming education facility, and finally at Katakwa, a more remote centre only a few miles from the Ugandan border. We move on to another four different church centres in the diocese later on.

Maseno North is a very large diocese with churches being planted in most areas on an almost yearly basis. In the parish of Khasako where I am staying, two new congregations have been established and two new churches built in the last three years. Plans are now in hand to divide the diocese into two, in order to simplify administration, ease the pressures of travelling such large distances and facilitate supervision of the flowering congregations. Subject to the approval of the Provincial Synod of Bishops there will therefore be two dioceses with whom we shall be linked at the beginning of 1987.

The Sheffield Diocese Youth Group has been very fortunate to see and to be introduced to both areas of the two new dioceses, and we have formed friendships linking us very firmly to Christians in this part of Kenya."



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The Diocese of Maseno North



*Bishop David writes.....*

## MAKER - SAVIOUR - GUIDE

I love the creeds. Once there was a fashion of speaking of them as 'outworn', 'dusty', 'a threat to freedom'. Nonsense! The Creeds are 'user-friendly' - a backbone, touchstone, framework for the journeying Christian. They speak to us the reality of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit made known to us through Scripture, Science, History and Experience.

I carry round with me a portable three-word Creed:- Maker, Saviour, Guide. You can change those three words if you wish - Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, as long as always the truth that God is Trinity is preserved and that His work in making us, saving us, and guiding us into holiness and truth are all remembered. Naturally enough our minds link God the Father, with creation, Jesus Christ with salvation, and the Holy Spirit with sanctification. But our recitation of the Creed helps to make certain that we don't forget that always it is the work of the one God of which we speak. Heresy seeps in when we try to put too much emphasis on part of our three-fold faith at the expense of the others.

One of the duties of a bishop is to protect the Church against heresy by the presentation of the full faith of the Creeds. For example, if we drifted into speaking of Spiritual Healing and 'miracles' of healing as though they alone were the work of God and that 'ordinary' healing and the work of doctors and nurses were nothing to do with God, that would be heresy. We might be remembering the work of God the Holy Spirit, but we would have forgotten the work of God the Creator. I believe in miracles and rejoice at the way events we don't seem able to understand strengthen our faith in the reality of God's loving power. But the true Christian must see too the hand of God in the ordinary events of life. Miracles seem to break the rules. But the rules themselves are God's rules. We are all his children in his world.

You will be reading this at the time of Harvest. That Feast of Thanksgiving asserts our belief that God is the Maker. We must use it in such a way that we know Him also as our Saviour and Guide.

God bless you all,  
DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



### Maseno Quotes

"We have made new friends, broken down many barriers and built many new bridges..."

"Fourteen of us, and luggage travelled by Landrover - what a road!"

"The people are so incredibly friendly and welcoming. We are treated very much like honoured guests. We are centred around mud huts, the traditional African scene I had imagined."

"The trouble is, the toilet is 300 yards away, and a hole in the ground!"

"Already so much has been learned. We have been assisting in the building of a health clinic - the work is hard and tiring especially in conditions of extreme heat, and we also became very dirty in the process."

"Our main problem has been the food. To say that it's different is an understatement. One day we were travelling back from Lubini with a gift from the archdeacon - a live chicken for the evening meal. It was served complete with head and claws. What a look of surprise on its, and our faces!! Casserole will never be the same again."

"Certainly the experience is unforgettable."

### APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Ian Michael Gaskell, Industrial Chaplain, Sheffield Industrial Mission, to be Vicar of St. Luke & Whitechapel, Cleckheaton, Wakefield.

Rev. Stephen Richard Jones, Vicar of St. James & St. Christopher, Shiregreen, Sheffield, to be Priest in Charge of St. George, Harold Hill with Noak Hill, in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Rev. Nicholas David Sennitt, Assistant Curate Holy Trinity, Dalton, to be Vicar of St. Wilfrith, Moorends, Doncaster.

Rev. John Kenneth Butterfield, Assistant Curate of St. Leonard & St. Jude, Doncaster, to be Team Vicar in the Ilfracombe Team Ministry.

Rev. John Yallop to be first Vicar of St. Peter, Ellesmere (12.10.86).

Rev. Bernard Lee Holdridge, Rector of Rawmarsh, to be Rural Dean of Rotherham from 1st September 1986.

## Stolen Thunder...

I've just had my thunder stolen...and by the Bishop of Doncaster of all people. "Write me something for the October Diocesan News, please" came the coaxing words of Editor Gordon Taylor. "Okay" I said, and had a think. Consequently I came up with the idea of writing a telling little piece urging Churchfolk actually to go to the trouble (and expense) of buying a Church newspaper. Deanery Synod members in Loughton Deanery had, I knew, been recently complaining about lack of information on major issues such as "Faith in the City" and the like. But how many of them took a Church newspaper, I wondered.

In the days when our three daughters were growing up they used to have a comic delivered every week and it normally came on Fridays: same day as the "Church Times". So, in our family, for a long time "Church Times" was known as "Daddy's Comic". But really it's very much more than a comic for the clergy. Together with the "Church of England Newspaper" it sets out to provide a weekly glimpse of the Church of England at work. To be honest the narrow-mindedness of some fellow Anglicans (normally to be found on the Letters Page) can bring on a small depression from time to time; yet it's still a good read. And "Church Times" only costs just 22 pence per week...not much more than some bars of chocolate and certainly less fattening.

"The Guardian" (that's the paper the Bishop of Sheffield reads) and "The Times" (the Bishop of Doncaster's choice) and the "Daily Telegraph" all report on Church affairs from time to time but unless a Vicar runs off with a barmaid or bites his local Organist there's very little chance of reading any Church news in the popular dailies or Sunday papers. So (other than Sheffield Diocesan News...of course, and the Parish Magazine) where else can genuinely interested Church folk gain any news and views about the wider Church to which they belong, other than by reading a Church newspaper which could be delivered every week.

So that was what I was going to write about: until I saw that in the September issue of "Sheffield Diocesan News" the Bishop of Doncaster had taken as his main theme that of urging people to read the "Church Times" or "Church of England Newspaper". And that really stole my thunder. So what can I write about instead? I'll have to have another think!

ROY ARNOLD

### Organ Music in Sheffield



Events are organised throughout the year by SADOCA (the Sheffield and District Organists' and Choirmasters' Association), consisting of recitals, musical evenings and various outings. Details may be obtained from the President, Paul Dean (Rotherham 541432), or the Secretary, Ron Scholfield (Sheffield 397273). This Autumn there is a series of Lecture-Recitals at Sheffield Cathedral, given by Graham Matthews in conjunction with the University of Sheffield Division of Continuing Education. These began on Tuesday September 30th at 7.30 p.m. and continue for the subsequent seven Tuesdays. The Recital part of this series will be repeated on Friday lunchtimes at 1.15 p.m., starting on October 3rd, again at the Cathedral and open to all from March to July 1987, there will be monthly Organ Concerts at Sheffield Cathedral, arranged by the Sheffield Cathedral Organ Society (SCOS). The first is on March 3rd and will be presented by Gillian Weir. Membership of SCOS entitles one to tickets for these concerts at a reduced rate. For details of SCOS and the Lecture-Recitals, contact Graham Matthews at the Cathedral (Sheffield 731440/753434).

New members for these activities are always welcome; it is not necessary to be an organist/choirmaster to join.

(E.V. FISHER)



### BENEFIT

Margaret Barrand works with the DHSS, and her job is to encourage the take-up of unclaimed state benefits. She is available at her office, 40/50 West Street, Sheffield for members of the public to call in about their individual problems. She is also able to give talks to groups of people who share similar needs. So far she has met groups of pensioners, one parent families, and unemployed people. At the moment she is trying to make contact with pensioners' lunch clubs, or young wives' groups who meet on church premises. If you know of any groups who would like details of benefits that may be available to them, get them to contact her during office hours on Sheffield 761166 extension 2282.

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## Shop Early

Work on the building of Martin House, the Hospice for children, at Boston Spa, has begun. £1.25 million pounds has been raised in the appeal for the Hospice, but more is still needed. The Sheffield Friends invite you to their Christmas Fayre on November 8th in the Cathedral Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. It's a good and early opportunity to do some of your Christmas shopping. Jill Hastings Tel: Sheffield 363400, or Brenda Myers Tel: Sheffield 748027 will be glad to hear from you if you have any items you're willing to give - cakes, preserves, toys, books, handicrafts, china, stationery etc., to this most worthwhile cause.

## Info

Want to find out more and start thinking about some of the issues involved in alcohol and drug misuse? Then two new information packs by the General Synod Board of Social Responsibility are for you. Available from Church House Bookshop, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ, by post for £1.95 and £2.40 respectively.

## Requiem

There's a Requiem for All Souls' Day at St. George's Doncaster on Sunday, 2nd November at 6.30 p.m. The Eucharist will be celebrated with music composed by the eminent French organist Maurice Durufle, and sung by the Alan Cuckston Singers.

## In the Swim

They've been in the swim recently at Rawmarsh, where a sponsored swim at the local baths raised over £1300 for Christian Aid. Mr. Geoffrey Pattinson, secretary to the Rawmarsh Christian Aid Committee, and one of the swimmers along with many others from the local churches, reports a record total for 1986 so far, of over £2800 to Christian Aid.

## More music

You are invited to two musical events at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield during October - a recital by the Choir and Organist, Geoffrey Cassidy, on Saturday October 4th, at 7.30 p.m., and on Thursday, October 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., when the Birmingham School of Music's Exton Quartet will play pieces by Mozart, Beethoven and Britten.

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## WORLD PEACE



Sheffield Cathedral is the place to be for a Eucharist for Peace, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 20th October. The celebrant will be the Provost of Sheffield, and the preacher Prof. Canon John Rogerson of Sheffield University. The Revd. Clive Kemp of 6, Moorwood Avenue, Chapeltown, S30 4WA Tel: Sheffield 469920, says that it will be a service of prayer, worship and sacrament, and will unite Christians from all churches and from all sides of peace debate. More details from him.

## Another Vigil for Peace in Rotherham

Following a successful 24-hour Vigil for Peace in Rotherham's Chapel-on-the-Bridge (which lent itself so beautifully for such a purpose) during the summer, a further Vigil has been arranged by the Rotherham World Development Movement (WDM) Group to coincide with the Day of Prayer called by the Pope on October 27th.

As the leaders of the world's religions meet at Assisi, Rotherham people will be maintaining a silent vigil of prayer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that Monday and once more in the Chapel.

This 12-hour Vigil will be kept in the same manner as the 24-hour one: it will be silent except for the saying of the International Prayer for Peace every half-hour. Again, those coming to share in this act are asked to "Bring a Flower" - the last time there were two baskets full by the end of the Vigil and the Chapel not only felt but smelt heavenly!

Over 160 persons signed-in the last time and a similar response is expected again, because those who came declared their deep appreciation of both the opportunity and the experience of sharing in this kind of witness: a demonstration of concern without the noisy chanting of superficial slogans and the waving of banners.

The only banner was one containing the words of the International Prayer for Peace: a dignified object which graced the sanctuary it was placed in.

## A Universal Prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

## Help

Retired Deaconess Phyllis Sargan is hoping to convert two bungalows into a small christian conference centre in Bawtry and is looking for someone who would be willing to join her in a community type relationship. Contact her at 1, Highfield Road, Bawtry, Doncaster DN10 6QN Tel: Doncaster 710587.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

May I say how thought-provoking I found the sermon by the Rev. Elizabeth Nash of the Industrial Mission on Sunday 7th September. Not for her the comfortable Christian existence. She has pitched herself into the real battle where the bullets are flying, available when people are redundant or challenging when low pay and poor conditions are an affront to human dignity.

Maybe Mrs. Nash's sermon will herald a more active attitude within our church to the twin evils of redundancy and low pay, or are we content to let the twenties and thirties return and remain, as a number of our congregation have already tasted the unpleasantness of redundancy.

Perhaps the challenge of Mrs. Nash's sermon will also lead us to question our church's inactivity to the worldwide burning issues of apartheid and the inhuman imprisonment of Christians in South Africa who dare to stand against it; or again the dreadful regime in Chile, or the problems Christians face in countries like Russia, and in particular Poland. I am sure many of our congregation never knowingly buy anything South African, a small thing you may say - but if we all did it?

Finally, two points - on that Sunday we quite properly prayed for Brian Cranwell on his first Sunday as Vicar of Woodhouse, but where were the prayers for Desmond Tutu and his enthronement the following day as Archbishop of Cape Town? and am I being mischievous in wondering if our visiting U.R.C. minister had been the Rev. Edward Nash and not the Rev. Elizabeth Nash would he have been extended the usual courtesy of assisting with the elements of Communion?

Robin Carter

THE CHURCH AND THE FOUR MILLION is the title of a Day Conference to be held on Saturday 18th October at the William Temple Church, Harborough Avenue, Sheffield, 2. Organised by the Christians Unemployment Group - Brian Cranwell is one of the six speakers - Leaflets in Church.

A SERVICE FOR INDUSTRY YEAR is taking place on Sunday 12th October at 6.30pm, Victoria Hall. Preacher will be the Rev. Donald Ross, Industrial Organiser for the Church of Scotland. ISSUES FOR TODAY'S CHRISTIANS Industrial Relations, Poverty, Political Involvement, Sexual Discipline - are themes in a Day Conference led by John Stott at Sheffield Medical School on Saturday 25th October organised by Mission Sheffield.



## A & M

No, not Ancient and Modern, but apathy and morality. If you eschew apathy, and embrace morality you must make known your views and action taken to express that morality, lest you, too, be accused of apathy.

Are we and the whole church as forthcoming as we should be in our denunciation of apartheid with its attendant evils of repression, torture and exploitation? Recently, church-going friends with different backgrounds have told me that the lead should come from inside the Church. Our Christian beliefs should enable us to tell right from wrong. Nothing that is morally wrong can ever be politically or economically right.

There are those outside the Church who say of any great problem, such as unemployment, poverty, or apartheid "What is the Church doing about it?". We are expected to lead. Others say politics are not the province of the Church (but look at the kind of people who say so!) Were not the Pharisees politicians who sought to nullify or at least minimise Christ's teachings? We have their counterparts today in those indignant and self-righteous editorials against the Church's views on political matters. It is so uncomfortable for them.

When the Lord created man in His own image He included the coloured peoples and I don't think he intended them as second-class people unblessed with the same intelligence (although they did not invent nuclear energy, television or the bomb!) Maybe the Lord intended the whites to help them reap the full benefits of a mineral rich and fruitful land, but certainly not to confiscate the country and repress the native people.

I know there are small groups in the Church active in trying to improve those in poverty, unemployment and apartheid. For myself I never buy South African goods and my daily prayers ask for the freeing of Namibia - now that's another interesting subject but don't tell me it's only for politicians to discuss - for they are responsible for the position it is in today.

Rex Beaumont

## DOWN TO EARTH

'Down to Earth' is the title of the Mission to be held for Sheffield and led by Eric Delve next year. An evening of celebration at the launch of the mission is planned for Friday 3rd October, 7.30pm at Sheffield City Hall, featuring Eric Delve and the Springs Dance Company.

## HALLOWE'EN

Most children today can tell you something about Hallowe'en. They know it has something to do with witches because many schools get their children to paint pictures of witches etc., and some even have Hallowe'en parties.

Whilst I am Headteacher of All Saints' School we will not be celebrating Hallowe'en with our children. There are many reasons for being concerned about Hallowe'en as an educational exercise.

1. If we suppose that spirits and witches are sheer nonsense why encourage children to celebrate their mythical frolics and perhaps take them seriously? Paganism is hardly a cultural mainstay of all that is best in our society.
2. Suppose in our folk-lore witches and demons merely represent moral evil. Hallowe'en tends to celebrate evil in the ascendant by the reversal of moral standards. If 'nazi' figures were regularly presented for children's admiration and affection there would soon be a public outcry - but loveable little witches are brought out every Autumn. This disturbs the polarization of good and bad, right and wrong, in children's minds. It is a negative stroke in moral education.
3. Occultism, witchcraft and satanism are popular and powerful fads, if nothing more. They are associated with drugs, racism, sadism and even murder. Hallowe'en can be an apparently harmless introduction to something very nasty below the surface of our society.

So for these, and other reasons we shall not be celebrating Hallowe'en but rather emphasising "All Saints" and the example of those whose qualities of Christian devotion, courage and service can inspire our children to make tomorrow's world a better reflection of the Kingdom of God.

Joan Stratford.

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

The Dore, Totley and Bradway Christian Council of Churches are organising a Holiday Club for children during the Autumn Half-Term Holiday on Mon 27/Tues 28/Wed 29/Thu 30 at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Full details of the times, cost and enrolment will shortly be available from Church and Sunday School.



## LAY MINISTRY

A gathering of nearly 100 people - trainees with their clergy - at St. Columba's, Crosspool, marked the start of the next session of the Diocesan Lay Training Course. Present with the Vicar were Olwen Powell and Beryl Rayner who are to commence the Pastoral Workers' Course.

The Director of Training from Birmingham spoke of the scheme undertaken in that diocese, and notes how lay Training was rapidly expanding in most diocese. It was emphasised training had nothing to do with academic excellence or status within the Church but was a means of enabling all Christians to develop the gifts that were theirs and seeing how best to exercise them in an appropriate parochial setting. As the Bishop of Doncaster was to put it later "Training is learning how to learn".

The Sheffield Diocesan Scheme is in six modules, each consisting of six evenings, and spread over two years.

The modules are:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The Church & Community    | 4 Making Moral Decisions |
| 2. The Worship of the Church | 5 Pastoral Care          |
| 3. The Use of the Bible      | 6. Christian Belief.     |

In the summer period between the two years a candidate is offered a placement where they can try out their possible sphere of future ministry. On completion of the Course, subject to the agreement of the Vicar and PCC, a card of authorisation for three years, signed by the Bishop is presented to the candidate within a Sunday Service, at which the congregation are asked to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows as a sign of their own commitment to use all their gifts in the service of Christ.

Anyone interested in being considered as a future candidate for the Diocesan Course please contact the Vicar.

## OLDE TYME MUSIC HALL

The Totley Troupers New Variety Show is to be presented in All Saints' Church Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 25th October in aid of Church Funds. Tickets are £1.50p (OAP's under 14's £1) and include light refreshments. They are available from Irvine Powell (365357) & Mike Williamson (365415)

## £200 RAISED

This pleasing total came from the Concert by the John Wade Singers on 19th July in aid of the Children's Hospital Gamma Camera.

The Concert Version of 'AIDA' is to be sung at St. John's on Thurs/Fri/Sat 16th-18th October at 7.30pm. Make sure of your ticket now.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

August 31	Daniel Robert John Murray
Sept 7	Christopher Adam Liam Morris
Sept 14	Gemma Lily Bradley

### Holy Matrimony

August 30	Richard Norman Kay & Felicity Susan Ann Crowther
August 30	Peter John Purdy & Lisa Jane Havard
Sept 6	Anthony Philip Massara & Joanne Mary Hawke
Sept 20	Geoffrey David Sumner & Katherine Alison Cole
Sept 20	Douglas Turner & Patricia Johnstone (Service of Blessing)

### Funerals

Sept.8.	Charles Ernest Motley (86) Green Oak View
Sept 8	James Hodgson (86) 85 Aldam Road

Charlie Motley has lived with his wife Emily, in Green Oak View for the past year, coming to Totley from their home at Hunter's Bar. He had served in both World Wars and worked for nearly 40 years for the Electricity Board. Jim Hodgson, born at Hillsborough, was well-known as Totley's local plumber for most of his working life. Putting service before self he readily went out to cope with emergencies at all times and in all weathers. He was for many years in the Cross Scythes Bowling Team.

## THANK YOU FROM CATHERINE, DAVID AND STELLA

To lose Deborah in such a tragic way and so soon after Alan has been a shattering experience and it will take a long time for the hurt to heal, but once again we have been conscious of the tremendous outpouring of love and support from everyone who has shared in our grief and this has been a source of great strength.

We thank and bless you all.

'War on Want' has benefitted by nearly £900 - a marvellous tribute to Deborah and another cause of our grateful thanks.

## JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to Helen Job on being put forward to the National Choir Girl of the Year Competition. She was one of two chosen from the Radio Sheffield area. Well done Helen.



### RECIPE TIME Interregnum Soup

You may recall the gift of a cold frame to the Rev. Bill Hossett in appreciation of his help during the interregnum. Bill used it for some cucumber plants - and e'er long Sunnyvale was stockpiling cucumbers until this tasty cold cucumber soup was noted down!

To serve four.

1 Cucumber roughly chopped	2 oz Cream Cheese
5 Fl.oz(carton) Natural Yogurt	1 pt Milk
8 oz Cold cooked potato	1 tablespn Vinegar
Pepper & 2 level teaspn salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspn sugar

Place all ingredients in a liquidiser or food processor and blend until cucumber is broken down finely and mixture is smooth and thick. Taste and add further seasoning if required. Chill in refrigerator for 2 to 3 hours.

Then pour into soup bowls and garnish with further cucumber slides.

### FLOWER ROTA

<u>October</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
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### Silver Cleaning

Oct 5	Mrs. Jockel	Oct 19	Mrs. Mayson
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### PARISH BREAKFAST

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Oct 12	Mrs. Manterfield and Mrs. Brownhill
Oct 19	Mrs. B. Smith and Mrs. Hubbard
Oct 26	Mrs. E. Powell and Mrs. Needham
Nov 2	Mrs. Davis and Miss Davis

### END QUOTES FROM RB

Bliss in possession will not last.

Remember Joys are never passed. (James Montgomery)

Govern a family as you would cook a small fish -  
-very gently. (Chinese proverb)

There is nothing more frustrating than a good intention,  
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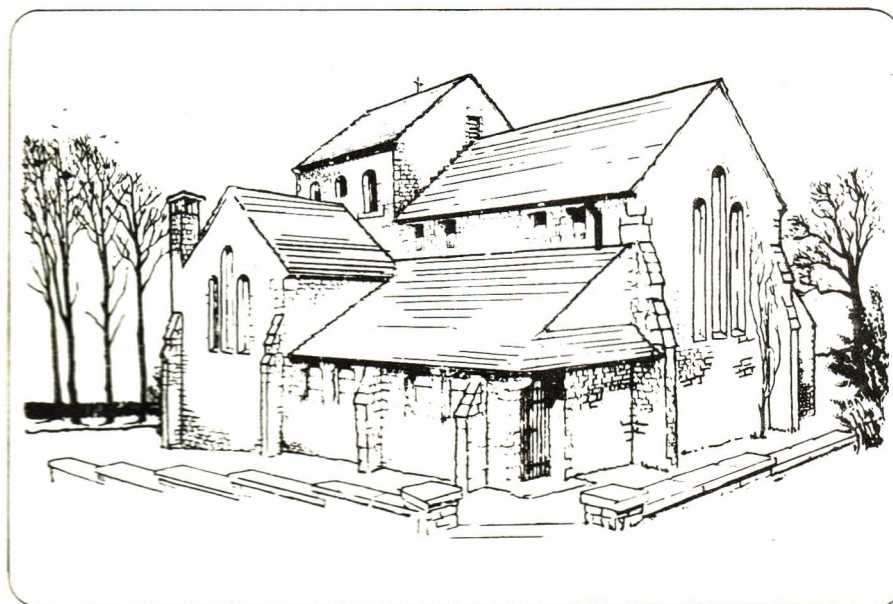
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Each year St. Andrew's Tide (30th November) is marked in the Church's Calendar by a Day of Prayer for Mission. Andrew is known as the first Christian missionary from the incident in St. John's Gospel (1:42) when he brought Simon Peter to Jesus.

Mission is the main task of every Christian. The Mission of the Church calls us to total commitment in four directions.

1. We are to GROW 'upwards' by being more disciplined and regular in private prayer, Bible study and public worship.
2. We are to GO out to others in evangelism.
3. We are to GO out to others in social and pastoral care and concern for their needs.
4. We are to GIVE to meet the financial commitments of all these aspects of the Church's work.

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A L L   D I R E C T I O N S

None of these aspects can be isolated from each other, they are interdependent.

1. Like Andrew we need to have found Christ for ourselves before we can invite others to seek Him. Our own disciplined commitment to Him is essential.

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2. Mission begins with Me reaching out to others. It is our mission to encourage others to listen and respond to the good news.
3. Our Lord did not only preach the Gospel, He went about doing good, healing the sick, caring for the poor, befriending the outcasts. Mission involves a genuine love for others expressed in social concern, justice and peace.
4. The Mission of the Church like the Mission of Christ needs material as well as spiritual resources. Our Lord and His disciples had their own treasurer, they had to pay the taxes of the day. The work of mission, whether in Timbuktu or Totley relies on our financial support.

I have at times been shocked and saddened by the fine opportunities lost - and man-hours wasted in meetings - because as members of the Church of England we fail to face up to our financial responsibilities and dig deeper into our pockets.

We plan to mark the Day of Prayer for Mission - this year on Saturday 29th November - with a vigil of prayer in Church from 10am to 6pm. All members are asked to spend a while in silent prayer on that day to renew their own commitment to Christ and His Church. If you can commit yourself to a specific ½-hour, please sign the time chart in Church so that the whole period of the vigil can be covered. Most of us will be at the Hall for the Christmas Bazaar - so do not fail to go into Church as well.

In obedience to Christ let us commit ourselves to growth and progress in all directions. That Saturday is the day before Advent Sunday, let us use the Day of Prayer to seek God's will and the strength and guidance of His Holy Spirit in the year and tasks ahead.

With every blessing

*Stewart Rayner*

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## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

- 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY 10am Holy Communion
- 2nd ALL SAINTS TIDE - Patronal Festival  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle : Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 (RSV)  
 Gospel : St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament : 2 Esdras 2:42-48 (RSV)  
 New Testament : St. Luke 6:20-23 (NEB)
- 9th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 7 before Christmas  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle : Romans 4:13-25 (JB)  
 Gospel : St. John 8:51-59 (NEB)  
10am Service of Remembrance - proceeding to  
11am Silence at the War Memorial  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament : Genesis 22:1-18 (NEB)  
 New Testament : St. Luke 20: 9-17 (JB)
- 16th 6 BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Trinity 25)  
 Theme 'The Promise of Redemption - Moses'  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle : Exodus 3: 7-15 (RSV)  
 Gospel : Hebrews 3: 1-6 9TEV)  
10am Family Service (Talk by Mr. Michael Goater)  
12noon Holy Baptism (Benjamin Harrison)  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Epistle : Hebrews 11:17-31 (RSV)  
 Gospel : St. Mark 13: 5-13 (NEB)
- 23rd 5 BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Sunday before Advent)  
 Theme 'The Remnant of Israel'  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev. Bill Hossett)  
 Epistle : I Kings 19: 9-18 (RSV)  
 Gospel : St. Matthew 24: 37-44 (NEB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament : Isaiah 10: 20-23 (RSV)  
 New Testament : St. Mark 13: 14-23 (NEB)
- 29th ST ANDREW'S TIDE - DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSION  
 Saturday 10am - 6pm Silent Vigil in Church.

- 30th ADVENT SUNDAY (4 before Christmas - St. Andrew)  
 Theme: The Advent Hope  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle : Isaiah 52:7-10 (NEB)  
 Gospel : St. Luke 21:25-33 (NEB)  
12 noon Holy Baptism (Mark Andrew Hardwick)  
 (Matthew Grant)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament : Isaiah 51: 4-11 (NEB)  
 New Testament: St. Matthew 25:31-46 (NEB)

Midweek Holy Communion - every Wednesday at 10am

## LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club wish to thank all those who contributed to and helped at the Silent Auction. £171 was raised for Church Hall expenses.

On 4th November Miss Anna Baldry will be giving us a cookery demonstration entitled "Sweet Thoughts" and on 18th November there will be a talk on "Crime Prevention".

We are always pleased to see new members at our fortnightly meetings which take place in the Church Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2p.m.



"PEGS PANTRY" \* POTTERY \* DOLLS  
 DECORATIONS \* NEEDLEWORK  
 MYSTERY PARCELS \* RAFFLE GIFTS \*  
 \* TEAS \* \* \* \* \*  
**in the Church Hall**  
 organised by The Ladies Working Party





## PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Sat 10am Holy Communion (said) for ALL SAINTS' DAY  
3pm Holy Matrimony (Mark Schofield & Janet Smith)  
7.30pm "LISTEN FOR A CHANGE" One World Week evening at Totley Rise Methodist Hall.
- 4th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club. Anna Baldry "Sweet thoughts"  
8.30pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting.
- 5th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship 113 Green Oak Road
- 6th Thu 8pm Standing Committee - 35 Wollaton Road
- 7th Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 20 Totley Grange Road
- 10th Mon 7.30pm All Saints' Nursery Playgroup AGM at School
- 11th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 12th Wed 2pm Monthly Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- 13th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting at the Vicarage
- 15th Sat 1.30pm Holy Matrimony (David Wright & Angela Kirton)  
2pm at Scout HQ Jumble Sale (Tel. 367387 with jumble)
- 18th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club "Crime Prevention"
- 19th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 21st Fri 1.45pm Friday Fellowship - 46 The Grove  
8pm "60-70" Disco and Pie & Pea Supper (arranged by Scouts - Tel. 351669 for tickets)
- 25th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
2.15pm Ladies Working Party in Church Hall
- 26th-29th Weds to Sat. T.O.A.D.S. present "Caught on the Hop"  
7.30pm at St. John Abbeydale Church Hall  
8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 43 Vernon Road
- 29th Sat 2pm CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in Church Hall  
10am-6pm Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's Tide
- December
- 2nd Tue 12.15pm Community Liaison Lunch in Church Hall  
8pm Council of Churches Meeting
- 9th Tue 2.30pm Senior Citizens Carol Service & Tea.  
7pm Coffee & Carols at Scout HQ
- 11th Thu 7pm All Saints' School Concert.

### Comedy Presentation

T.O.A.D.S. next production is to be a comedy by Derek Benfield "Caught on the Hop" in St. John's Abbeydale Church Hall from Wednesday 26th November to Saturday 29th at 7.30p.m. Admission £1 (Children & Senior Citizens 70p) Tickets are available from Gerald Waite (364979)

## Sheffield Diocesan News

NOVEMBER, 1986



**Praying for Peace, as many of us have been doing in October, is not praying for an abstract ideal. It is bringing a world before God in which both hearts and minds, societies and individuals, need to be changed.**

It is understandable if our first reaction is to think in nuclear terms; whether we advocate deterrence or unilateral disarmament. In the West particularly we are inclined towards the concept of what the Americans call crisis management.

There is another approach to East-West relations which is more concerned with risk reduction; an approach exemplified by the 1974 Helsinki Accord, at the centre of which lies an emphasis on confidence-building.

It is an encouragement to see a modest move in this direction in the recent Stockholm Agreement; by which thirty-five nations have signified assent to specific security measures. Forward notice has now to be given in planning major military manoeuvres in Europe, with the requirement of independent monitoring. Hopes at present are also much higher for arms reductions in both the nuclear and non-nuclear fields as a result of the continuing negotiations in Geneva and Vienna.

It may be argued that we still have not achieved very much. It is however the first major agreement for seven years; and a reminder that, whatever the global interests of the super-powers, Europe has its own needs and responsibilities. Every step that reduces risks and builds any degree of mutual trust is worth taking.

Christians ought to be interested in the business of confidence-building, and keen to play their part, even if it is only a small one. We can urge the Government to take the Helsinki Accord as seriously as possible. A major review of the Accord begins this month in Vienna, and it matters a great deal that earlier Helsinki expectations are maintained. We can give support to the strengthening of links between ourselves and churches in Eastern Europe. We can try better to understand the situations in which Christians in the communist bloc countries find themselves. There are a number of stereotypes to be removed, for there is a considerable diversity of social and ecclesiastical experience.

On that latter point, I was intrigued by a comment in the report of the Churches' delegation to the Soviet Union in May this year: 'Every Soviet Church is a visual attempt to depict Heaven'. The point being made was that Russian Christians do not on the whole criticise their Church any more than they publicly criticise their country. 'To state the ideal as though it were reality is one way of pointing up the gap between what is and what might be.'

There has been a fair amount of criticism of the Church of England in some sections of the national press. There is no shortage of criticism of what we are and do from within the Church. We should not avoid necessary criticism or fail to face necessary change, but I wonder if I am alone in thinking that we spend too much time in wringing our hands. We do not want triumphalism; We want modest and attainable targets; but what about a greater concern for depicting heaven!

WILLIAM

Bishop of Doncaster



## Flight off...

A "flight into Egypt" was what Miss Maureen Eastwood, of Scunthorpe was planning on but instead she has come to the Diocese of Sheffield. She has, in fact, been appointed as Diocesan Training Officer, to assist Miss Margaret Selby the Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry. After schooling in Scunthorpe Miss Eastwood has undertaken further education at Westhill College, Birmingham, the University of Nairobi, Selly Oak College, and at the Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College, Dublin. She has taught at various schools and has worked for the Church Missionary Society as a Mission Partner at the Higher Institute of Coptic Studies in Cairo, Egypt. "The Witness of a Christian Minority in the Arab East", dealing with contemporary issues facing the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt, is the topic of her latest thesis. Maureen was introduced to the Diocesan Synod at their meeting on September 29th and was commissioned for her work in our Diocese on October 6th.

## What do you mean 'Jesus Raised from the Dead'?

Following the Bishops' Report on Doctrine presented to last summer's General Synod, the Open Church Group has arranged a meeting to help people open out their understanding of the Resurrection.

Revd. Fr. Arthur Longworth, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Carver Street, will be speaking on the above title, at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20th November in the Upper Room at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill (just across the road from the Royal Hallamshire Hospital). The talk will be followed by discussion. The meeting will end by 4 p.m. All comers are welcome.

## St. Paul's Pilgrimage

St. Alban's, Jarrow, Lindisfarne were places for previous Diocesan Pilgrimages. This year it was London. Over 500 people left Sheffield and Rotherham and Doncaster and the places in between, by train for the capital city. When the pilgrimage was first announced earlier in the year, the special train was fully booked up within a few days. The pilgrims were met at St. Paul's by the Dean, the Very Revd. Alan Webster (himself a former Vicar in this Diocese). It was a fine day with a service of Holy Communion at the Cathedral, a journey by boat up the Thames, and a service at St. Alban's, Holburn to complete the stay in London.

Where to next year? Not sure yet - but one thing's for certain, the Pilgrimages are becoming very popular!

## Church Army

The Church Army has been reaching out for over a hundred years to those most in need in our society and would like to put even more officers into great areas of need, but is sadly restricted by the amount of money at its disposal. How about during Lent, 1987, using Church Army Lent boxes to contribute to the Army's work? Contact: Michael Nokes, 29, Avenue Terrace, Clifton, York, YO3 6AX.

## Calling Brothers and Sisters.....

Taize is a small village in the Burgundy area of France, where an ecumenical community of Christian brothers have their home. Brother Roger, their founder, began living there in 1940 and was gradually joined by other brothers. At first the community lived in relative isolation, but they now welcome thousands of young people from all over Europe who wish to share in their life of communal prayer. Their visits provide an opportunity to take practical steps in 'reconciliation': sharing discussions, meals and prayers with Christians of many traditions and nationalities; combined with time for individual reflection and personal prayer.

As well as their continuous hospitality in Taize, the community hold a 'European Meeting' each year in a major European city. The next such meeting is to be held in London over the New Year period, and it is expected that 15,000 people or more will arrive from many countries to participate in this special gathering.

In preparation for this event, local meetings are being held in towns and cities throughout Britain. In Sheffield, there is a local meeting on Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th November. There will be three meetings for prayer, which it is expected will take place at St. Marie's Cathedral on Friday evening, Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday morning and at a city Methodist church on Saturday evening; this choice of meeting places mirrors the choice of Westminster Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Methodist Central Hall as meeting places for the London meeting. During Saturday afternoon there will be a chance to experience a mix of the activities that visitors to Taize share: bible study discussions, music practices, fellowship and, it is hoped, a shared meal. Some brothers from Taize will be in Sheffield to take part in the meeting.

Though this will primarily be a local meeting, there may be young people who have come some distance to participate. Accommodation in local homes, just for the night of 14th November, is being sought. Floor-space for a sleeping-bag will be entirely adequate. The idea is to allow people to share in the life of ordinary Sheffielders.

For more information about the Taize meetings in Sheffield and London, contact Mark Donnelly at 31 Harefield Road, Sheffield S11 8NU, telephone 680840. If you can help with the request for accommodation, contact Tony Rattigan at 62 Mona Road, Sheffield S10 1NH, telephone 680799.

There is a meeting for prayer in the style of Taize on the last Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. in the crypt chapel of Sheffield Cathedral.

## Faith in the City

At Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton, BD23 5HU, there's a follow up to the report for project leaders, local churches, and others interested from 10th - 14th November. The Guest Speaker is Rev. Roger Clarke, Director of the William Temple Foundation.

# Synod Extra!

## Confidence in the Church...

"Confidence in the Church" was the theme chosen by the Bishop of Sheffield for his Presidential address to the extra meeting of the Diocesan Synod held at Sheffield Cathedral on September 29th.

The Bishop spoke out strongly in favour of Anglican Ordination (still questioned as to its validity by the Roman Catholic Church). He was equally strong in his confidence in Baptism and in condemning the concept of "second Baptism", undergone by some who feel the needed 're-assuring' about their Baptism. "Second Baptism calls in question everybody else's Baptism" said the Bishop. The parochial system with its view of the Church of England as being responsible for the whole of the Nation was another area of confidence for the Bishop and finally he was entirely confident in the laity of the Church of England and in the exercise of their right to constructively criticise.

Earlier the Bishop had welcomed and commissioned Mr. Douglas Hurley as the new Diocesan Stewardship Adviser and introduced Miss Maureen Eastwood as the new Training Officer in the Diocese.

The Diocesan Synod voted overwhelmingly in favour of extending for a further five years the work of the Unemployment Officer, the Revd. Michael Keen. Earlier a presentation of some of the projects he had been involved with over the past four years

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## Advert

All Saints, Woodlands, Doncaster, require an Organist/Choirmaster/Worship Leader, who is willing to work with the Vicar, Choir and Worship Group, as a team. A substantial honorarium will be paid. Contact Rev. John Hawley on 0302 723268.

## Appointments

Revd. Frank Bickerton to retire from St. Cuthbert's, Fishlake, on 2.11.86.

Revd. Maurice Preston, Priest in Charge of Rawcliffe, to be Vicar of Rawcliffe.

Revd. John L. R. Presswell, Vicar of St. John, Edlington, to be Assistant Curate at Handsworth.

## Large Print Carols

The Partially Sighted Society has produced a sheet of carols in large print, which are especially useful for those with sight difficulties. More details from The Partially Sighted Society, Queens Road, Doncaster. DN1 2NX tel: 0302 68998.

was given. The only anxiety expressed in the debate was not about Michael Keen's work, but about the general principle of appointing non-parochial advisers. The Bishop found it "tedious" to be into such questioning again "It is a fable that non-parochial appointments are spreading" he said.

"A minefield for people who don't do things at the right time" was how Mr. Peter Allott described the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 which comes into force fully in 1989. This will codify the task of Patrons and others involved in the appointment of a new incumbent to a parish living. The process begins next year when all Patrons must be registered.

Six young people from the party of those who went out to our Link Diocese of Maseno North recounted their adventures for members of the Diocesan Synod. Among all the problems of life in a strange land - primitive sanitation, poor roads, limited medical care - they told of rare glimpses into tribal Africa and ancient initiation rites combined with the vibrant approach to the Christian Faith of those with whom they came into contact and Churches services - basically Series 3 Holy Communion but with drums and homemade guitars - lasting anything up to eight hours. The Revd Jim McKinney, who helped to organise this African venture, said that all this was by way of an appetiser and he hoped that Deanery Synods and PCC's would invited the young people to speak about their expedition to the interior.

After such heady stuff the Synod was in no mood to question the Finance Committee Report, but hurried out instead to head for home in Darkest South Yorkshire.

ROY ARNOLD  
Diocesan Communication Officer

## Whirlow Christmas?

For groups of twenty or more, you can book the whole of Whirlow Grange's facilities for your Christmas lunches and dinners. Two special evenings have been set aside (Monday 15th December and Wednesday 17th December) when individuals, couples or small groups can join together for dinner at 7.30 p.m. Entertainment afterwards is provided by the Langsett Flute Quartet and the Sheaf Consort of Voices. Prices are very reasonable. Enquiries to Maurice Snowdon at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, Sheffield S11 9PZ. Tel: Sheffield 363173.

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# Maseno Memories....



The Revd. Jim McKinney and some of the young people who went to Maseno North this last summer will be happy to share some of their experiences with Deanery Synods and other groups. Contact him at The Vicarage, Kingston Road, Intake, Doncaster, DN2 6LS. Telephone: Doncaster 323167.

Karen Green  
and new found  
friends



Andrew Brown  
building church  
walls

## SUNDAY BLESSED SUNDAY

The title above is similar to that of the title of a book and film - just the middle word differs (A clue to that other middle word is 'gory'!) Not having seen the film or read the book, I don't know the reason for the title, perhaps there is no good reason but it's an eye-catcher.

However I am clear at the reason for my title, for to me Sunday is just that, a day of peace, thought, strength and comfort. At the end of the day I feel at ease with myself, a complete person.

The previous paragraph has always fittered in my mind. It was reinforced when I read in a Woman's Magazine (I read anything from "Hansard" to agony aunts!) about Ronnie Corbett's memories of his Sunday childhood. With his parents and sister he would attend Morning Service followed by Sunday School or Bible Class and in the evening, the Church youth club or Crusaders. Here are his words, "In my childhood, Sundays were a kind of staff and comfort to the family, I remember them very fondly."

Like the current phrase, 'Give peace a chance' we can say 'give Church-going a chance'.

It would have been the advice I should have given to a bitter character on a radio reading from a book on old Burnley the mill town. This character was an aesthet because his mother had died in extreme pain. I am sure it would have removed the burden and bitterness from his soul. As a starter, had he lived today, he could listen to "Thought for the Day", the 'Morning Service' and "Songs of Praise".

These are not however substitutes for Church-going, it is the fellowship that makes all the difference.

Rex B.

## THANKS -- AND REGRETS

Many messages of thanks have been sent by those receiving harvest gifts from All Saints' Church and School Harvest Festivals. Appreciation was expressed both for the produce - from melons to home-made jam - and the thoughts and good wishes behind the gifts.

Regrettably our gifts can only reach a small proportion of those who might value them. On our Community Survey 837 dwellings have been visited to date. Of their occupants 30% (amounting to 552 people) were aged over 65 - of these 222 lived on their own.



## P.C.C. MEETING REPORT

The P.C.C. meeting met on 9th October. The main item was a report from the financial sub-committee. It had been appointed after the P.C.C. had expressed grave concern over the financial position of All Saints.

The first section of the Report presented comparative financial tables of income and expenditure over the last 15 years. It was noted that since 1977 income had risen 2½ times whilst Quota expenditure had increased 7 times. The Quota increase arose from the Church Commissioners inability to pay clergy stipends from non-parochial sources owing to inflation. The Quota increase together with such items as falling receipts from the Church Hall meant there was a deficit in real terms of about £4,000. This constant debt had inhibited progress in furthering the work of the Church in the parish and supporting Christian work outside.

The point was put that if our priority was mission and Christian commitment, the money would follow. The Vicar agreed but felt it was vital to strive at the same time in the four directions of - firmer Christian commitment, evangelistic outreach, social concern, and a sound financial foundation.

The second section of the Report looked at our attitude to giving in the light of Scripture and the total stewardship of all that we are and have. It drew attention to the Church of England's recommendation to all members to give 5% of take-home pay. The Vicar felt there was scope for improved planned-giving at All Saints' and presented an analysis of present giving....

99 people give regularly through envelopes or bankers draft amounting to weekly totals of

£10 (1) £6 (4) £5 (2) £4 (2) £3/£3.50 (7)  
£2.50 (4) £2 (15) £1.50(3) £1 (27) 75p (2)  
50p/60p (12) 30p (3) 25p & below (17)

Discussion on the Report would continue at the next meeting.

Other matters discussed:-

An estimate for the proposed tablet listing Vicars of Totley was £310 - in carved oak. In view of our financial situation we were to look to other means and local talent. The possibility of using Whiteley Woods for the proposed Family Weekend would be investigated. On a Bishop's Council proposal to increase the number of representatives on Synod the P.C.C. were not in favour. The P.C.C. were invited to become affiliated to the Church's Unemployment Group(CHUG)

and would decide at the next meeting. Attention was drawn to the poor state of parts of the external paintwork of the Church Hall. Hall rental was discussed particularly in relation to the Mothers & Toddlers Club. The P.C.C. was reminded of their earlier decision to publish a summary of proceedings in the Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER GIVING at the main Service shows signs of growth - last month's totals and attendance compared with the end of the interregnum.

	1986	1985
7th 10am (HC-ASB)	102 £79	1st 9.30 (HC/ASB) 62 £52
14th 10am (HC-BCP)	97 £181	8th 11am (HC/BCP) 65 £164
21st 10am (Family)	167 £89	15th 9.30 (ASB)plus 11am (Fam) £75
28th 10am (HC-BCP)	122 £180	22nd 9.30 (HC/BCP) 74 £135

## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

On one of the glorious Autumn days we enjoyed recently, the older junior children went out into the Peak District. Emilie Scholey has written something about the day. 'Mr.Tempan told us that we would have our dinner at the top of the hill, we were then at the bottom and started to climb. All the grass was wet and there were thistles and prickly things that hurt. There were ditches that we fell down in. When we were nearly at the top we could see a bridge, and the fog and mist passing. We could see hills and grass and shapes and colours. Soon the boys had finished their dinner and went and looked behind a wall. They found a dead sheep. So then I went and had a look. There were flies all round it, and its mouth looked like a dragon's mouth.'

## CRAFT FAIR

Bradway Scouts are organising a Craft Fair on Sat.22nd Nov. from 10am-5pm at their HQ in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School. There will be over 20 crafts on display with excellent opportunities for original Christmas presents - pottery, woodturning, patchwork, jewellery, enamelling, dolls clothes, pressed flowers, garden furniture, terrariums. Light refreshments on sale through the day.

IF YOU JUST CAN'T THINK what to give your friends for Christmas - buy from £1.50 a Christian Aid Memento Card for them and give the money to the poor.



## RECIPE TIME

## Date and Walnut Cake

12oz Dates (chopped)                      1oz Walnuts (chopped)  
1 Cup boiling water(pour over dates and leave to cool)  
10oz S.R. Flour                              1 egg  
2oz Margarine                                6oz sugar  
1 level teaspn bi-carb                      Pinch of salt.

Rub margarine into flour. Add rest of ingredients and allow to stand 20 minutes. Put into Two 1lb tins or into One 2lb tin. Bake 1½ hours in a moderate oven - 325°F - 350°F Gas 3-4

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>November</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
2	Ladies Club	Mr. Haywood	T.Barron
9	Mrs.Johnston/Mrs.Coates	Mrs.Dixon	H.Taylor
16	Mrs.King	Mrs.White	A.Powell
23	Mrs.Waite	Mrs. Monfredi	A.Ruthven
30	Miss Taylor	Mrs.Cook	L.Marshall
7 Dec	Mrs.E.Powell	Mrs.Ellis	V.Waite

## Silver Cleaning

Nov 2      Mrs.Wiles                      Nov 16      Mrs.Parkin

## PARISH BREAKFAST

Nov 2      Mrs.Davis & Miss Davis  
Nov 9      Mrs. A. Powell & Mrs. Smith  
Nov 16      Mrs. Wiles & Miss V. Waite  
Nov 23      Mrs. Ellis & Mrs. Johnston  
Nov 30      Mrs.Beeley & Mrs. Billard  
Dec 7      Mr & Mrs. Filleul

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Those who hold Children's Society Boxes are asked to return them this month for emptying. If you haven't a box and would like one please contact Dorothy Simons (364937)

## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship meets on an ecumenical basis on alternate Fridays at 1.45pm. If you fancy relaxed Bible Study and discussion over afternoon tea - contact Ann Ruthven for details (368643). Children welcome.

## DORE & TOTLEY GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

If you are lonely (young or old), incapacitated, or needing shopping or prescriptions fetching this winter - call one of the numbers below for a volunteer to help you:

Totley area - 365357 - Olwen  
Totley Brook area - 350612 - Ann  
Dore area - 366204

## DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in, the easy way which you always used to. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was; let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it every meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight. I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918) - Canon of St. Paul's.

## PONDER OVER

I am glad to think  
I am not bound to make the wrong go right,  
But only to discover and to do.  
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.  
Jean Ingelow

## QUOTABLE QUOTA

The figures for the 1987 Diocesan Quota for stipends, ministry, training and outreach have been published. This year, for the first time, the costs of the Parsonages Board have been included in the total Quota and an additional assessment for the Vicarage will no longer be made. The Deanery figures are as follows:

Abbeydake (St.John)	£11,975	Greenhill	£12,225
Abbeydale (St.Peter)	£ 4,064	Millhouses (H.Trinity)	£12,884
Bramall Lane(St.Mary)	£ 9,698	Millhouses (St.Oswald)	£ 8,243
Carver St.(St.Matthew)	£10,682	Norton (St.James)	£12,864
Hanover St.(St.Silas)	£ 1,727	Norton Lees(St.Paul)	£ 8,487
Dore	£13,837	Sharrow	£10,789
Ecclesall	£21,596	Totley	£ 8,047
Endcliffe	£ 4,290	Woodseats	£ 9,146

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### SOUNDS FANTASTIC!

It was simply the most beautiful sound I had ever heard. We'd gone to a Carol Concert and there was quite a bit of shuffling until a small Brownie stood up to play a solo on the flute. Suddenly the atmosphere was transformed as the clear notes echoed through the Church. I was stunned by the sheer beauty of the music - and it made me regret I couldn't play an instrument. Written down music looks like a lot of tadpoles on telephone wires. But played by a real musician the beauty the composer created suddenly comes alive.

Oddly enough, listening to the sound of that flute brought back the surprise and excitement I felt when I finally learnt to read the Bible.

One day I began to use the Bible as part of my prayers. It stopped being ancient history and more than just a guide to living a good life. By accident I'd let God in on the act, suddenly I found he was there opening my heart and mind in a way that stunned me - just as that Brownie did when she played her flute.

Some parts of the Bible are easy to grasp, like the catchy little tune she played. Some parts are powerful and angry as we hear men arguing and struggling with God - these sections hit you with the deafening force of a rock band. Other parts are quite complicated, like a symphony. Here many of us need a wise and gentle friend to guide us.

Each day thousands of people find simple Bible reading notes give them just that guiding hand. Alone we get stuck, but in fellowship with other Christians, God brings the words of the Bible suddenly alive!

Often as I read the Bible in the quiet of my prayers I think of that Brownie. I may never learn to play the flute but through the Bible God brings a harmony and purpose into my life that has the power and joy of great music.

The first Sunday of next month (December 7th) is Bible Sunday. Let that be the day God starts to bring his power and joy into your life.

David Rhodes (Director - Bible Reading Fellowship)

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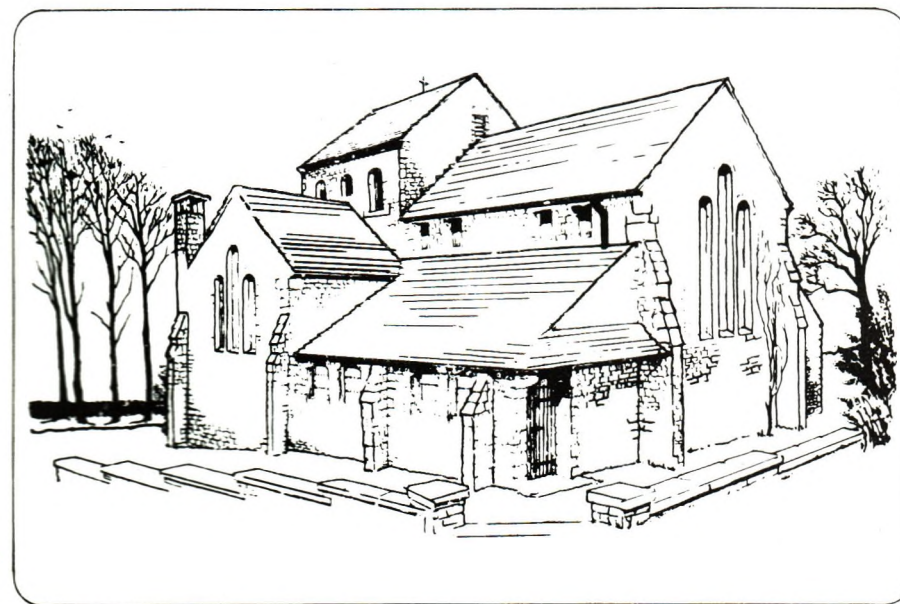
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Dear Friends,

I happened to be in the City Centre on the evening the Christmas Lights were switched on and had to pass through the main shopping area. As I looked up at the illuminated decorations, I sought in vain amongst the santas and snow men for some aspect of the Christian rather than the commercial side of Christmas. At length, outside the Town Hall, I spotted just one - an angel.

On my way home I began by thinking what a sad reflection this was of our age. Yet as I thought, I could see perhaps after all there was some unintentional truth behind the City's choice of decoration. It only took one angel to begin the Christmas Story. Mary's obedience to the message of the angel Gabriel led to the Birth of the Son of God.

The word 'angel' is simply the Greek for 'messenger' (angelos). The Greek word in the New Testament for 'Gospel' is 'eu-angelos' or 'good-message'. So we can see the derivation of evangelism.

Evangelism requires us to be messengers bearing good tidings. So often we feel isolated in our attempts. We are rather like the angel outside the Town Hall, surrounded by busy people concerned about so many other matters - not giving a second glance. It is so easy to get despondent especially at Christmas when we see its traditions observed but rarely understood.

It only took one angel, so perhaps a thoughtful spoken comment, or an extra line on a Christmas Card, might make all the difference to someone's view of the Festival of Christ's Birth. Whilst Christmas is on everybody's minds it presents us with an opportunity for evangelism. Let us seek to use it.

With very best wishes for a Happy Christmas  
and a peaceful New Year,



## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- 7th ADVENT 2  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Isaiah 55:1-11 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. John 5: 36-42 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 64:1-7 (JB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 4:14-21 (NEB)
- 14th ADVENT 3  
8am Holy Communion(ASB)  
10am Holy Communion(BCP) (No Sermon)  
Epistle : I Corinthians 4:1-5 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. John 1: 19-28 (JB)  
11am Carols & Coffee from the Sunday School in Hall  
12.15pm Holy Baptism(Charlotte Elliott & Krystle Eagar)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament : Malachi 3:1-5 (NEB)  
New Testament : St. Matthew 11:2-15 (NEB)
- 21st ADVENT 4  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion(ASB) (No Sermon)  
Epistle : I Corinthians 1 : 26-31 (TEV)  
Gospel : St. Luke 1: 26-38 (RSV)  
11am Christingle Service (Preacher: Rv. Ken Dagger)  
6.30pm Festival of Lessons & Carols
- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (BCP)  
Epistle : I John 4: 7-14 (JB)  
Gospel : St. Luke 2: 1-14 (RSV)
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY  
8am Holy Communion(BCP)  
Epistle : Titus 2: 11-14/3: 3-7 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. John 1: 1-14 (RSV)  
10am Family Service - with Holy communion (ASB)
- 28th CHRISTMAS 1 (Holy Innocents)  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP) & Holy Baptism  
Epistle : Romans 12 : 1-8 (NEB) (Rebecca Lawry)  
Gospel : St. Luke 2: 22-40 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
O.T.: Jeremiah 31:15-17 (NEB)/N.T.: St. Matthew 2:  
13-18 (JB)



## CHRISTMAS

December is the month of Christmas, although the stores and shops have taken November as well. One could be forgiven for thinking that Christmas is only about giving and receiving. May this indeed continue - especially the giving to charities, but what gives me most pleasure is to hear of some person to person kindly act of love. It could be simply a visit to a lonely person, for good measure bearing a small gift according to circumstance, though as the hackneyed phrase has it - 'It is the thought that counts'.

The late Sir John Betjeman puts the meaning of Christmas far better than I ever could in his poem "Christmas", from which I quote the last three verses.

Rex B.

And is it true? And is it true  
This most tremendous tale of all  
Seen is a stained-glass window's hue  
A baby in an ox's stall.  
The maker of the stars and sea  
Become a child on earth for me

And is it true? For if it is ,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue-dripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant

No love that in a family dwells  
No carolling in frosty air  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with the single truth compare -  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

### FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

The meeting arranged for Friday 5th December has been cancelled. The next meeting will now be on 12th December at 1.45pm (3 Laverdene Avenue). This will be the last meeting of the Friday Fellowship in its present form due to other Christian commitments of its members. However it is hoped that many of the group, together with any other interested persons, will be able to join in with the Monthly Wednesday Morning Fellowship. The next meeting of this group is at 10.45 am on 3rd December at 2 Main Avenue.

## YOUR GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS CAROLS - DECEMBER 1986

### Tuesday 9th at 2.30pm

Senior Citizens Carol Service and Tea in the Church Hall arranged by the Ladies Working Party with singers from All Saints' School.

### Tuesday 9th at 7pm

Carols & Coffee with entertainment in the Scout HQ off Aldam Road. All welcome.

### Sunday 14th at 11 a.m.

Following a shortened 10am Holy Communion the Sunday School invites you all to join them in the Church Hall for Carols and Coffee and be led in our preparation for Christmas in words, songs and music.

### Sunday 14th at 8.15pm to 10pm

The John Wade Singers will be presenting "Carols & Opera for Christmas" in the Buchanan Hall, Totley College. Come and have an enjoyable evening. Tickets at £1 each from 360820 Or 360122 or pay at the door.

### Tuesday 16th at 9.15 am

All Saints' School Carol Service in Church. Everybody welcome. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards in school.

### Friday 19th from 7pm

Carol Singing round the Parish finishing at 9pm at the Green Oak View residents' party. Meet at the Vicarage to leave for 7pm. All wassailers welcome.

### Saturday 20th from 10am to 11.30am

United Church Carol Singing on Totley Rise. Please come and join in one of the sessions - interval at 10.45 am.

### Sunday 21st at 11am

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints' Church - with its traditional candle-bedecked oranges. A Service for all the Family.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS at 6.30pm at All Saints. The Congregation and Choir combine to offer a service of praise and joy as we retell the Christmas Story.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

24th	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas
25th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Christmas Praise - a short Family Service for Christmas morning concluding with an opportunity for Holy communion.



## LAUGHLINES

IN A CERTAIN MONASTERY the monks were only allowed to speak on one day a year.

One monk asked to see the abbot and said, 'My cell is too cold.' The next year he said, 'The food is not all that good.'

A year later, 'I need a new habit,' and a year later on, 'Can I change my work assignment?' The next year he asked if he could leave. The abbot replied, 'Yes, you've done nothing but grumble since you came here.'

SENTENCES that could have been better constructed include the report by Southwark News of a visit to Walsingham: "Afterwards the Bishop walked among the crowds, eating their picnic lunches."



"THE NEXT QUESTION IS, DID YOU THINK THE COFFEE-ROTA IN LAST MONTH'S MAGAZINE WAS (A) VERY INTERESTING (B) SLIGHTLY INTERESTING (C) BORING (D) DON'T KNOW?"

*DURING the installation of the superb new internal lighting in Liverpool Cathedral one of the electricians working in the roof space accidentally left the lift door open (reports Canon Ken Riley, the Cathedral Treasurer). Nobody could summon the lift from below.*

*Imagine the consternation of the visitors, the Canon says, when the Clerk of Works stood in the middle of the Cathedral and yelled heavenwards: "PETER, CLOSE THE GATES!"*

**WHEN** five-year-old Levan Merritt fell 20 feet into a gorilla pit at Jersey's wild life zoo, onlookers were petrified as 18-stone Jambo moved towards him. But the way in which the gorilla tenderly stroked the unconscious lad was one of the most moving incidents of the year. His caring arm and apparent loving protection for Levan was good to observe.

As one bright spark said: 'It restores your faith in human nature, doesn't it?'

*THE WOMAN apologised profusely as she brought her obviously unwell child into school. "She insists on coming" explained the mother "because she'll be letting you down if she doesn't turn up for the school concert."*

*I hope Mother wasn't disappointed when she found her five year old was fourth row back in a forest of trees.*

**A story about extempore prayer:-**  
A nervous preacher inadvisedly began a prayer from the pulpit saying: "O thou who didst paint the crocus purple..." Then the wretched man completely dried up. Desperate to say something, he quavered: "paint us purple, too."

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# CHURCHYARDS — and a Silver Tea-Set

"Let's talk of graves, and worms, and epitaphs", says King Richard II (according to Shakespeare). It is a bad day and he is having a bad time of it. But Churchyards are not all gloom. It was a good day when the poet Thomas Gray stood by Stoke Poges Church (where the "moping owl" sat on the "ivy-mantled tower"), heard "the curfew toll the knell of parting day", and began to put together his "Elegy written in a Country Churchyard" - one of those poems that nearly everyone has heard of but no one has read.

Gray's Elegy gives us one great reason for thinking Churchyards important: though death is certainly coming to us all - even "the paths of glory lead but to the grave" - yet, none-the-less, every person is of importance and value. 'Generations of people have lived here' he is saying. None of them are in the history books, yet the "frail memorial with uncouth rhymes" that records "their names, their years... the place of fame and elegy supply." A long poem - but it makes the all-important point that people matter.

'God's Acre' is another name for a Churchyard. In the midst of it stands the Church. Both alike are consecrated for a holy purpose. So the Churchyard also looks to the future. It proclaims that Christian hope which every funeral proclaims: "We commit this body to the ground... in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life." It assures us that "neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus."

A neglected Churchyard is a sad sight. But the work involved in keeping one right is vast. Only very few are cared for by the local authorities. Usually it is the people of the Church who have to do everything. There are always plenty to criticize when nature looks like winning. But not so many volunteering cash or sweat.

We have many good Churchyards in the Diocese of Sheffield - each one a miracle of determination and hard work. Each year I'm going to give a prize - £50 and a Tree - to the Churchyard that seems most to deserve congratulations and praise. I know the winner for 1986 (announced shortly!). But for 1987? All suggestions are welcome and I intend to continue to keep my eyes open as I go about the Diocese.

And the Tea-set? That's where the '£50 and a Tree' comes from! And thereby, as they say, hangs a tale. Way back in the 1850's Joseph Teague was a much respected Curate at Sheffield Parish Church (now the



Cathedral). When he left the Congregation gave him an inscribed Silver Tea-set. His descendants not only treasured it but took it with them when they emigrated to Argentina. And then, about seven years ago, back it came to the Bishop of Sheffield. I was tempted, for sentimental reasons, to keep it. But it would have been neither used nor seen. So the Provost and I decided to sell it at Sothebys. The money has been invested and so, for ever I hope, each year the Bishop's Teague Churchyard Prize can be awarded. Watch out for the first winner. It could be your Church next year.

God Bless you all -  
DAVID LUNN,  
Bishop of Sheffield.



# TALL ORDER

It must have been a tall order for the Bishop of Doncaster to clear two weeks in his diary here and there to visit Deaneries and Parishes. But That's exactly what he's been doing. His visit's "to share in a more personal way in the life of the Deaneries and to encourage the churches in their ministry and service for Christ" have been an inspiration to many.

During a fortnight in Doncaster Deanery, he joined with people in every parish in a whole variety of happenings and events, including study and prayer groups, visits to schools, a Deanery service, and even a dog show! Two Saturday conferences, one on prayer, the other for Parochial Church Council members brought people together from all over the Deanery.

Bishop William was as much at home amongst the children of the churches as he was amongst adults - the only difference being that to children, he must seem much, much taller!

He felt much taller himself when he was taken upwards on a platform ladder whilst visiting Doncaster Fire Station with the Revd. Jim McKinney, Vicar of Intake, and Industrial Mission Chaplain to the Station. Bishop William, being used to such an exalted position, found the view of Doncaster beneath him exhilarating. Jim, whose turn came next, was not so sure...he prefers to keep both feet firmly on the ground, and chose to ignore a comment from one fireman about him being uncomfortable because he was getting too close to Headquarters!



## Going and coming

In December, Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon say goodbye to Whirlow Grange and the Diocese as they begin their retirement. Maurice has been Warden at Whirlow for the past six years - years which have seen an increased use of the conference centre by the parishes of the Diocese, as well as by other groups. Maurice has been very much part of the exciting new developments at Whirlow in these past few years, and is pleased to see new extensions to Whirlow almost half completed by the end of this year. For Maurice and Marjorie, it's first stop India in the New Year, as they visit their son, David and his family in the Nilgiri Hills. We wish them well in their retirement.

The new Warden of Whirlow, who begins work in January is having to travel too, from Gloucestershire, where he has been Headmaster of a Primary School. Mr. Lindsay Mitchell and his wife Sheena, are very much looking forward to starting work in the Diocese, and at Whirlow in particular. For them it will be a case of renewing old friendships, for although they didn't know it at the time of their appointment, Margaret Selby, the new Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry, shares with them earlier years in the same Gloucestershire town. So goodbye and God speed to Maurice and Marjorie, and welcome to Lindsay and Sheena.

## Appointments

Revd. Peter Mott, at present Curate in Charge of St. Stephen's Church Centre in the Parish of St. Stephen and St. Wulstan, Selly Park, Birmingham, to be the new minister of Emmanuel Church, Waterthorpe.

Revd. Canon Colin Hickling to be Vicar of All Saints, Arksey.

Revd. J. A. P. Booth, Rector of the Parish of Bradwell-on-Sea, to be Rector of Warmsworth.

Revd. B. G. Kyriacou, Team Vicar, St. Cedd's, in the Parish of Becontree West, to be Vicar of St. James & St. Christopher, Shiregreen.

# Far from easy

After a lifetime's business experience in the Sheffield Steel Industry, Ron Stevens of Crosspool went out to Kenya earlier this year to put his experience into practical use by helping out out twin Diocese of Maseno North to get their accounting systems in order.

Recent news from Kenya shows that Ron (who is accompanied by his wife Mary) is finding life far from easy. To start off with, Ron was soon on the job totting up figures which were to show the Diocese deeply in debt, with no bills being paid, and only part of the stipends of clergy and others. Then he discovered that most parishes had not been deducting Income Tax from the clergy for some considerable time. He's trying to sort that one out! It's not an easy task, but Ron writes "If the people's giving was able to be as generous as their welcome and hospitality, then indeed the Diocese would be well endowed. Although this area of Kenya is noted as the country's breadbasket, there is still a great deal of poverty amongst the people."



Ron Stevens (2nd from right) with young people from Sheffield Diocese outside Kakamega Church.

## A Christmas letter from Ron and Mary

Hamjambo! (hello everyone) and Christmas Greetings from Maseno North.

The land hereabouts has a spectacular beauty, with colourful flowering trees and lively birds. Transport receives quite a hammering from unbelievably rough and narrow roads, even the few Land Rovers we have seen are somewhat delapidated. The people walk great distances, and make long journeys by bus or overcrowded Matatu (a small minibus), both frequently break down, or are involved in accidents, often fatal.

The markets are crowded, people buying and selling vegetables, baskets, plastic buckets and bowls, cooking pots, second-hand clothes, and the ubiquitous Kanga women wear, which is a patterned length of cotton material, used as a back sling for carrying a baby, or as an apron or as a skirt; sometimes two Kangas make a dress. Women carry all manner of things on their heads, a baby on their backs, and sometimes a shopping bag in either hand!

Maseno North is a country area, where each family has its own Shamba or farm - the size of which varies, mainly two to twenty acres. The chief crop, Maize, is harvested twice a year. Maize meal is cooked and eaten each day and served with soup (gravy) and vegetables, plus tough pieces of beef or chicken, sometimes goat or lamb. Although the people are poor, their warm hospitality is overwhelming. The women do not eat with their guests, but serve them and later eat their own meal in the kitchen.

The food we prepare is similar to that we eat at home, largely due to the Fridge/Freezer and Gas/Electric cooker, provided by Sheffield Diocese, for which we are very grateful.

The Diocese, in spite of its severe financial problems, is involved in many different projects including schools, clinics, book shops, training in agriculture, carpentry, building, sewing and training of clergy and lay workers.

It was good to see the young people from the Diocese of Sheffield - you will have already heard many of their adventures. Above all, we ask for your prayers for this Diocese which will become two Dioceses on January 1st, 1987.

Kwa heri ya kuonana (goodbye until we see each other again)

RON AND MARY STEVENS

## Word Cards

Derek Piercey has been unemployed for a long period - not that he has wasted his time. Along with his wife Daphne, and after much prayer and preparation, he has just moved into the card business, selling Christmas Cards, complete with poetry and a text.

In the New Year, they hope to be able to supply Birthday Cards with a Christian verse and text. The cards are available to churches and wholesalers at discount, but the Piercey's also welcome enquiries from individuals. Contact them at: The Flat, Broom Methodist Church, Stag Lane, Rotherham. S60 3NR, or 'phone Wickersley 530655.

## Top of the Shop

Mr. Walter Shepherd first sang in the choir of St. John's, Balby as a boy of 7 years old. He has faithfully kept the tenor side going until this year, and his 97th birthday. The only time he was missing was during the First World War when he was proud to fight for his country in Kitchener's Army. (Mr. Shepherd's words). He is a remarkably fit 97 year old who can still enjoy a good sing; he doesn't need to bother too much about choir practice since he knows all the hymns and psalms backwards, and is known to be an avid reader of the Church Times, "to help keep the adrenalin flowing" - as he says. As well as his singing in the choir, Mr. Shepherd has an interest in cricket and birds, and was recently presented with books on those subjects by the people of St. John's.

Walter Shepherd now worships at Christ Church, Doncaster, which is nearer to his home, and although the church has no choir, we wonder how long it will be before the organist spots a budding chorister!



## FIRM FOUNDATIONS

On October 8th, the new session for training Pastoral Workers and Readers began with a Eucharist in the Cathedral, during which the Bishop of Sheffield licensed Miss Maureen Eastwood, the newly-appointed Training Officer. Two days later, the groups meeting in Doncaster also began with a Eucharist, in the YMCA, where they are meeting. Thirty-six Reader and Pastoral Worker candidates will meet for 3 modules over the next twelve months in 3 groups, with clerical and lay tutors. Two second year groups of Pastoral Workers are also continuing to meet, while Reader candidates who have completed the Foundation Year are working with their individual tutors to complete the rest of the Readers' Course. At the present moment, there are, therefore, 60 lay people in training for lay ministry. Already, names are beginning to be sent in for 1987. Thanks be to God.



Miss Maureen Eastwood (4th from left) with tutors and students of one of the new groups starting the Foundation Year for Pastoral Workers and Readers.

## RECORD HOLDER?



Mrs. Blanche Burling, seen here with the Revd. Bernard Holdridge, Rector of Rawmarsh - is somewhat of a record holder. Not only because she's reached her 94th Birthday, but because she's held a collecting box for the Church of England Children's Society for the last 63 years. She's got a certificate from the Children's Society to prove it, and she's handed over her old, well-worn box (bearing the motto - "Waifs and Strays"), and exchanged it for a new one.

The Parish of Rawmarsh has handed over £545 this year to the ongoing work of the Society, which is continuing to respond to social change and the many areas of need with children and families.

If you want to know more about the Children's Society, or to see their latest film "Keeping Pace", contact the Revd. Ken Dagger, 31, Ashwood Grove, Great Houghton, Barnsley. Tel: (0226) 758960.

## PRICE INCREASE

From the January issue the cost of Sheffield Diocesan News will increase to £1.65 per 100 including postage and packing. The present cost has been held for the whole of 1986 and it is hoped that the new price will operate throughout 1987.

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THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS from overseas arrive each autumn to study in this country. They do not come 'cold'. Those from the 'new Commonwealth' countries in particular are well versed in British history of the last two centuries.

For many, coming to Britain is a deeply shocking experience. As well as being half a world away from home, as well as the cold (for many) of their first autumn and winter, they will feel far away from their cultural roots and stranded in a very cold society.

They may have come from crowded churches: yet they may find, in what they expected to be one of the key Christian countries, empty pews, and uninspired worship. Even if they find a lively church, they will almost certainly feel cold shouldered. Not because anyone (hopefully) is actually rude to them; but because the British aloofness inhibits us from 'interfering', inviting to our homes people we 'hardly know', getting involved with each other (far less a newcomer), or even talking beyond superficialities.

The solution is obvious. It lies with each person in each church showing Christian care, as well as common courtesy, for these young people. The rewards can be enormous, as friendships are made and horizons expanded. If we need an impetus just think how our own young relatives might feel if they were studying in some far, unfamiliar place.

## DR JENKINS ON A GENDER BENDER

DR. DAVID JENKINS, Bishop of Durham caused an extra bit of furore in the early autumn by some reflections about calling God, 'He'.

Interestingly enough, reports the Church Times, these observations came in a few paragraphs buried deep in a long letter mainly about what the Bishop did on his holidays! Here's the quote which sent TV and Radio reporters speeding to the North East:

"God (we get this from our faith in Jesus Christ) is prepared to come very close to us and be very personal with us. At the same time he is the mysterious, holy, transcendent and glorious God. (So much so that, in my own attempts at reflection, prayer and meditation, before I get taken beyond words, I really do find that referring to God as 'He' is increasingly unsatisfactory. Clearly God is not exclusively male).

"He (She?) must reflect also all that is female. And He/She must go beyond all that. 'He/She/It?' is not a very good way of putting it—not least because 'It' suggests falling short of being personal rather than in going beyond.

"But what is one to do? Language is just not good enough. Fortunately, prayer and worship, like love, pretty soon take off beyond words into much greater meanings

WHAT IS the Good News, the Gospel? That God loves you, that God carries you tattooed on the palms of his hands, that even if a mother should forget her child God will not forget you.

— MOTHER TERESA



### THANK YOU

To the Totley Troupers for their lively Concert and to all involved in presenting the Evening. £140 was raised for Church Funds.

To Evelyn White and Enid Partington for the Coffee Morning they arranged, which raised £50.

Thanks to all who supported these events.

### LADIES CLUB

On the 2nd December the Fire Service are coming to speak and show a Film which they feel men will be interested to see. This meeting will therefore be an Open Meeting for all men and ladies, so please join us.

On the 16th we have our Christmas Dinner at the Roast Inn.

### "CAPTAIN NOAH AND HIS FLOATING ZOO"

This will be presented by the pupils of All Saints' School as their Christmas Concert on Thursday 11th December at 7pm in the School Hall. All are most welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

### ALL ARE WORTHY

Treat ALL as those about whom I care.

You would visit the poor, the sick or those in prison, knowing full well I would see it as done unto Me.

I want you now to go still further along the way of My Kingdom. You contact many who are not poor, not sick, not in prison. They may be opposed to you. They may disregard much that you consider of value, they may not seem to need your help. Can you treat these, too, as you would wish to treat Me? They may be in greater need than the others you long to aid.

To you their aims may seem unworthy, their self-seeking may antagonise you. When I said "Judge not," was I not including them too? Can you limit My words to suit your own inclinations?

This is not an easy task I set you, but your way is the Way of Obedience. I did not suggest to My followers one they could take or not as they willed. My "Judge not" was imperative, and a new commandment I gave unto them that they should love.

For those who do not yet name Me Lord, Love is the only magnet that will draw them to Me.

Be true, be strong, be loving.

Meditation from "God at Eventide"

### ANOTHER PARISH'S FAMILY WEEKEND

I found it very interesting to read of the plans for a Parish Family Weekend in last month's Magazine as I had that very evening returned from such a weekend with St. Luke's Lodge Moor. I should like to share something of our weekend as it may encourage you to be involved in the one proposed for All Saints.

About 150 church members - from 10 months to 70 years - spent the weekend at the Swanwick Conference Centre. Our theme was the 'Working Christian' and the leaders were the Rev. Michael and Angela Jones from Plymouth.

The first session dealt with 'Working at Shining'. Here we learnt about our responsibility as Christians to shine in the areas in which we live and work. It is so easy for us to be made to feel we can only shine by working overseas or in deprived areas, but we can shine here where we live. We can shine by our life style and the way in which we use our money. Whilst never forgetting to give to overseas aid we should be prepared to give generously to our own Church in order to further God's work in our own locality. We can show how we feel about our church by letting it too become a place that shines by our care and support. We are not all called to be missionaries or social workers but there are many ways we can shine in our own parishes.

The second session was 'Working at Caring'. As Christians we can all do this regardless of status or income. We all have human weaknesses and will come into contact with people whom we find difficult or dislike. However we know that God loves everyone and must try and look at our fellow human beings with the eyes of God. Maybe those who dislike us will do the same as we all have characteristics which others find difficult to love.

The third session concerned 'Working at Sharing'. God has given all of us talents to be used for the benefit of other people. Sometimes we need to encourage other people to share theirs by building up their confidence. It is important within the Church Family to use everyone's talents to the full and to make everyone feel they can contribute to the life of the Church.

During the weekend we had time to get to know each other better - and to find out about the hidden talents of some members at the Saturday night party. Having arrived on Friday quite worn and weary, I was surprised how refreshed I felt when I returned on Sunday.

Joan Stratford



## PARISH REGISTER

### Holy Baptism

October 19th Tracey Louise Culf; Fiona Rachel Ivison  
October 26th Eleanor Margery Sheila Turner  
Melissa Amy Jinkinson  
November 16th Hollie Anne Marsh  
Benjamin Richard Harrison  
Thomas Edward McKenna

### Holy Matrimony

November 1st Mark John Schofield & Janet Smith  
November 15th David Victor Wright & Angela Rosemary Kirton

### Funerals

November 6th Mary Pearson (79) 66 Main Avenue  
November 11th Elsie Perkington (85) 17 Main Avenue  
Molly Pearson had lived on Main Avenue for about 7 years after giving a lifetime of service to the G.P.O. She was chief supervisor at Sheffield Telephone Exchange in the days when it was housed in Fitzalan Square.  
Elsie Perkington also had a long association with the GPO in running Totley Post Office for 40 years. Through her dedicated work in the Post Office, newsagency and shop she gave valued service and help to our community.

### Confirmation at All Saints' Church

October 27th Jonathan Beatson, Jonathan Best, Richard Borrill, Jane Caborn, Alison Firth, Simon Hubbard, Kevin Hutchinson, Fiona Ivison, Gillian Job, Helen Job, Christopher Needham, Rebecca Scholey, Tessa Vitty, Dawn Wiles, Rita Heath, Tess Webb, Heather Slack.

Confirmation Report: We had a full church, an atmosphere of joy and happiness and, as ever, a good sermon by the Bishop of Sheffield, and as always a spirit of harmony among our own church family. We thank the food providers, those who set up the hall, those inside the church and the kitchen workers - whose joint efforts ensured a happy and successful evening.

Rex B.

### CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to Stewart Norris on qualifying for full membership of the Choir. Stewart was invested during Holy Communion on Sunday 26th October.

## "OPEN DOOR"

From our Community Survey it seems likely that many people in the Totley area at some time wish there was a centre in Totley where, during the week, they could find a warm welcome - somewhere to meet with friends in a homely atmosphere.

"Open Door" is planned to go some way towards meeting this need.

"Open Door" is now held at the Church Hall, Totley Brook Road on every Thursday Morning from 9.30am to 12noon and functions as a neighbourhood centre where a warm welcome and friendship are always on offer, and where it is possible to have a cup of tea or coffee amongst friends.

There may be amongst those who call in, some who feel that they need a little help, support or guidance - a listening ear to whom they can speak in confidence. There is a professional back up of social workers and health advisers. There will also be a chance to get up to date information about local organisations and facilities.

It is hoped that members of the local churches will feel they could join a rota of helpers who would offer a welcome to callers, make tea, and generally contribute to establishing an atmosphere of warmth and friendship. If you feel you can help, just drop in to "Open Door" and find out more.

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>December</u>	<u>Atlas</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>	<u>Children's Corner</u>
7	Mrs.E.Powell	Mrs. Ellis	V. Waite
14	Mrs.Marshall	Mrs. Bedford	A. Wiles
21	( Ladies	Mrs.Bramall	D. Firth
28	( Working	Mrs. Heap	A. Waite
4 Jan	( Party	Mrs. Parsons	

### Silver Cleaning

7 Dec Mrs. Simons Dec 21 Mrs. White

## PARISH BREAKFAST

Dec 7 Mr & Mrs. Filleul  
Dec 14 Sunday School  
Dec 21 Mrs. Marshall Mrs. Kirton  
Dec 28 Mrs. Wiggett Mrs. Greenhoff  
Jan 4 Mrs. Ibbotson Mrs. Cooke

## "HUMOUR"

It is curious that humour is so little esteemed in the established religions, since the ability to laugh at one's misfortunes is better than fortitude; and at oneself better than humility.

Anon



## RECIPE TIME - SPEEDY SPICE SPONGE

### Ingredients

6oz S.R. Flour	2 Eggs
$\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspn Cinnamon	5oz Spoft Brown Sugar (free from
4 oz softened Butter	2 tablespn Milk lumps
(or Marg.)	

### Filling

2oz Margarine	1 tablespn Milk
4oz Icing Sugar	1 oz Sultanas

### Decoration

Sieved icing Sugar

Put all ingredients for cake into a bowl and beat for about 2 minutes until well mixed. Turn mixture into two prepared 7" sandwich tins and spread level. Bake in a moderate oven 375°F/Gas 5 for about 25 minutes. Turn out and cool.

Cream margarine, gradually beat in the icing sugar and then milk. Stir in the sultanas. Spread filling on one cake and place other cake on top.

Lightly sprinkle icing sugar on top of cake before serving.

### GIVE IT A WHIRL!

Work is going ahead well on the new development at Whirlow Grange Diocesan Conference Centre. The Foundations are in and the walls are being built up. If you want to see the progress there is an "At Home" on Saturday 6th December from 10.30am to 12noon, concluding with a short Service at 11.45am.

At the end of the month Maurice Snowdon is retiring as Warden of Whirlow Grange. With Marjorie, he will be coming to live in Totley. This will mean we shall be fortunate in having his services as a Diocesan Reader at All Saints'. Before then they are going to spend the early part of 1987 visiting their son who works in India.

### GOOD NEWS FROM BEVERLEY

Tony and Maureen Kelham now have a little boy, Jonathan, born on 11th November. Congratulations.

### END QUOTES

Happiness is not having what you want,  
But wanting what you have. Dr. Hyman Schachtel

Kindness is the World's greatest unused Capital.

A great way to find out what you want from life is  
to write your own epitaph. Libbie Fudim

Trust is like laughter - it is infectious.

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