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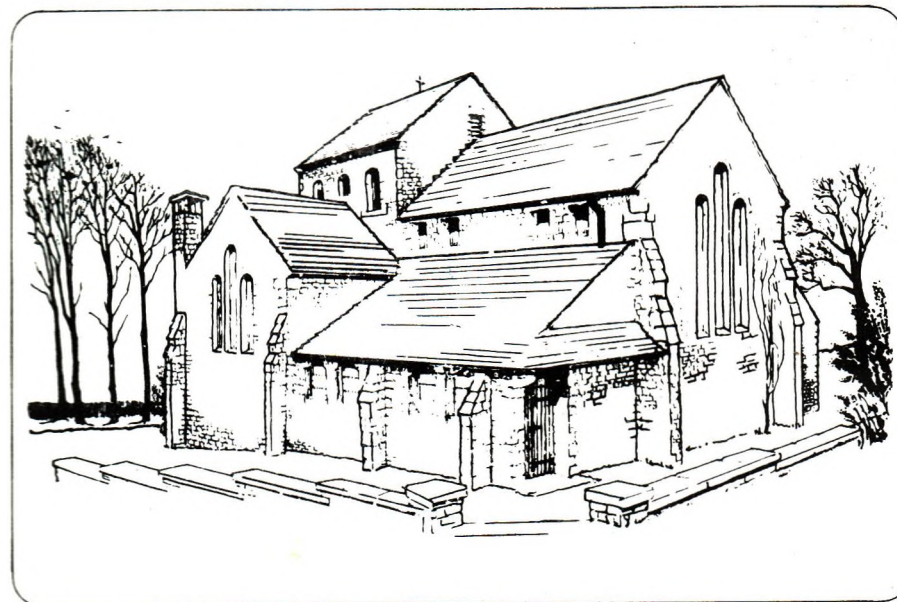
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Towards the end of this month we keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity linked as it is with the Feast Day of the Conversion of St. Paul - the great missionary of the Early Church. Unity and Mission are placed hand in hand.

The striving for unity against a background of diverse outlooks and practices within the Church is an act of witness to the world - so torn apart by its own divisions. How can the Christian Church claim to be a reconciling force within the world if there is a lack of tolerance and understanding between its own members and denominations?

There is nothing better than a concern for Mission to bring home to us the need for unity. Nothing less than the combined resources of all the churches should be available for the task of reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who do not know it. This is the primary purpose of the Church.

May I encourage you, therefore, to take part both in the Services of Prayer for Christian Unity and also our open meetings to think out Christian Mission in our locality.

The Services for Prayer for Christian Unity will be at 7.30am each morning as follows:

Monday 19th	St. John's Abbeydale
Tuesday 20th	English Martyrs R.C. Church
Wednesday 21st	Totley United Reformed Church
Thursday 22nd	Christ Church, Dore
Friday 23rd	Totley Rise Methodist Church
Saturday 24th	All Saints', Totley.

The Meetings for Mission are on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th in the Church Hall at 7.45pm. Both meetings are planned to cover the same ground and there are two in order to give you a choice of dates. We shall be looking at a long-term approach to local evangelism - "Good News down the Street" - that has met with a good response in other areas. The programme does not demand a deep knowledge of the Bible or the Christian Faith, and attending a meeting does not commit you to further participation.

May the Holy Spirit guide and bless
our work and worship in 1987.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

SERVICES IN JANUARY

4th

CHRISTMAS 2

Theme 'The Holy Family'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : Romans 8: 11-17 (RSV)

Gospel : St. Luke 2:41-52 (NEB)

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Theme: 'The Light of the World'

Old Testament : Isaiah 60:1-6 (NEB)

New Testament : St. Matthew 2:1-12, 19-23 (RSV)

11th

EPIPHANY I

Theme 'The Baptism of Jesus'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 10:34-38 (NEB)

Gospel : St. Matthew 3: 13-17 (NEB)

12.15pm Holy Baptism (Nicola Worth & Alistair Green)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7 (NEB)

New Testament: St. John 1:29-34 (JB)

18th

EPIPHANY 2 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Theme 'The First Disciples'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 26:1,9-20 (NEB)

Gospel : St. Mark 1: 14-20 (NEB)

10am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Galatians 1:11-24 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 1: 35-51 (NEB)

19th-24th

7.30am Prayers for Christian Unity (see details
on page 2)

25th

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL - Epiphany 3

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 9: 1-22 (JB)

Gospel : St. Matthew 19:27-30 (NEB)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Theme 'Signs of Glory'

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-23 (JB)

New Testament: St. John 2: 1-11 (NEB)

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am every Wednesday

NEW GUIDE CAPTAIN FOR ALL SAINTS

We welcome Mrs. Catherine Robson who will be taking over as Guide Captain from 12th January. The Guides will now be meeting on Mondays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKS

A Presentation was made to Angela Waite on 14th December to mark her 'retiring' from the post of Sunday School Superintendent, after seven years of caring leadership.

The week by week oversight of the Sunday School will now be the responsibility of Lynne and John Marshall and we are grateful to them, and all the other participants and helpers, for their Carols and Christmas Presentation in the Church Hall.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The Ladies Working Party would like to thank all those who have helped in various ways during 1986.

In particular they appreciated all who supported the Christmas Bazaar which raised over £450. Thank you.

The Annual meeting of the Working party is on Tuesday 27th January, 2pm, at 220 Baslow Road.

LADIES CLUB

There will be no Ladies Club meeting on 6th January. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 20th January when the Vicar will give a talk - "Sir Edward Elgar - a look at his life and music". This will be illustrated by slides and musical extracts.

£100 was raised at the 'Wine, Cheese & Flowers' Evening organised by Dorothy Simons, Elsie Mayson & Elaine Powell. Our thanks to them and to all who supported the evening.

FLOWER ROTA

<u>January</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
4	(Ladies Working	Mrs. Parsons
11	Party)	Mrs. Turner
18	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Simons
25	The Guides	Mrs. Hardy
1 Feb	Mrs. Beeley	Mrs. Bramall
<u>Silver Cleaning</u>		
Jan 4	Mrs. Kirton	18 Jan Mrs. Woodhead

PARISH BREAKFAST

Jan 4	Mrs. Ibbotson	Mrs. Cooke
Jan 11	Mrs. Ludlam	Mrs. Lewis
Jan 18	Mrs. Brownhill	Mrs. Wiles
Jan 25	Mr & Mrs. Glyne Waite	
Feb 1	Mrs. J. Woodhead	Mrs. Brown

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY

6th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7th	Wed	10.45am Wednesday Morning Fellowship 8pm Wednesday Fellowship
8th	Thu	8pm P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage
12th	Mon	8pm Mission Committee at Brook Hall
13th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
14th	Wed	1.45pm Monthly Fellowship - 36 Meadow Grove 8pm Wednesday Fellowship
19th	Mon	8.30pm Sunday School Meeting - 57 Sunnyvale Road
20th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club 'Edward Elgar'
21st	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship
22nd	Thu	6.30-8pm Agape Meal at St. John's Abbeydale.
26th	Mon	7.45pm Mission meeting in Hall
27th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 2pm Ladies Working Party AGM - 220 Baslow Road 7.45pm Mission Meeting in hall
28th	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship

DO YOU enter your dates in the Church Diary at the back of Church? To ensure a mention in the magazine, it would be helpful if you would do so.

REPORT FROM THE P.C.C.

The Church Council last met on 13th November. Much of the meeting was spent looking in detail at the budget for 1987 including the problem of forecasting a deficit budget and how this could be avoided. The Council also allocated to various charitable causes 10% of the P.C.C's income. With their heads then full of figures, the members decided it would be wise to postpone further consideration of the Finance sub-committee's Report and to make this the only business item for the January meeting.

Mr. G. Grayson outlined the Mission Committee's proposals for a plan for mission within the parish. It was also proposed that as a parish we should be affiliated to the Christian's Unemployment Group (CHUG).

PARLEZ-VOUS

Abbeydale Hall are offering a new course, working at your own pace, "A new way to learn French". New members are also welcome at the Community Yoga and Health Club.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

No, you have not stumbled upon the sports page. As you may or may not know, the professional footballers association elect the player of the year. Even 'pub' teams and schoolboy teams do it. As an analogy I thought I would try to select an 'All Saints' Player of the Year.' It proved a futile exercise, I must be rapidly approaching my dotage (I can hear shouts of agreement!) There were so many - they crowded my mind and I gave up.

There are those with specific duties, but just think of the many facets of Church life. There are those, and surely this is applicable to all of us, who do their good works outside of the church in everyday life. It is second nature to us (it must be all those sermons bearing fruit!) You hear of these works by chance, doing good by stealth as it were. Nor am I forgetting those who do similar work but who are not of the church. But we are committed by our faith and we are mindful of breaking faith with ourselves if we fail to sustain this way of life.

So next time you come to church, don't bother to see who is wearing an award, they cannot be seen. What is more you will fail to notice your own award, which I suppose is really as it should be.

Rex B.

BENEDICAMUS DOMINOES

The Dominoe tournament at the Men's Social Evening was won by Mick Woodhead. No doubt he will be presented with a trophy at some suitable time - possibly next Easter!

I ASKED GOD FOR STRENGTH

I asked God for Strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . .
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things . . .
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty that I might be wise . . .
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God . . .
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things . . .
I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered,
I am among all men, most richly blessed.

SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

JANUARY, 1987

The Bishop of Doncaster

writes.....



I recently bought a new mac, as my old one was rather careworn. The only ones in the shop had belts and epaulettes, so I asked for one of those. I feel like Humphrey Bogart.

It is a little strange. On the whole, I am an addict for older clothes. I resent the thought of parting with well loved friends. Yet when the dye is finally cast, and I have taken my courage and my cheque book in both hands, wearing something new leaves me with a sense of well-being.

The change of a day which turns December 1986 into January 1987 is not going to do much for us in itself; but it serves as a reminder to christians that newness is a continuing mark of christian living.

It is not always obvious, because we are curiously addicted to the worn out or the second best. Some of our patterns of behaviour, our tried and tested attitudes, are well-loved friends and we prefer them to any others. Yet if we have the willingness to claim the riches of God's grace and the faith to act, we shall rejoice in the new far more than in the old.

There are a number of biblical illustrations which emphasise the point I am trying to make far better than I can; the robe of righteousness, the wedding garment, the putting off of the old nature and the putting on of the new. Best of all perhaps is the illustration provided by Paul in his letter to the Romans: 'Buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.'

If newness is a continuing mark of christian living, it is also a particular mark. We are not in the business of spiritual platitudes or generalisations. Is God calling a parish to a new vision of God's purpose for them? Is God going to give us a new awareness of his presence in our job? Do we believe that family and neighbours can discover a living faith in Christ? It was a great Scottish preacher who said, 'How glad I am that God is a God of new beginnings.'

There is no reason why in 1987 we shall not prove these things from experience to be true.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

T.V. Watchers

All Saints, Rotherham, has a monthly Media Group, which talks about Television and Radio Programmes, Cinema and Theatre, Newspapers and Magazines. They send reports off to London, where they are collated and sent on to the appropriate organisation or company. The group invites comments on various issues from readers of the Parish Magazine.

Old..... ?

St. Mary's, Worsbrough Village, has a Wives' Group which is celebrating its 21st Anniversary. They've had a celebration with a service in church and a party to which past members of the group were invited. One old wag has noticed from the minute book of the group that 21 years ago, they were called 'Young' Wives! They have obviously 'come of age'.



Thinking it out

Edwin Parr has spent most of his life in this Diocese, until a recent move to Penistone, where he has set up a small publishing firm. Bridge Publications' latest book "Thinking it out", is by Ian Dunlop of Salisbury Cathedral. For the past sixteen years he has been answering questions from readers of The Church Times on a whole range of subjects, from Faith to Ways of Living, and the book is a collection of his very readable and brief essays. Ideal for those who prefer their reading to be little and often, it presents the Christian Faith, not in large chunks, but in thin slices. The book is illustrated in a strikingly simple but effective way by Bruce Freeman, himself from Penistone. It will make an ideal gift either to those firmly grounded in the Faith as well as to those thinking about it for the first time. "Thinking it out": Bridge Publications ISBN 0 947934 06 5 £3.50.

Tongue Tied?

The Friends of Whirlow Grange invite readers of the News to a Coffee Evening and Silent Auction at Whirlow on Thursday, 8th January at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are 50p from Whirlow. If you've never been to a Silent Auction, you'll be wondering how you make your bids. It's simple. Items for auction have a card by their side and during the course of the evening, people put their names and the bid they make on the cards - you can outbid people already on the cards, and at the end of the evening the item goes to the highest bidder. All very civilised! And it will raise money for Whirlow.

Appointments

Revd. Alan F. Homer, Vicar of Heeley, to be Rector of Ashley, Cheveley, Kirtling & Woodditton in the Diocese of Ely.

Revd. Peter Craig-Wild, Priest-in-Charge of St. David's in the Parish of Beeston, to be Vicar of St. John, Chapeltown.

Dss. Dhoe Craig-Wild, Deaconess in the Parish of St. Mary, Middleton, Leeds, to be Deaconess sharing in the ministry at St. John, Chapeltown.

Revd. Peter Morley, Chaplain, Shrewsbury Hospital, and Curate at St. John, Park to be Vicar of St. Luke, Worsbrough Common.

Revd. Maurice Preston was appointed Surrogate for the granting of Marriage Licences from 29.10.86.

Guidelines

A new booklet, published by the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, is simply entitled "Aids. Some guidelines for pastoral care." It is intended to help people who are in one way or another affected by Aids. It does not set out to make moral judgements, although moral issues are involved. Rather it gives information about the disease, looks at the needs of the sufferers themselves, their families and friends, and offer some guidelines for all those who care for them.

"Aids: Some guidelines for pastoral care" (Church House Publishing, Great Smith Street, London; 60p).

Living Saints!

The importance of 'nurture groups' for effective and intelligent evangelism has been stressed repeatedly. The 'Saints Alive' course, which began in a Nottinghamshire Church, has been used worldwide 'for those enquiring about the Christian faith, for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and in helping church members to find fuller commitment'.

Good leadership for such groups is all important, and the two authors of 'Saints Alive' course are holding a Training Conference for leaders and potential leaders at St. Mary's Church, Catcliffe, near Rotherham on Friday evening 6th March and Saturday 7th March. Further details are available from the Revd. David Rhodes, 18 St. George's Drive, Brinsworth, Rotherham. S60 5NG. Tel.: Rotherham 361677.

First Book

A member of St. Oswald's, Millhouses, Sheffield, has recently had her first book published. Hilary Cook (better known by her middle name of Dell to Radio Sheffield listeners to Link over the last ten years) is the author of "What Will the Neighbours Say?", published by Kingsway at £1.95.

It's written to encourage Christians to share effectively the good news of the gospel on the street where they live, through life-changing prayer-groups - drawn sometimes from the most unlikely of neighbours!

If you're interested in this book about Sheffield's people, "What Will the Neighbours Say?" is obtainable from the SPCK bookshop in the Cathedral, and other religious bookshops.

Challenging Job

"Part-time Information Worker required for Information Project run by Diocesan Social Responsibility Committee. 12 hours per week at £2.70 per hour. Challenging job involving contacting and informing a wide range of people over matters of current social concern.

Wide knowledge of social responsibility is not required but energy and enthusiasm is. Further details available from The Venerable M. J. M. Paton, 63 Kingfield Road, Sheffield S11 7AU."

Christmas Panto

Why not bring a party to either Sheffield or Doncaster for a Pantomime with a difference?

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Tuesday, January 13th. Sponsored by MISSION SHEFFIELD at Montgomery Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield at 7 p.m. Tickets from C.L.C. West Street or MISSION SHEFFIELD Office, P.O. Box 4.

Synod Synopsis...

Sheffield Diocesan Synod nearly had a very unusual item on their agenda when they met in November at Aston Comprehensive School near Rotherham. Alternatively members of a local Hindu family nearly had more guests at their wedding than they had bargained for. The School Hall had, in fact, been double-booked for the Synod and a Hindu wedding reception. Fortunately the Headmaster had spotted the multi-faith mix-up and switched the reception to another part of the school.

Main items from the Synod meeting were:

FAITH IN THE CITY

Discussion of the major report on the work of the Church in down-town and large council estates in the Diocese did not take place at the November Diocesan Synod as planned. To give everyone more time to discuss the matter this was postponed until the March meeting by which time all Synod members should have before them proposals set out by the Sheffield Working Group on "Faith in the City".

FINANCE

The Budget for the Diocese of Sheffield in 1987 was passed at the November meeting and authorises the Board of Finance to expend a sum not exceeding £2,142,608 in 1987.

LONGEST DEBATE

The longest debate at the November meeting was on the Draft Ecumenical Relations Measure referred to the dioceses by General Synod. This Measure and its two related Canons (Canons in this case meaning the Laws governing the Church of England) cover various matters related to ecumenical activity in the Church. It duly makes legal some things (such as inviting clergy of other denominations to preach and take part in services) which have been going on for many years but which have been strictly speaking "not legal". These matters will - if passed by General Synod - be covered by Canon B43 while Canon B44 will deal with the setting up and running of what are known as Local Ecumenical Projects of which there are already several in the Diocese of Sheffield where there is co-operation and the sharing of buildings

and ministries on an ecumenical basis. The Diocesan Synod voted in favour of the Measure and Canons and these now go back to General Synod.

ELECTIONS

Elections of lay representatives to Deanery Synods came into focus at the November Synod. The General Synod Standing Committee had asked the Synod to relate the number of representatives on Deanery Synods to the numbers on Electoral Rolls in the parishes. But feeling perhaps that this would give the more "successful" parishes too much "clout" this move was voted down and the status quo remains on this issue whereby each congregation is represented by two lay members with a possible third for daughter churches.

APPOINTMENTS

Synod members agreed to the continuation for a further five years of the work of the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (the Revd. Patrick Dennis) to maintain and enhance good relations between the Church in the Diocese of Sheffield and other Christian Churches present in South Yorkshire. Synod also agreed to the appointment of an Assistant Director of Education (Youth and Children) to be a member of the Diocesan Education team and especially to work with children and young people.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Diocesan Synod is planned for Saturday, March 7th 1987 in Doncaster.

ROY ARNOLD, Diocesan Communications Officer

Stitches in time?

To commemorate a bicentenary, All Saints, Ecclesall, Sheffield are beginning a communion rail kneeler for the High Altar. It will be almost 19 feet long and will be worked in sections on canvases at 10 squares to one inch, in blue, red and gold. All members of the congregation have been invited to join in, and the stitches to be used are apparently well within the capabilities of even the most inexperienced of embroiderers. Perhaps it will become known as the Ecclesall Tapestry!

Blanket coverage

St. Michael's, Rossington, Doncaster, has been pulling stops out for two years to raise funds and provide support for those caught up in the terrible suffering in Ethiopia. They've held all kinds of events, not the least of which has been the 'Blanket Knit' by the Church School. Fourteen blankets have been knitted so far by individuals, as well as 2,774 squares to make up into blankets. What an achievement!

Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire

Bishop David with members of the Industrial Mission team and Council members.



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Sheffield Industrial Mission, working throughout South Yorkshire on behalf of the major Christian denominations, is now well and truly settled into its new headquarters at Cemetery Road Baptist Church near central Sheffield. The Industrial Mission Council and the staff of the Mission have recently been meeting together to plan the future strategy of the Mission so that it might continue to respond to the changing industrial situation in South Yorkshire. The Industrial Mission's newsheet "Lookout", published three times a year, is available from Canon Mike West at 21, Endcliffe Rise Road, Sheffield, S11 8RU, and as well as giving news of the Mission's work, it raises in a most stimulating way, questions about life and work in South Yorkshire.

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TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE OLD AND COLD

"O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last . . ."

So runs a popular prayer. It breathes the slower pace of old age; but for many it expresses also some of the depression that is a part of growing old.

On the whole, we don't like to think of our own old age, sometimes our way of avoiding this is to ignore others who are old.

For the last three decades or more we have lived in a youth culture; the media has idealised youth. To some extent, life has always belonged to the young and vigorous — especially in societies on the move where people think more highly of progress than experience.

GROWING

Yet the elderly are a growing proportion of our population. By 1995 there will be half a million more pensioners; even more startling, the numbers of those aged over 84 will increase by almost half during the 1980s. This growth is largely attributable, says Help the Aged, to the 'Victorian baby boom which saw a combination of large families and rapidly falling infant mortality rates.'

With shorter working lives, by the time most of us reach pensionable age, we are told, there could be too few people



working to support us all. There is, indeed, anxiety attached to ageing. Yet it may not be difficult to make a difference to our neighbours lives, by just a little thought.

In the depths of winter what makes the difference is warmth. Help the Aged has brought out a leaflet advising old people how they can help themselves.

It includes hints on retaining body heat, insulation and draught-proofing, effective use of heating — and dealing with paying the bills! Make sure your elderly neighbours have a copy, and keep one yourself for reference. They are free from Help the Aged, 16 St James' Walk, London EC1.

CHURCHES

We are used to hearing that 'the churches are full of old people.' But in fact the statistics show a different picture. There are above the average number of both children and pensioners in the churches, but the percentages are not great.

As 'Old Father Time' clocks us all for another year we need to make a special effort to keep in touch with old people who can't get out during the winter months. Let them know that though we may miss seeing them at church they are still an important part of our Christian family. And when they can come give them a specially warm welcome.

VICTORIAN VIEW

Though I am unaware of any previous family link with Sheffield, among the keepsakes belonging to my grandmother (or possibly her mother) was a Parish Magazine from St. Simon's Church, Sheffield dated 1880. St. Simon's (now demolished) stood at the junction of Eyre Street and Matilda Street and its parish boundary encompassed a population of 6,500 crowded into streets, lanes and courts.

The newly-arrived young vicar was the Rev. William Odom. He was to live to a great age and become a noted Sheffield cleric and canon. A member of All Saints' has told me he prepared her for Confirmation.

Information gleaned from the magazine gives us a glimpse of Sheffield church life of 100 years ago.

Sunday Services were 10.30am Morning Prayer and 6.30pm Evening Prayer. The only regular celebration of Holy Communion was after Evening Prayer on the first Sunday of the month.

Baptisms were on Tuesday evenings at 7pm - and notice had to be given by parents the day before. Marriages were solemnised on weekdays at 10am and on Sundays at 9.30am. Although the magazine does not refer to Funeral arrangements, churches of this period that had their own churchyards, often had a regular time of 4pm each weekday as required.

All seats in the Church were free, but they could be appropriated by regular attenders. Offerings were taken at all Services for Church expenses and other causes as specified. The Offertories were recorded in the magazine - that for 21st December a hundred years ago was £1-13-8d. Sheffield Hospital Sunday was held then, as it still is now, on the last Sunday in January.

The Parish was divided into 18 districts each having its own District Visitor who looked after the pastoral needs of the parishioners. Amongst Church activities listed were - the Working-Men's Fortnightly Christian Evidence Class with the current subject "What is religion, and what is it worth?" - the Mothers Sewing meeting on Wednesdays at 4pm - and the Sunday Schools whose subject for that month was 'Gospel Shadows and Types in the Old Testament - part 5 Joshua, a type of Christ.'

The Vicar's Letters do not seem to have changed that much in 100 years, when we read....

"Our earnest desire is that a larger number of our Parishioners should attend the Services of our Church.

Our Mission is to bring souls to Christ by exalting Him as the Only Saviour. We thank Him for what He has done for us already, the first-fruits, we believe, of a greater ingathering. May He be the Guide and Teacher of each, enabling us to 'Hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.'

In conclusion, we sincerely trust that the new year may be a happy and prosperous one to all, in the highest sense. May God be pleased to grant to our great town a renewal of commercial prosperity. But, above all, may we each realise that there is a higher life than the present, and a brighter world than that which we now see.

Believe me to be your faithful friend and pastor,
William Odom"

Perhaps there are things we can learn from looking back and certainly sentiments we can echo today.

Stewart Rayner

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

November 30th Mark Andrew Hardwick
Matthew John Grant

December 14th Charlotte Elizabeth Elliott
Krystle Frances Eagar

Funerals

December 15th Paul Bertram Savage (66) 1 Grove Avenue
Paul Savage was a silversmith. Born and brought up in Darnall, he moved to Totley upon his marriage about twenty years ago. We expressed our sincere sympathy to his wife, Marie

RUSSIAN RESPONSE

From a recent article in the Church Times :

"A priest at the Soviet naval base at Riga on the Baltic was asked about his working routine. He said that the busiest time of the whole month was the first Saturday because that was the leave day at the naval base when large numbers of the naval officers and their wives (all paid-up Communists) brought their babies to be baptised.'

HOGMANAY HOMILIES

Written by Rabbie Burns. The first piece is a Preface to his poem to 'The Unco' Guid' (uncommonly good).

My Son these maxims make rule
And lump them ay thegither
The rigid righteous is a fool
The rigid wise anither.
The cleanest corn that ever was dight (sifted)
May have some pyles o'caff in, (chaff)
So ne'er a fellow creature slight
For random fits o'daffin. (larking)

or as Clive James would say about the last four lines,
'Those who lack humour are without judgement and should
be trusted with nothing.'

Then gently scan your brother man
Still gentler sister woman;
Tho' they may gang a kenning wrang (little)
To step aside is human:
One point must still be greatly dark
The moving why they do it;
And just as lamely can ye mark,
How far perhaps they rue it.

Supplied by Rex B.

KINGDOM SPOTTING

BRIAN GREEN writes in 'Partners' magazine:

BEFORE he went on the Peru missions, Fr. Don Stoker taught French at the Sheffield Polytechnic and worked as a chaplain in what was a totally un-churched environment. Don is undoubtedly a man of the Church and a man of prayer. I remember once asking him how he coped with the apparently fruitless task of bringing God to the students.

"It has to be a matter of Kingdom spotting," he said. "Very few in the Poly have any interest in the Church. But they are certainly interested in justice and peace, in truth and caring – in Kingdom values. So wherever there is an opportunity of defending or spreading those values I make sure I am in there. Isn't that what being light and salt is all about?"

"THE FULFILLED WOMAN"

In November (after many comments on the title!), a group from All Saints went to an evening run by representatives of the female side of Mission Sheffield.

Elizabeth Horsford was the speaker and she began by reminding us 'Whoever you are, whether single, married or widowed, know that you are fearfully and wonderfully made and your soul knows it' (Psalm 139:13) and also words from Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future full of hope.'

What a lovely thought for male or female!

Whatever our temperament, we are fully known by God, He accepts us and forgives us. (Isaiah 43:25)

Elizabeth Horsford went on to give examples from the Apostles of how God can change and use all temperaments to fulfil his purposes.

a) Sanguine temperament - unreliable, pleasure-loving, flighty.

Simon the unstable became Peter the Rock. He denied our Lord but was given renewed hope and strength (I Peter 1:3-5)

b) Melancholic

- Contemplative, negative, paranoid, harsh
John the Son of Thunder (Mark 3:17) who became the Apostle of Love (I John 4:7) and given a Revelation of the glory of God.

c) Choleric

- overpowering, forceful, leadership, cruel.
Paul who was transformed from a persecutor (Acts 9:1) to become all things to all men that they might be saved. (I Corinthians 9:22/ I Thessalonians 2:7) - all wrought through his personal realisation of Jesus Christ.

d) Phlegmatic

- peacemaker, avoiding difficulties, lazy.
Mark the one who had given up (Acts 15:38) was given another chance (II Timothy 4:11)

The Evening was thought-provoking, as you may imagine, and gave us insights into helping us to understand our fellow human beings through the love of Jesus Christ.

O.P.

EPIPHANY GIFTS Silent Auction at Whirlow Grange on Thursday 8th January at 7pm. Adm. 50p incl. refreshments.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

On the evening of 11th December, the children of All Saints' School performed the musical play "Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo." (A very suitable choice for a Church School). One of the advantages of a school of our size is that all the children were able to take part - though numbers were actually depleted as we were in the middle of mumps and chicken-pox epidemics.

The Infant children acted the story extremely well, and those playing the animals wore superb costumes designed and made by the staff. The Junior children, two of whom most ably narrated the story, were the instrumentalists and the choir. The whole show was produced and directed by Mrs. Pam Challis, with Mrs. Jan Meakin responsible for the music. The other members of staff worked really hard too, so that it was really a team effort with staff and children working together. Although I was the one person in school who kept a low profile, I was the one who received the congratulations afterwards - such is justice!

I hope that those who were present will remember our children singing that last song as they waved their rainbow streamers and reminded us of God's promise. I think that the 'Rainbow Song' is now one of my favourite pieces.

We were very pleased to have such a good audience, consisting of our families, ex-members of staff, Governors and friends of the school, and we were particularly honoured to have Mr. W. Walton, the Chief Education Officer for Sheffield, and Mrs. E. Walton with us.

At the end of the concert one of our parents said to me that he as an individual felt so proud, and that I as the headteacher must be bursting with pride - indeed I was. It is on evenings like this, when teachers and pupils work so well together, that I know that it is all worthwhile, and thank God to be so blessed.

Joan Stratford

END QUOTES

We live in a world that has narrowed into a neighbourhood before it has broadened into a brotherhood.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Nothing makes you wonder what you have said, more than having someone tell what they heard.

Franklin Jones

It is in our faults and failings, not our virtues, that we touch one another and find sympathy.

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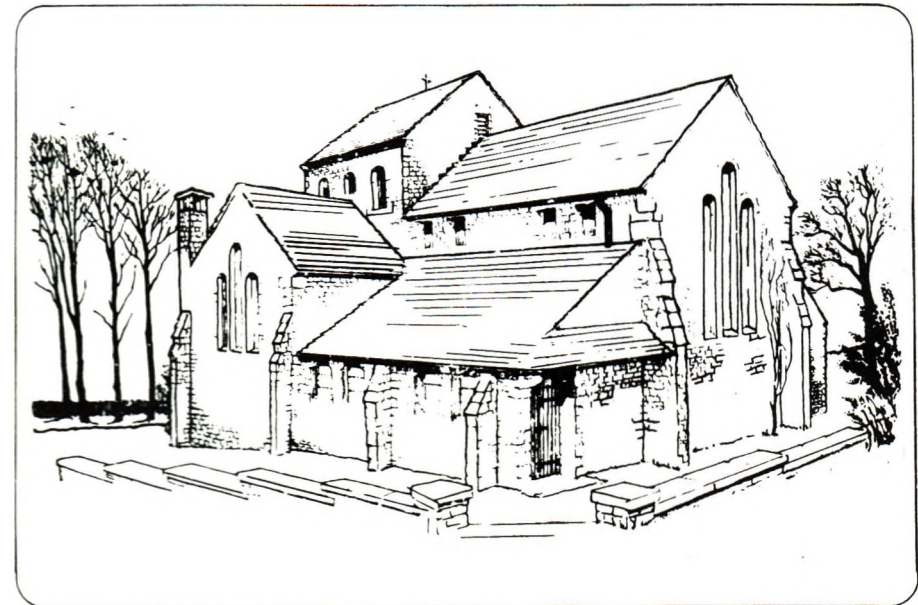
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Whilst serving in a twentieth century church like **All Saints'** has many advantages, I must admit at times to missing the perspective of centuries of Church history I've encountered in the other parishes in which I have worked. To have to hand contemporary writings on how the parish coped with the Reformation, the Visitation Records relating to the reordering of parish life at the Restoration, account books of church expenses from early-Victorian times etc. somehow add a sense of perspective to what is done today. Other records were more alarming - evidence of the effects of the Black Death around 1349, the number of burials registered increasing tenfold during the years of the Great Plague and a stone in the churchyard commemorating the victims of the widespread cholera epidemic of 1832.

Today, with a leaflet to every home, we are warned we could be on the brink of one of the greatest and most destructive epidemics in recorded history. There have so far been only about 350 deaths from AIDS in Britain, but experts reckon there are already 50 to 100,000 carriers of the virus. Since no cure is in sight, the fact that the toll in this country has doubled every year is ominous, quite apart from the even more tragic projections for Africa and the U.S.A.

The Christian response must be prayerful and practical care for the sufferers, diligence in seeking to prevent the spread of the disease, and support for research into its cure. Love not fear is the Christian reaction to AIDS.

As the Archbishop of York has recently said - "If the fear of AIDS leads to a massive change in sexual behaviour there may be other gains in terms of deeper, more stable personal relationships besides greater safety. But the mainspring of Christian morality is love, not fear. A morality based on fear can very quickly turn nasty."

Although there is no evidence of AIDS being transmitted by saliva, some concern has been expressed about the common Communion Chalice. Already communicants with colds often practice intinction (retaining the wafer, dipping it into the chalice and consuming both elements together) and **medical** experts suggest this practice is adopted by a) **all AIDS** sufferers; and b) anyone with cuts or sores **on the lips**.

In the battle against AIDS the keynotes **would seem to** be commonsense and compassion.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

- 1st EPIPHANY 4
Theme 'The New Temple'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: I Corinthians 3: 10-17 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 2:13-22 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Jeremiah 7: 1-11 (NEB)
New Testament: St. John 4: 19-26 (JB)
- 8th EPIPHANY 5
Theme 'The Wisdom of God'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 3: 18-23 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 12:38-42 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 42:15-25 (JB)
New Testament: I Corinthians 1:18-2:5 (RSV)
- 15th 9 before EASTER (Septuagesima - Education Sunday)
Theme 'Christ the Teacher'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 4: 8-13 (JB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (NEB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 2: 1-10 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 8: 4-15 (RSV)
- 22nd 8 before EASTER (Sexagesima)
Theme 'Christ The Healer'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: James 5: 13-16 (RSV)
Gospel: St. Mark 2: 1-12 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: 2 Kings 5: 1-14 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Mark 7: 24-37 (NEB)

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) 10am every Wednesday

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting will be held at 74 Main Avenue on February 24th at 2.15pm. Plans for the year ahead will be discussed to enable us to fulfil our role for fund-raising for the Church and charities. New members are most welcome.

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club future programme includes a demonstration of meat cutting by Mr. Harry Jubb on 3rd February. After the demonstration there will be a sale of meat in aid of the Diabetic Scanning Camera.

Food and shopping continue on the agenda later in the month when a representative from Sainsburys will give a talk on 17th February.

The Annual Meeting falls on 3rd March - Shrove Tuesday - but we don't think a pancake race is on the agenda.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS MEETING

The meeting for distributors to pay in annual subscriptions and sort out any delivery difficulties will be in the Hall on Wednesday 18th February at 7.30pm.

We thank all our regular readers for their support in 1986. We are pleased to say All Saints' news has managed to pay its way in 1986 and there will be no need for any price increase in 1987.

FLOWER ROTA

<u>February</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
1.	Mrs. Beeley	Mrs. Bramall
8.	Mrs. Hossett	Mrs. Heap
15	Mrs. Billard	Mrs. Coates
22		
1 March	Mrs. Mayson	Miss Gillott
<u>Silver Cleaning</u>		
Feb 1	Mrs. Simons	Feb 15 Mrs. Parkin

PARISH BREAKFAST

Feb 1	Mrs. J. Woodhead	Mrs. Brown
Feb 8	Mrs. B. Waite	Miss Taylor
Feb 15	Mrs. D. Firth	Mrs. L. Marshall
Feb 22	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Best
Mar 1	Mrs. Davis	Mrs. Ivison

PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

2nd Mon	8pm Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue
3rd Tue	12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Hall
	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm Ladies Club - Meat-cutting demonstration
4th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship
9th Mon	7.30pm All Saints' Nursery Committee
10th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
11th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowship
12th Thu	8pm P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage
16th Mon	7pm All Saints' School Governors Meeting
17th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm Ladies Club - Speaker from Sainsburys
	8pm Council of Churches at St. John's Abbeydale
18th Wed	7.30pm Magazine Distributors meeting in Hall.
	8pm Wednesday Fellowship
24th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	2.15pm Ladies Working Party - 74 Main Avenue.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Service is to be held at the English Martyr's Roman Catholic Church, Baslow Road, on Friday 6th March at 10.30am. The speaker will be Mrs. Beryl Rayner.

SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY - 4th March

10am Holy Communion - attended by All Saints' School
7.30pm Holy Communion (choral)

SUNDAY SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

On Saturday 28th February at 2pm. All items and help appreciated - contact via 360653 or 350612

A NATIONAL SURVEY of attendance by age groups at all Church Services, organisations and activities is to be made for 22nd February to 1st March. Come and make sure you are counted in!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The All Saints' A.G.M. will be on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Reports to Vicar by 19th February.

£100 was sent to Christian Aid at Christmas - consisting of £43 raised at the Coffee Morning held earlier at the home of Harry and Marjorie Draper and £57 collected at the Sunday School 'Coffee & Carols'. Our thanks to all involved in both events.

SEARCHING FOR THAT HOME WITH NO SORROW

CANON KEN SHARPE of Coley, Halifax tells the parable of the grieving woman who visited a holy man in China and asked him to help her overcome her sorrow. He told her to get a mustard seed from a home that had never known sorrow, and it would banish her grief.

The woman could find no such home. Instead, whenever she visited she was told of the tragic things that had happened there. On hearing each tale, she asked herself, "Who is better able to help than I, who have known so much sorrow?"

She became so involved in easing the grief of others that she forgot about her search for the mustard seed which, in fact, HAD driven the sorrow from her life.

THE RECTOR was thrilled when a member of the congregation told him that his sermon had been like the peace and mercy of God. But he was not quite so sure when he read in his Bible that the peace of God passeth all understanding and that His mercy endureth forever.

*To live above with the saints we love,
Oh that were bliss and glory,
But to dwell below with the saints we know,
Now that's a different story!*

RUBINSTEIN, the great musician, once said: "If I omit practice one day, I notice it. If two days my friends notice it, if three days the public notice it." Maybe it's a bit like that with a Christian and prayer.

HEAVEN LATEST TRAVEL INFORMATION



ACCOMMODATION: Arrangements for first-class accommodation have been made in advance. *John 14:2*

PASSPORTS: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling Authority. *Rev. 21:27*

TICKETS: Your ticket is a written pledge that guarantees your journey. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in mind. *John 5:24*

CUSTOMS: Only one declaration is required while going through customs. *1 Cor. 15:1, 3, 4*

IMMIGRATION: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. The quota is unlimited. *Heb. 11:16*

LUGGAGE: No luggage whatsoever can be taken. *Tim. 6:7*

AIR PASSAGE: Travellers going directly by air are advised to watch daily for indications of imminent departure. *1 Thess. 4:17*

VACCINATION/INOCULATION: Injections are not needed as diseases are unknown at the destination. *Rev. 21:4*

DEPARTURE TIMES: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travellers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice. *Acts 1:7*

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A GAGGLE of.....

The training of those who have begun work in the Diocese continues for three years after their ordination, both residually at Whirlow Grange, the Diocesan Conference Centre, and in regular group meetings up and down the Diocese. Seen here with Desmond Carnelley, Archdeacon of Doncaster (on right), is a group on post-ordination training at the home of Deaconess Eve Atherfold at Moss, Doncaster. It is not clear from the photograph who was most unnerved by the experience, the geese or the g*****, or the photographer.

Through Grief

Bereavement is a disturbance of life's regular course that is deeply painful and distressing, and is likely to be experienced by everyone. It is likely to be bewildering, lonely and frightening. In her book, "Through Grief", Elizabeth Collick, herself the widow of an Anglican clergyman and living in Sheffield with her family, has written out of her own experience to describe what happens, in the hope that it may bring strength and support to those in grief. Her book is full of practical good sense, and will be of help not only to the bereaved but to many others. Published by Darton Longman and Todd in association with CRUSE, it is available from bookshops priced £2.95 ISBN 0 232 51682 0.

Parties

Sue Pegg of St. John's, Deepcar writes that for the last couple of years, the Ecumenical Christian Council of Deepcar and Stocksbridge has been holding children's parties in preparation for Pentecost. Many children of all denominations have enjoyed the workshops and have meaningfully prepared for the great festival. Towards the end of last year though, they held their first Advent Party, when the children were encouraged to 'prepare' for Christmas. The parties have been a significant ecumenical venture and have brought many people together. It's an idea worth copying elsewhere! What about Holy Week Workshops or Easter Parties for children and adults together?

Bishop David writes

About AIDS

Fear - a well-grounded and understandable fear - plays a major part in our response to this new epidemic.

We are afraid because we don't know how this disease can have happened.

There are three possible explanations:

- (a) It has come from animals (Green Monkeys) in some mysterious way.
- (b) A Germ-warfare experiment has gone terribly wrong.
- (c) The infection has come from a Comet or outer space.

I'm told that the "Green Monkeys" are the most likely explanation, but I find a horrible plausibility in the 'Germ-warfare' theories.

We are afraid because of the scale and rapid spread of the disease. Though deaths in this country are still only a tiny fraction of those killed on the roads, in America, and even more in Africa, the numbers are already appalling.

We are afraid because AIDS is incurable and, the pessimists tell us, the nature of this virus makes it at least possible that it may be a very long time before a cure is found.

And I think our fears and anxieties are increased by the sexual nature of the disease and its invisibility. Parts of the human experience that many of us think should be private become horribly public. These are complex areas of guilt and emotion.

But our fears need to be checked by both Common Sense and Compassion.

We know that the infection can be only spread through sexual intercourse and the transfer of infected blood (and, alas, from the womb of a mother who has the disease). We cannot catch AIDS accidentally like a cold or 'flu'. There is no danger from ordinary social and physical contact. Shared meals, handshakes and hugs, kissing, working and travelling together, sharing a house are all entirely without risk of infection. This means that the spread of AIDS could be checked! The Bishop of Birmingham put it very simply to the House of Lords: "There is one safe way and one safe way only of avoiding AIDS which holds good for all. It is through living chaste lives of sexual restraint, and exclusive loyalty to a single partner". Earlier he had said "Chastity is never old fashioned, but always contemporary. To be chaste means to abstain from all immoral sexual intercourse. It applies before marriage, applies within marriage, it applies outside marriage, and, if homosexuals think it right, it applies to an exclusive and lifelong relationship with one partner".

Compassion can be killed by fear. Perhaps the most Christ-like act of St. Francis was the moment when he overcame his fear and ran to embrace the leper. The most hateful aspect of the present panic is the readiness of many to demand that AIDS victims should be isolated. Inevitably that comes to include a multitude whom people simply suspect of being AIDS carriers. We are on the verge of moving into



an area of great cruelty and injustice. It would be terrible perversion of Christian moral standards if we were to be found to be sharing in this evil clamour. The old saying 'hate the sin but love the sinner' is perennially true. We must say and do nothing that could encourage the persecution and ostracism of a minority.

For this reason I regret the public concern about the shared chalice. Here there is no danger of catching AIDS: A decision to cease to meet with our brothers and sisters in the shared cup would be a triumph of fear at the cost of our humanity.

It might mark the beginning of an age when the "great AIDS panic" prevented people from eating, or playing, or working in fellowship together. And that would be hell.

(But the receiving of Holy Communion is a solemn and personal act. Any who wish not to share in the cup through their own sickness - even a bad cold; their susceptibility to disease, or even through a human dread, should not hesitate, unostentatiously, to receive the bread only).

God Bless you all -
DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

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Dr. Philip Davies - Approaching the Bible from a Jewish standpoint.

Dr. Andrew Lincoln - Mark's view of the death of Jesus.

For details please send stamped addressed envelope to

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Royal School of Church Music



The re-created Sheffield and South Yorkshire Area Committee of the RSCM has recently announced the introduction to the area of the BISHOP'S AWARD and the PROVOST'S AWARD for boy or girl choristers in affiliated RSCM choirs. The Awards, which will be examined locally, are designed to be more advanced than the Red Ribbon (Full Chorister) award, but less difficult than the St. Nicholas/St. Cecilia Awards. Bishop David hopes to make the presentations to successful candidates at a special service in Sheffield Cathedral. Further details from the Area Secretary (see below).

A one-day choir-school and Choral Evensong has been arranged for Saturday, 28th March at St. Mark's, Broomhill, Sheffield. A cordial invitation is extended to every choir in the Sheffield Archdeaconry to take part. RSCM - affiliated choirs will be sent details in the usual way by Addington Palace, but non-RSCM choirs can obtain further details and an Application Form from the RSCM Area Secretary: Mr. J. S. Hawkins, 16 Barnet Avenue, Sheffield, S11 7RN (Tel. 306012)

Spare strings

The Revd. John Twistleton, previously of Moorends is shortly to leave this country to work in Guyana and hopes to encourage others there to take up his interest in the guitar. The only problem is...a shortage of guitars. If you've got one that you don't use, or know of someone who has, and you're happy for it to go halfway round the world to be put to good use, then contact Mrs. A. Topham, 1 West Street, West Butterwick, DN17 3JZ Tel. Scunthorpe 783023

St. Luke's in the Community

In the spring of 1987, St. Luke's Nursing Home in the south of Sheffield is hoping to increase its team of volunteers who are working for the St. Luke's Marie Curie Relative Support Service. We need volunteers who are able to offer friendship and help to families who are caring at home for a terminally ill or severely chronically sick relative, in Sheffield, and its outlying villages. Anyone who is interested should have about 4 hours to spare each week to keep the patient comfortable and content whilst the carer has a break. During this 4 hour period the carer may wish to visit a friend, accomplish essential tasks outside the home or simply take an undisturbed rest from their sometimes daunting 24 hour duties.

It will be necessary to attend a preparatory training course of about six sessions which will be held in an informal atmosphere at St. Luke's. The talks will be given by members of the St. Luke's professional caring team and there will be time for open discussion. The programme will include:-

A History of the Hospice Movement and an introduction to basic nursing skills.

Time to discuss your own feelings and aptitude for the work as well as the feelings of the carers and patients.

To participate in the course will not obligate you to continue. If you would like to know more please contact MRS. JANET PEGLER on Sheffield 369911

Appointments

Rev. J. T. Archer, at present Social Worker and Non-Stipendiary Priest in the Diocese of Derby, to be Vicar of St. John, Edlington.

Rev. G. O. Cummings has been appointed Bishop's Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Widows' Officer for the Diocese in succession to the Revd. George Kirk. His address is 7 Lidget Close, Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN14 6EE. Tel. Don. 536999

On 21st December, 1986 Mr. Peter Ingram (Northern Ordination Course) was made Deacon in Maltby Parish Church to serve in the Parish of Maltby, and Miss Violet Jonhston was made Deaconess in St. Peter's Church, Bentley, to continue to serve in the Parish of Bentley.

Rev. Clive Kemp, Curate of Chapelton, to be Vicar of St. John, Park, Sheffield.

Rev. Graham Creasey, at present Assistant Curate in the Parish of Birstall and Wanlip, in the Diocese of Leicester, to be Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's, Wheatley Park, Doncaster.

Rev. Ian K. Duffield, Vicar in Team Ministry of Sheffield Manor, to be Vicar of St. Mary, Walkley.

Rev. Dennis McKee, St. George's Church, Preston, to be Canon Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral.

Called to serve....

Called to serve is the theme of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whitby on Saturday, 13th June, when two special trains from Sheffield and Doncaster, and the stations in between, will take pilgrims from the Diocese to that beautiful spot on the Yorkshire coast. It will be a day of witness, worship, festivity and fun, and its expected to be a sell-out. More details are already available in each parish, and its wise to get your name down now. Its around an 8.00 a.m. start, returning by about 9.30 p.m.

"Faith in the City" - What next?

The Rev. Prebendary Patrick Dearnley, who is the Archbishop's Officer for Urban Priority Areas, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Open Church Group on Thursday, 5th February at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Church, Broomhill. Prebendary Dearnley is responsible for monitoring and putting forward our Churches response to the "Faith in the City" Report and will be bringing us up-to-date on progress. St. Mark's Church is by the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. There is ample car parking available. All are welcome.

What a world!

There's a special Day Conference on Saturday, 16th May to enable representatives from parishes to give particular thought to overseas responsibilities. The "What a world!" Conference has as leaders for the day, Bishop Pat Harris, formerly in Northern Argentina, but now Secretary of the Partnership for World Mission, and Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Theological Consultant for the Lambeth Conference, who was previously in Pakistan. More details are available in the parishes.

DOUGLAS HURLEY has been full-time Stewardship Advisor for the Diocese since October last year, and has been finding his way round many of the parishes since then. He Writes about

Stewardship – Myths and Legends

Why, when Stewardship is mentioned in a parish, do some people 'discover' many 'theological' excuses to justify their avoidance of a genuine commitment to Stewardship? In doing so they have created a series of myths and legends about Stewardship and thus end up confusing other Church members who try to make decisions about the relationship of their money and their faith as a response to God's love for man.

Let's look at, and explode, three of these myths and legends.

Firstly they say, "Let's have a Mission - get more people to church, this will solve the financial problems." In theory this is true, but in practice not so. Churches should themselves be a missionary society, because their prime task is to spread the Christian message.

If a church has a truly missionary outlook, they have already the spiritual atmosphere whereby a Stewardship programme can fit into the life of the parish as a spiritual, not material exercise, whereby people can learn, and be challenged about the principles that are involved. Such principles will be hard to accept - they will call for change - and will cost us all personally - not least of all - our valued and treasured money.

Then they say, "Stewardship will drive people away from the church." What rubbish! I have never known anyone, with the basic Christian Faith, to be frightened by Stewardship. Who are we to say that Mr. & Mrs. X's commitment to Christ is so weak that a challenge to adopt the principles of Stewardship will scare them off Stewardship programmes will no doubt cause controversy in a parish - this is something that is alive and healthy and which can be handled. It is a total apathy to the love of God that is the real killer disease.

Then there those who say, "Look, if we're in financial trouble let's all give a bit more *until* we're out of trouble, then we will be alright". Or, "Let's ask the local community to help - we're doing all we can". - But are we?

If people can respond when there is a financial crisis, then they can afford to be better Stewards Sunday by Sunday, day by day - all of their lives, not just occasionally.

Stewardship should, and must, be an integral part of our Christian life the foundation on which we build up our personal discipleship. If your local church does not need time, your talents and your money - then there are endless needs and tasks in which they can be used in God's wider kingdom.

These then are just three of the myths and legends that stifle the growth of Stewardship within the



church. Surely it's about time that together, both clergy and laity, we took a serious look at our commitment, our response to God, for all that we receive in His name.

Remembering always that all we receive from God is given to us in love - with no strings attached - each hour each day.

Now it is our turn - what response will we make - will it be in joy and thanksgiving or are we prepared to continue in a life governed by past myths and legends?

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Cover up

Did you know that ties and sweatshirts showing the Diocesan Coat of Arms are now available from the Diocesan Office? Ties, in navy blue, maroon and and green cost £5.00, and navy blue sweatshirts, sizes 36 to 44, cost £8.50. They can be ordered from the Diocesan Office, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FT., and prices include post and packing.

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ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL PUPILS SEE THE QUEEN

On the afternoon of Friday 10th December a group of children and parents went to Hillsborough Stadium to see H.M. The Queen. Indeed many of them became T.V. Stars as the seats reserved for All Saints' School were at the front and at the side of the players' entrance, so when the visit was featured on the local news bulletin several of the group could be seen quite clearly.

The following are a few extracts from work which the children did about the visit, to give a picture of the day.

'It was cold when we got to the stadium but we soon got warm. It was a long time until the Queen came. The crowd stood on their seats when she came, she went down the tunnel onto the pitch and into her car. The car went round the pitch and stopped by the plaque. The Queen unveiled the plaque and the kop was opened.'

Matthew Hawley

'The Queen was late!'

Melissa Davis

'When I saw the Queen I sat on a chair then I listened'

Teresa Nettleton

'My mum waved to the Queen'

Rosie Ferguson

'When the Queen arrived everyone cheered as loud as they could (we had been practising this bit.) She was wearing a pink duffle coat and a pink hat with a feather in it. The next day we saw Ruth in the newspaper with her mum.'

Thomas Wigglesworth

'When the Queen arrived the flag went up. I could see her very well because I was on the front row.'

Rebecca Claydon

'The people were very noisy. When the Queen came down the steps she met Tony Capstick.'

Mark Bailey

'Before the Queen came we had to sing carols. Then a man said soon she will be here, and then she was here and it was very exciting.'

Lyndon Fletcher

'The trumpets trumpeted, then the flag went up and she appeared. She wore pink - she was lovely.'

Dawn Wiles

'The Queen rode round the stadium in a Rolls Royce. It took us until 5 o'clock to get home.'

Ian Wiles

TO INDIA WITH LOVE

From our giving at All Saints' a contribution is sent to support the work of Theodore and Diana Srinivasagam who work with the Indian Evangelical Mission. Theo is General Secretary of the Mission, and although based at Bangalore on Southern India, his work takes him to all parts of India, to Bangladesh, Thailand and Singapore. Usually there is a schedule of his itinerary on the Prayer Board in Church. Di works on the medical side of the Mission.

Recently Di has written:

'Theo has been able to decentralise some of his routine work to four Field Secretaries but he desperately needs an assistant in Bangalore. This was highlighted in early October when he fell ill and was hospitalised for three days of rest and tests. He was exhausted. He was given a clean bill of health and flew off to Bangladesh! I was very tired too, as I try and help him if and when I can - but I can't be his assistant in the office.

The Health Worker's Course originally scheduled for July was postponed. Then my 'boss' a surgeon, left us to take up full time surgery in a local hospital. Now many of his Mission jobs have become my jobs. The Health Worker's Course will be fully my responsibility. This is a major undertaking and I need training and a lot of preparation before I can run it. We also need finance for it. No new dates have yet been set.

Last September was particularly exciting and exhausting. Once a year we call all the I.E.M. Field leaders and State Church Ministry workers to Bangalore for planning meetings. For three days we discussed in small groups, had teaching seminars and private interviews. This year it was all held in our new Annexe, and being away from the office, was much easier to manage and very profitable.

The hospitals in Thailand are facing problems. With no surgeon and no obstetrician the Manorom Christian Hospital in Central Thailand has had to cut back considerably. Praise God for the Christian staff and the daily prayer meetings. Pray as they cope with the cut-backs, which includes a cut in hours and pay. Saiburi Hospital in South Thailand will have to close in November.

We are still planning to come to England next year,

probably for June, July and August. Normally Theo would need an official letter of invitation from some organisation in the U.K., which would also guarantee his financial support while in England. Now the U.K. Government are requiring Indians to obtain visas before going to the U.K. we are not sure what the requirements will be and how long the process will take. Pray for smooth arrangements. Thank you for your letters and prayers and support in every way.'

"FARM AGAINST FAMINE"

'Farm against Famine' is the title of an appeal set up by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. There are 12 million refugees in the world at this moment and one half are in Africa. The U.N. High Commission for Refugees which depends entirely on voluntary funding has launched this appeal to set up small poultry co-operatives for Ethiopian refugees in Port Sudan. Sheffield United Nations Association have been set a target of £50,000 to raise this year as their part of this project.

Any offers by individuals or groups to organise fund-raising events would be most welcome - as, of course, would any direct donations! (To: U.N.A. TRUST Refugee Appeal, c/o Mr. J. Young, 175 Dore Road, Sheffield, S17 3HB). This project is designed to give self-reliance and hope to people who otherwise exist on temporary hand-outs of emergency relief, and to improve food supplies in the Sudan, one of the world's poorest countries, itself subject to famines, yet which has never closed its frontiers to the hundreds of thousands of people who have sought refuge there from even worse situations.

Please help if you can - for the sake of Our Lord who was Himself once a refugee in Egypt.

On a local level Totley Rise Methodists are holding Bread and Cheese Lunches for it on two Sundays (Feb 8th and March 8th) and would welcome anyone who would like to join them. (Come along about noon or a little later if more convenient).

On Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm at the United Reformed Church, Frank Hooley will talk on "A never-ending task - the work of the U.N.H.C.R." All are invited.

Further information about the Sheffield Project can be obtained from me or other U.N.A. members.

Doris Simpson (366668)

"HE WILL NEVER BE MISSED!"

'He will never be missed' sings Koko in the 'Mikado'.

Doubtless you will wonder what his song has in common with All Saints' News? Well, you have to start somewhere, and I hope in a convoluted and inoffensive manner to explain.

Between the Festivals of Christmas and Easter is a long stretch of Sundays without the tremendous sparkle and joy of our Christian Year highlights - but still of some matter. There will be favourite hymns to sing, points in sermons that impress, but in the main it is a slightly hum-drum period.

It may be that some people in this period confronted with different choices could opt out of Church, thinking "I SHALL NEVER BE MISSED" but nothing is farther from the truth. Look at the delight of seeing our young people when on leave from their studies enter the church; when elderly and infirm members who find it a struggle join us; young parents, families and children; those who are alone; those with a ready smile; the deeply devout (and we have many); those who counter adversity with cheerfulness (we have these too); and at the risk of raising hackles - the ordinary.

I suppose those mentioned would consider themselves ordinary, actually there aren't any ordinary people, all have some attribute that gives pleasure to others when we meet at All Saints'. As these people give us pleasure, you can be sure that your presence will give others pleasure too. It is a roundabout way of saying 'All Saints' welcomes the pleasure of your company to give pleasure to others.'

Rex Beaumont.

CASH AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Wouldn't you do anything to be given 40p for every £1 you had? Well All Saints' can claim that from the Inland Revenue for every £1 you give. We can claim on single donations of £20 or more, or on regular giving of 10p a week or over. All that is required is your signature. The Covenant on regular giving is made for four years but if you cease to be a member of All Saints', become unemployed, or have a reduction in earnings, etc., you can be simply released from all obligations. Have a word with the Vicar in confidence if you want to know more. Similarly, if you already covenant and will have given £2pa or more by April 1987 - every increase is worth covenanting.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

December 28th

Rebecca Jane Lawry

January 11th

Nicola Jane Worth

Alistair Liam Green

Funerals

December 23rd Mabel Florence Scott(80) 50 Sunnyvale Road

January 6th Florence Landin (88) 98 Baslow Road

January 9th Winifred Mavis Nicholson (71) 45 Sunnyvale Rd

Mabel Scott grew up in Hillsborough and came to Totley during the Second World War. Her outgoing and considerate ways made her a well-liked member of the community.

Florence Landin was born in India. Her late husband was a partner in Landin Wilcox, Accountants.

Mavis Nicholson born at Beauchief, spent a large part of her life at Beighton, and then Skegness, before settling in Totley 20 years ago. Her friendly nature and organising ability contributed to her success as Secretary of the Abbeydale Ladies Guild.

RECIPE TIME - Jap Cakes

6oz ground almonds

3 egg whites

6 oz caster sugar

Prepare a flat tin about 8" square or 10" x 6" and about 1" deep by lining with grease proof paper - brush paper with oil. Oven: 325°F 165°C Gas 3 to 4.

Whisk egg whites till stiff. Fold in sugar and ground almonds. Spread evenly in tin. When mixture begins to firm mark with a small round cutter. Bake till firm and pale gold colour.

Turn out of tin, remove paper and cut through rounds. Dry the trimmings and pound down to make crumbs. Coat rounds with coffee butter icing and roll in the crumbs. Put a spot of glaze icing or a Smartie in the centre.

TAIL PIECES FROM RB

In the East they suppress Religion - In the West they have no need to - greed and envy do it for them.

Obedience without the consent of conscience, can never be a virtue.

Clara Urqhart

It is more shameful to distrust one's friends, than to be deceived by them.

La Rochefoucauld

160 QUESTIONS

About 160 questions form the Bishop's Second full Visitation of the Diocese as he undertakes a searching study of each Parish - its buildings and their use, parish activities and membership, parochial budgeting and stewardship. The questions are to be answered by the P.C.C. by 30th April. A copy of the Enquiry will be displayed on the Church Notice Board for you to make comments to PCC members.

MY TRUTH - A Meditation by Harry Cargas

Just as we say that we must look at ourselves both as members of the entire world body and as individuals, so, too, I must seek universal truth as well as my own personal truth. These are not contradictory or exclusive truths, they are in harmony. Yet the part of the great truth which is my very own truth is unique to me. My task then is to search for that which is mine - which is me, really - find it, and then seize it, make it so conscious a part of my existence that it informs me in everything that I do.

Another way of saying this is simply to realize that I am unique, to try to discover in what way I am unique, and then to develop this uniqueness in the service of the common good. I must caution myself that this has nothing to do with eccentricity, showing off, cultivating a difference for the sake of being different. Rather I must try to find out in what way I am different from all others who live, have ever lived, and who will live, and offer this difference to God in the important effort to complete the reality of humanity.

As youngsters, we tried so hard to conform to what others did and were; we wished to be accepted as part of the crowd. We wanted, or seemed to want, the values, the ideas, the outer appearance (hair, clothing) similar to others. Advertisers and governments would love us to keep such an immature attitude. We would be much more manipulatable in this way. Hopefully, we are past that.

But the growth of our spirit requires that we do other than just go along with the crowd, just live an unthoughtful life, just muddle on in time on a material, sensual level only. The great adventure of my life is to find out who I am. This means finding my uniqueness, my truth, glorying in it and living it as heroically as I can. It may mean, actually, to live unheroically on a heroic level.

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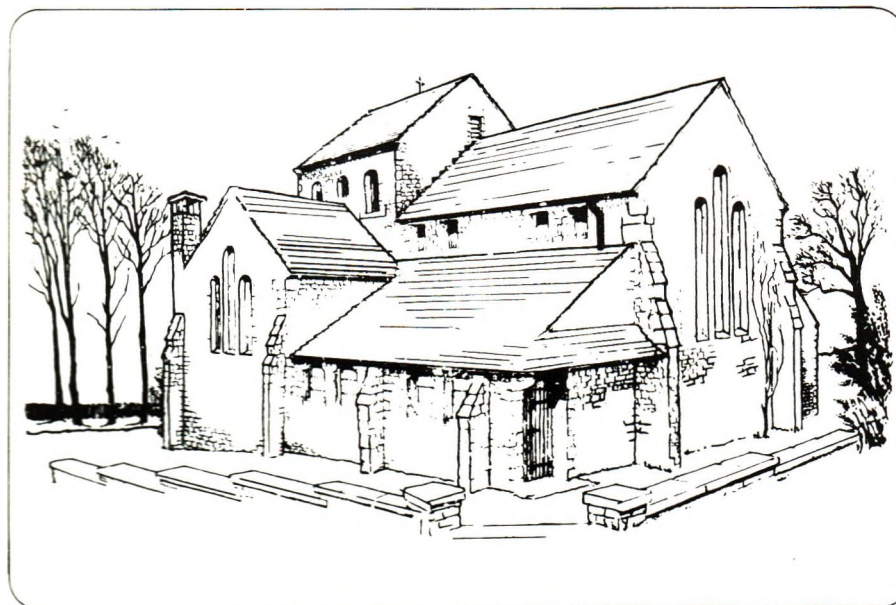
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Christian Season of Lent has been observed for many centuries -with the forty days of abstinence mentioned in the Canons of Nicea (AD 325). Initial emphasis was on fasting - only one meal a day allowed and meat, fish and eggs forbidden. Since the Reformation greater emphasis has been placed on Lent as a period of penance involving abstinence from festivities, almsgiving, and spending more than the usual time in devotional exercises.

All aspects of Lent are important but this last one is the most essential - forty days to give more time to Bible Study, to prayer and the practical outworking of our Faith. As G.K. Chesterton said, "Christianity has not so much been tried and found wanting - it has not been tried."

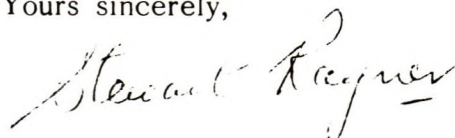
The basis of the Christian Faith is the life of Christ to be found in the Gospels. We should read them expecting to come to know more of Him. Even those who read the New Testament for other reasons have made this discovery.

J.B. Phillips approached the New Testament as a translator. He did not believe in verbal inspiration and had no preconceived expectations, but he found ..."once one gets to grips with the stuff of the New Testament, its vitality is astonishing... the centuries seem to melt away and here I was confronted by eternal truths which my soul, however reluctantly, felt bound to accept. The further I went on with my work of translation the more this conviction of spiritual truth grew within me."

E.V. Rieu was asked as a Classics scholar to translate the Gospels for Penguin Books. His work had a similar impact on him... "these documents bear the seal of the Son of Man and God. Were we to devote to their comprehension a little of the selfless enthusiasm that is now expended on the riddle of our physical surroundings, we should cease to say Christianity is coming to an end - we might feel that it had only just begun."

Details of Lenten activities are to be found elsewhere in the magazine - do make use of them - and do observe Lent as a time of personal study in some way.

Yours sincerely,



LADIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on March 24th at 2.15pm.

A SILENT AUCTION will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 31st March - proceeds in aid of the Church of England's Childrens Society and All Saints' Church Funds. Admittance 50p including refreshments.

If you have anything to donate for auction please contact Mrs. E. Powell (362516) or Mrs. D. Simons (364937)

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club hold their A.G.M. on Tuesday 3rd March in the Church Hall. On the same evening they are running a Sponsored Knit-In for Arthritis and Rheumatism Research. Those taking part use spare wool to knit up plain squares and are sponsored for the number of squares produced. The squares are eventually made up into blankets for the elderly. Please offer to sponsor a knitter!

On 17th March Mr. Muddemen from the Sheffield Information Bureau in Surrey Street is coming to talk to the Club. New members are always welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The theme of the Service this year is "Come and Rejoice". It will be held on Friday 6th March at 10.30 a.m. at the English Martyrs RC Church on Baslow Road. The Speaker will be Mrs. Beryl Rayner.

FLOWER ROTA

<u>March</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
1st	Mrs. Mayson	Miss Gillott
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		

Silver Cleaning

March 1st	Mrs. Johnson	March 15th	The Brownies
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PARISH BREAKFAST

March 1	Mrs. Davis	Mrs. Ivison
March 8	Mrs. A. Powell	Mrs. D. Smith
March 15	Miss Meadows-Taylor	Mr. J. Marshall
March 22	Mrs. E. Powell	Mrs. Needham
March 29	Mrs. J. Beeley	
April 5	Mrs. Billard	Mrs. Houldcroft

SERVICES IN MARCH

- 1st 7 before EASTER (Quinquagesima)
Theme 'Christ the Friend of Sinners'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Philemon 1-16 (TEV)
Gospel: St. Mark 2: 13-17 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Hosea 14:1-7 (JB)
New Testament: Colossians 1: 18-23 (NEB)
- 4th ASH WEDNESDAY
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
7.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: I Corinthians 9:24-27 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 18: 9-14 (NEB)
- 8th LENT 1
Theme 'Temptation'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 4: 1-11 (RSV)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Genesis 4: 1-10 (NEB)
New Testament: Hebrews 4:12-16 (RSV)
- 15th LENT 2
Theme 'Conflict'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I John 4: 1-6 (JB)
Gospel: St. Luke 19:41-48 (NEB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I John 3:1-10 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 12: 22-32 (NEB)
- 22nd LENT 3
Theme 'Suffering'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Colossians 1:24-29 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 9: 18-27 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9 (TEV)
New Testament: St. Matthew 16: 13-28 (JB)

- 29th LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY
Theme 'Transfiguration'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB - No Sermon)
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-18 (TEV)
Gospel: St. Luke 9:28-36 (NEB)
11am Mothering Sunday Service
6.30pm "Songs of Praise"

Please note that the FAMILY SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY will be at 11 a.m. In the evening of the 29th March we shall have a 'SONGS OF PRAISE' Service. We will sing favourite hymns old and new. If you would like your favourite hymn(s) considered please write it on a slip of paper and give to the Vicar no later than 22nd March. From your choice he will endeavour to produce a balance selection and link them with thoughts, prayers and readings.

PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH

- 3rd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - A.G.M. and Sponsored Knit.
- 5th Thu 8pm Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road
- 6th Fri 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer - Eng. Martyrs
- 10th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 11th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 2 Main Ave.
8pm Wednesday Fellowship.
- 12th Thu 7.30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Hall
- 17th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Sheffield Information Bureau
- 18th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 17 Church Lane, Dore.
8pm Wednesday Fellowship
- 21st Sat 7.30pm "Fulness of Life" (see page 6)
- 24th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - in Hall
- 25th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowship
- 31st Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Silent Auction - in Hall (see page 3)

MESSAGE FROM MASENO

After the cup of tea following the 10am Service on Sunday 1st March, Alison Rayner will be showing some of the slides she took on the Young People's Working Trip to our link diocese of Maseno North in Kenya. All welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting is on Thursday 12th March. All Church members are encouraged - indeed expected - to be present.

The business includes the elections for the year and an opportunity for any matters about Church life to be raised. The Annual Report will be available beforehand - please read it and come prepared.

GET DUG IN FOR THE GARDEN PARTY

A meeting has been arranged to plan our (13th June) Garden Party - on Monday 16th March at the Vicarage at 8pm. To make it a continuing success and happy day it needs your ideas and help. We want as many members as possible to come. Don't be shy!

PARISH REGISTER Funerals

Jan.28th Albert Ernest Hobson (70) 3 Totley Hall Lane

Feb 12th Louise Gail Bridget Tyler (21) 20 Stonecroft Rd.

Feb 13th Jessie Shepherd (85) 20 Glover Road.

Albert Hobson moved from Lodge Moor to Totley Hall Lane about 8 years ago. Following his work in the Civil Service he was vice-chairman of the Sheffield Civil Service Retirement Fellowship and a companion of the Fellowship of Service. He enjoyed photography, travel and bee-keeping. Louise Tyler's sudden death was a shock and cause of of great sadness. Baptised at All Saints' and a member of the Sunday School when her parents kept the "Fleur de Lys", Louise was a popular member of King Ecgbert's and subsequent Youth Training Scheme. A gifted young artist, as revealed in pictures for her friends, she had a firm belief, read her Bible daily, and her faith helped her through times of great pain. We give thanks for the ray of light she brought into the lives of those who knew her and extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Jessie Shepherd moved to Green Oak Road from Dore in 1933. During the War she began working at Tinsdeall's Store on Main Avenue Corner and served there for nearly 20 years. She loyally supported All Saints' Church and although incapacitated for a long time she regularly received Communion at home.

FULLNESS OF LIFE

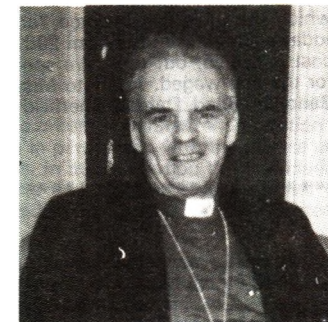
This is the title of a Presentation of the Gospel in words, music and drama at Meersbrook Park U.R.C. on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm. Tickets £1 (75p) from Judith Norris - 363410. A cast of 70 from St. Andrew's Bradford use their talents to express the joy of living a Christian life.

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The Bishop of Doncaster writes.....

SAILING CLOSE TO THE WIND...



In the past couple of months, some of us have been wondering if Guinness is still good for us. Questionable share dealing by a reputable and substantial company has raised a number of serious questions.

I do not think it is evidence that the City of London is corrupt; one more nail in the coffin of the profit motive. What it is sadly evidence of is our fallen human nature: a fallen human nature which is present in the City of London as it is in other places. It is not unknown in the professions, in local government, or in the Trades Unions either.

It seems to me that there are two significant lessons to be drawn. The first is that honesty and integrity ought to typify working relationships whatever the work happens to be. I am not competent to say whether the City's self-regulation is sufficient, or whether a more precise legal framework is required. In many respects activities are subject to legal regulation. If more regulation is required, it is a pity that self-regulation has proved inadequate. The City's reputation has been built on the principle that a man's word is his bond. If that reputation goes, a great deal has been lost.

The second lesson is surely that big is not always beautiful. Received financial wisdom in some quarters has it that to compete in world markets it is necessary to be a big fish rather than a small one. There is some truth in that. We live within a world economy; it is impossible to behave as if the rest of the world did not exist, as if financial activity was solely national rather than international.

Does it necessarily follow that vast megacompanies with a wide range of often unrelated industries are best equipped to tackle world markets? I was interested to see that Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director of Fair Trading, was questioning this assumption recently. What is the case is that smaller institutions may well take greater interest in their workforce and in the needs of customers and investors alike.

It is easy to criticise from a distance; those who know least about a subject are frequently the most dogmatic. It is worth coming nearer home with two Lenten questions.

Do I as a christian ever sail a little too close to the wind? Christ's reputation and the Church's reputation are affected if I fail in honesty and integrity.

Am I more interested in the big gesture than I am in my personal relationships with my neighbour? Loving a cause or an institution is no substitute for a Christlike love for people.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Are you a car driver?

Then please help needy youngsters by making occasional collections of donated goods from your parish and delivering to The Children's Society Shop on Chesterfield Road, Woodseats, Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe or Netherhall Road, Doncaster. Offers of help please to Isma Raw, 17 Yew Tree Crescent, Bradford. BD8 0AG. Tel.: 0274 41074.

Engagement

The Revd. Peter Lindeck, Vicar of Kilnhurst and Mrs. Edna Halladay, Vice-Chairman of the Diocesan Readers' Association have announced their engagement and hope to be married in early May. Best wishes to them both.

A Closed Book?

The Use of the Bible in the Church and in our personal lives, is the theme of a weekend at Whirlow Grange, led by the Revd. John Packer, Team Rector of Manor Parish, Sheffield. It is for those who want the opportunity to learn more about the ways in which the Bible can become "an open book" for today's Church, and is from 29th - 31st May. The cost is £26.25, but there are special arrangements for the non-waged. Apply to Miss M.E. Selby, 25 Bannham Road, Darnall, Sheffield. S9 4PG.

LIGHTING UP TIME!



St. John described Jesus as the Light of the World, but our Lord himself applied the phrase to his own followers, calling on us all to shine out among our fellows. Today that call seems more pointed than ever, so Theatre Roundabout's new production for 1987 looks at some of the ways in which Christians can bring light to the modern world. William Fry and Sylvia Read in association with USPG, will present their new production "LIGHTING UP TIME" at 7.30 p.m. at ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, JENKIN ROAD, BRIGHTSIDE, SHEFFIELD on TUESDAY, 10th MARCH. Admission is by programme - £1.50 (£4 family ticket) from the Revd. Michael Fermer, 24 Beacon Road, Sheffield. S9 1AD. Tel.: Sheffield 433640. This is the only performance by Theatre Roundabout in Sheffield during their current tour, and it promises to be a very worthwhile evening.

Choir Schools

Two one day Choir Schools, concluding with Choral Evensong have been organised by the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Committee of The Royal School of Church Music. They are on 25th April at St. Simon & St. Jude Thurocroft and on the 30th May at St. Margaret's, Swinton. Every choir in the Sheffield Archdeaconry is invited to attend, and more details are available from: Mr. J. S. Hawkins, 16 Barnet Avenue, Sheffield. S11 7RN. Tel.: Sheffield 306012.

Welcome

Pilgrim House, Bawtry is a private house which will be available to small groups for retreats and conferences from May of this year. Individuals will be welcome too, by contacting Deaconess Phyllis Sargan, Pilgrim House, 1 Highfield Road, Bawtry, Doncaster. DN10 6QN. Tel.: Doncaster 710587. Desmond Carnelle, Archdeacon of Doncaster will be leading a Reading Week for clergy and others from 4th-8th May.

Receiving and Giving

The Additional Curates Society, which gives financial support to parishes for assistant staff, has recently published its list of grants for this year, and Sheffield Diocese receives the 6th largest share of grants. But it's not just about receiving financial support, says the Revd. Derek Gibbs, Honorary Secretary for our Diocese. In terms of giving to the work of the Society, our Diocese comes 9th in the league table throughout the country, and there is only one other diocese in the Northern Province which raises more money. That's not a bad achievement when you consider that 16 years ago we were at the bottom of the list! More information about the Society's work in supporting the mission of the Church in our own country from: The Revd. Derek Gibbs, St. Wilfrid's Vicarage, 200 Cantley Lane, Doncaster. DN4 6PA. Tel.: Doncaster 535133.

Derbyshire White Peak District

St. Michael and All Angels Church in the 1100 feet high parish of Taddington which is by-passed by the A6 trunk road on its way between Bakewell and Buxton, is to hold a flower festival from 18th to 25th April.

The church was built in the middle of the fourteenth century of local limestone on the site of an earlier building. It has many interesting features including a stone lectern and traces of a wall painting. The church will be open daily from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. and refreshments will be available.

Appointments

Revd. William Charlton, Vicar of Thurocroft, to be Vicar of St. Alban, Hull, in the Diocese of York.

Revd. Nicholas Buck, at present Curate at St. Thomas, Oakwood, in the Diocese of London, to be Assistant Curate in the Parish of Attercliffe and Darnall.

Revd. John Richardson, Assistant Curate at St. Cecilia, Parson Cross, to be Assistant Curate in the Parish of St. James, Clacton-on-Sea, in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Dss. Sue Rose, Deaconess with Netherthorpe Team Ministry, to take up new appointment at Trinity College, in the Diocese of Bristol.

Sister Barbara Robinson, C.A., to serve in the Parish of Attercliffe and Darnall.

Palm Crosses

Last year £8,300 was sent to Northern Zululand as a result of Palm Cross sales. It was divided between the makers of the crosses and the repair of church buildings. Palm Crosses are again available, priced £4.00 per hundred, postage included, from Emmanuel Church Palm Crosses, Weston Favell Centre, Northampton. NN3 4JR. They are despatched within three weeks of the order being received, and cheques should be made payable to Emmanuel Church Palm Cross Account and sent with the order.



PUMP PRIMING

A First for South Yorkshire

The South Yorkshire Foundation is the offspring of the Charity Information Service Trust, which has provided over 1100 voluntary organisations with information on funding since 1981.

Work in the information field led rapidly to the conviction that increased sources of funding were necessary for the voluntary sector and the Charity Information Trust has made this a high priority.

A short stay in California in 1982 studying the funding of the 'non-profits' by the Organising Secretary Mrs. Felicity Craven resulted in the determination of the CIS Trustees to pioneer the concept of a Community Trust on the UK mainland.

The ex-Metropolitan County area with a very high level of unemployment following the decline of the traditional Heavy industries of coal and steel, has a relatively small number of charitable trusts with money to disburse within the area. Many of the family firms with philanthropic instincts in times past have disappeared or been re-organised and decisions on charitable funding are not now always taken locally. This presents great difficulties with fund-raising particularly for small local projects and innovative schemes.

St. Agatha's Fund

Following the sale about ten years ago of the Diocesan Mother and Baby Home, St. Agatha's, the money raised by the sale was invested and the income made available to the Diocese through the Social Responsibility Working Party. It is now known as St. Agatha's Fund.

The Fund has a yearly income of about £8,000. Financial assistance is given to encourage parishes to identify needs, encourage self-help schemes, establish social action groups, pursue a vision of community, fire enthusiasm, and battle with deprivation and unemployment.

Schemes and organisations throughout the Diocese have already been helped by the Fund, and recent grants have concentrated on the work of the Revd. Michael Keen, as Diocesan Unemployment Officer, working especially in the Dearne Valley.

Grants are given from the Fund to get new work started, and the Trustees who meet about four times a year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Susan Murray. They take a keen interest in the work they do, and are always on the lookout for new ventures which need modest initial financial support.

Mrs. Susan Murray is Correspondent for the Trust and she can be contacted at 3 Belgrave Drive, Sheffield. S10 3QG. Tel.: Sheffield 302123.

It is intended that the Foundation should build up an endowment in order to operate from a position of relative strength in partnership with the private and statutory sectors. In its distribution the Foundation will be pro-active and definite Guidelines will be widely distributed giving details of the Trustees' current policy.

The Trustees, drawn from all walks of life within the area are well aware of current problems and will be assisted by four District Committees in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. Preference will be given to innovative local projects.

As the Foundation establishes its credibility and becomes known within the area, it is intended that fund-raising events will be held and that money will be raised locally.

It is proposed that money can be accepted from charitable trusts outside the area for disbursement under the jurisdiction of the local trustees and that donations can be left by legacy and may be memorialised or designated for use under various categories or for specific area of the county.

The voluntary sector in an area such as South Yorkshire sorely needs new money to contend with the myriad human and environmental problems caused by the inevitable economic transition.

Initial fund-raising is aimed at individuals and the successful corporate sector in the area. These new firms, with notable exceptions, seldom have a tradition of corporate philanthropy and the Foundation aims to make it as a simple as possible for those making profits to contribute to the well being of their local community.

It is hoped that the South Yorkshire Foundation will be in a grant giving situation by this summer. Mrs. Felicity Craven can be contacted at South Yorkshire Charity Information Service Trust, 40 Tippet Lane, Sheffield. S1 4EL. Tel.: Sheffield 731765.

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ON THE WATER

A greater number of people up and down the Diocese will be discovering more about the Sobriety Project in these coming months. For Bishop David, Patron of the Project, is hoping to encourage more groups throughout the Diocese, and especially in the City of Sheffield, to notice and make use of what the project has to offer as it expands its facilities.

Last year, 4,500 passenger days were spent on board the present two vessels, the "Sobriety" and the "Eden", by a whole variety of groups including the mentally and physically handicapped, the elderly, those in rehabilitation from drug or alcohol dependency, ex-prisoners, the single homeless, as well as children, students and volunteers.

For them an expedition on the "Sobriety" or the "Eden" has been an important, fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Bishop David has a particular affection for "Sobriety", partly because it has a name suitable for a Bishop to commend it!, but also because it was on board "Sobriety" that he travelled the length of the Diocese in 1982.

Preparations are well in hand to add a third vessel to the "fleet". The former Whitton Lightship, now renamed "Audrey" (that's not very Biblical!), will be fitted with an engine, as well as being rigged for sailing, and by the time bunks and bathroom and all other necessary facilities for people to live on board are installed, she will be able to work most of the rivers and waterways of the region. The project will then be able to offer an even greater number of people, many of whom have never had the opportunity before, a chance to learn about themselves and others, and experience life on the water as well.



Bishop David with Bob Watson,
Director of the "Sobriety" Project.

NOT JUST FOR THE POOR

At the next election one of the big issues will be the Welfare State; do we want it, can we afford it, how do you help the poor without taking away initiative and self-respect, how do you reward the successful, vigorous risk-takers without encouraging greed and arrogance, what is the Welfare State anyway?

Christians ought to use the minds God has given them, and think before they vote: and luckily a short-ish book has just been written which is a big help. The Revd. Dr. Michael Bayley, Lecturer in Social Administration at Sheffield University, was the chairman of the group which produced it, and he knows South Yorkshire well - so it's about *our* homeland! It's called NOT JUST FOR THE POOR, £4.95 from SPCK in the Cathedral or direct from Church House Publishing, Church House, Great Smith Street, London. SW1P 3NZ.

It's a fascinating book. There are stories, case studies - a 67 year old man's life with his elderly mother, a woman with cancer, a man on social security, a family in a damp council flat. There's some searching Bible study, a chapter about the Welfare State's successes and failures - the N.H.S., education, housing, social services etc., something about the way things are these days in marriage, race, work and unemployment, the "North/South divide", and a chapter about where the money comes from and how it's divided and spent. There's a fair-minded chapter (I don't agree with all of it!) about various political solutions: and there's a fine chapter on the Kingdom of God and how we might choose priorities for the future.

You couldn't spend a fiver more constructively than on this book, and you'll never regret reading it and thinking about it... Of course, you'll probably have some disturbing thoughts: but the Holy Spirit *is* a disturber, and I believe He's had a hand (so to speak) in this remarkable book.

Michael Paton, Archdeacon of Sheffield, is Chairman of the Diocesan Social Responsibility Committee.

Pray, Think and Act....

The Christians Unemployment Group (CHUG) has written to almost every parish asking congregations, on Sunday 1st March, to remember all those who are unemployed, and to make use of worship material put together especially for Unemployment Sunday.

The Revd. Michael Keen, Diocesan Unemployment Officer and a member of the Industrial Mission commends CHUG as "a fellowship of Christian people, praying, thinking and acting on unemployment, in that order". Michael has produced an exciting and stimulating pack in the "Question Mark" series, entitled "Twenty easy things to do about unemployment (without bothering your Vicar)". It is available from him (single copies free in return for a stamped (13p) addressed envelope 9½ x 13½ or larger) at 171 Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham. S63 7AD.

Send for it, and find yourself challenged to pray, think and act!

DESIGN FOR LIVING

Maybe I saw the above as the title of a glossy magazine or the name of a shop selling kitchen units or perhaps bedroom units or both. In any case the slogan is not new. Christians have had a 'design for living' for almost 2,000 years.

I was reminded of this in a recent radio 'Any Questions' when John Pardoe gently chided Lord Soper for bringing theology to bear when answering the questions. But our design for living does cover all aspects of life and cannot be divorced from work, business, personal and family relationships and community life.

The design is simple and straightforward, yet with due respect, to humans it is hard to follow and many fall by the wayside. Horrendous figures from the Government Report "Social Trends" bear this out with the statistics for increasing numbers of one-parent families, divorce, children in care, crime, drugs and alcohol addiction, etc.

Contributory factors could be our acquisitive and materialistic society, allied with poverty, fecklessness, unemployment and ignorance, especially on financial matters.

Possibly the reason is that man thinks he knows best, ignores the design and does not acquaint it with modern living. How wrong he is, is confirmed by the depressing figures in "Social trends".

The design is still available, still as sound as it was almost 2,000 years ago.

Rex Beaumont.

CRICKETING CLERICS

We all know about the cricketing abilities of David Shepherd, Bishop of Liverpool, but did you know

The Rev. Francis Cornford, Vicar of Cam in 1863, batting in Stinchcombe Ridge made a hit yielding 18 runs. "Lost Ball" could not be called because at no time was it out of sight!

A Methodist local-preacher, Mr. Dartnell, of Broad Green in Surrey in 1867 took 10 wickets for 0 runs against Thornton Heath. There were no extras either.

The Rector of Garboldisham in Norfolk in 1922 silenced criticism that his parish magazine contained too little controversial matter by publishing the village cricket team's batting and bowling averages!

GOOD NEWS FOR LENT

Following the preliminary meetings organised by the Mission Committee, those who wish to participate in "Good News Down the Street" will be using Lent as a training period to familiarise themselves with the project material.

On Ash Wednesday Evening, after the Holy Communion which will include a Dedication of the project, there will be a meeting to sort out the groups and plan their study time-tables. The suggested themes are : Who was Jesus? What did He do? His Resurrection. What it means to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit. Eternal Life.

If you wish to join a study group as a refresher course on the Christian Faith without taking part in the mission project you will be welcome to do so. The themes will also be used for evening sermons during Lent.

RADIO SHEFFIELD LENT COURSE

You can take part in this course either by joining a local interdenominational study group, or just listening to your radio on Thursdays (beginning 12th March 7.35pm-8-15pm). The Course themes are 'Justice' 'Peace' 'Repentance' and 'Hope'. Leaflets with details about local house groups are in Church.

PASSION PRESENTATION

The March Family Service is planned to be a dramatic portrayal of the Holy Week story assisted by pupils from All Saints' School. It will be in the Church Hall at 10am on 15th March. Do come - even if you don't usually attend Family Services!

THE P.C.C. will be completing the Bishop's Articles of Enquiry on 9th April. If you want to make any comments on the questions (displayed in the porch) please do so.

NOTE NOW:-

The Spring Cleaning of the Church will take place on Friday evening 10th April (upper reaches for Heineken men!) and Saturday 11th April for those who like to keep their feet on the ground.

The morning Service times on Easter Day will be 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) and 11am Family Service concluding with shortened Holy Communion (ASB).

HELP!

Additional helpers are required on Wednesdays from 6pm -7.15pm to help the Brownie leaders with their programme. If you can help on a regular basis, or now and again, or just have something you could offer once - please contact the Vicar.

The 1-2-3 ideas most on the minds of ordinary Christians in LENT 86 were

1. DENOMINATIONAL DIFFERENCES? ☒
2. THEY DON'T WORRY US... ☒
3. WE WANT TO ALL TAKE COMMUNION TOGETHER. ☒
4. HOW CAN WE SHARE OUR FAITH IN ORDINARY LANGUAGE? ☒

THE MEN AND WOMEN in Britain's pews have spoken loud and clear. They don't see the need to be exactly like the other Christians down the road, and they don't at all mind their neighbours' being different from them. On the other hand they feel strongly that they should all be able to take Holy Communion together.

This is part of the message to come out from the million or so questionnaires returned after the Lent 86 study course which linked churches and local radio stations all over the country.

'We were knee-deep in paper,' says Canon Derek Palmer who was organising secretary for Lent 86. The replies were all analysed by the autumn, with a little help from a computer, but the resulting book 'Views from the Pews' contains very human material and lots of

-a million responses that are NOT going into any Dusty Bin!



straight quotes from the people taking part.

The other message to come through strongly is that the waffle must stop. 'Jesus is hidden by jargon', say the ordinary church members. And they want to share their faith with their neighbours, but are afraid to while they are hampered by not having any ordinary language in which to say what they believe. The ecclesiastic language expresses doctrine in *other people's* words.

Well that, at least, should start to change next year when Lent 88 takes to the road. This will be another massive, countrywide Lent course linked with local radio. Although plans are at an early stage, says Derek Palmer, it will be on the topic of sharing and expressing personal faith in ordinary language.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Having read comments about the words sanguine, melancholic choleric and phlegmatic in the description of types of temperament quoted from Elizabeth Horsford in January's Magazine, I wonder if it would be of interest to some readers to learn that in ancient times it was thought that personal temperament was governed according to the predominance in the body of one of the four body fluids or humours - i.e. blood; black bile; yellow bile and lymph or phlegm. Hence the predominance of blood produced what was called the sanguine temperament, black bile the melancholic, yellow bile the choleric, and lymph or phlegm the phlegmatic.

This understanding was current in Biblical times, along with such ideas as that the earth was flat, that day and night rolled across the sky and that the layers over the earth included the firmament or heavens and above that the 'waters over the firmament'. When it rained it was thought the heavens literally opened and the waters came through. It is interesting to see how old usage prevails in the phrase 'the heavens opened' to describe a downpour. It would seem that the old classification of temperament is still used even though the foundation for it is no longer acceptable.

The effect of the realisation of God's love in Jesus certainly alters people in the Twentieth Century as much as it ever did. St. Paul was brought to conversion by an experience of God "when he was following with conviction the course in which he was most completely mistaken". We read of parallel modern experience in such books as Merlin Carothers "From Prison to Praise", David Wilkerson "The Cross and the Switchblade", Jackie Pullinger "Chasing the Dragon" - all available in our library in the Church Hall. (Incidentally David Wilkerson is on the R.E. Syllabus for 2nd Year pupils at King Egbert's School).

Most of us do not have such dramatic experience, but there must be many people in Totley who would say that their lives had been changed for the better by the dawn of an understanding of spiritual truth, through which they have gained an expression of faith, hope and love, and because of which their whole attitude to life has altered.

Michael Green's "New Life, New Lifestyle" and Keith Miller's "The Taste of New Wine" are also available in our library!

Rosalie Carter

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

A party of children accompanied by Mr. M. Tempan and Mrs. J. Meakin visited Thornbridge Hall Environmental Centre from 2nd - 6th February.

The following are comments by children about the week:-

When we came to school on the Monday morning the roads were very icy and we had to delay leaving, we finally set off but it was very misty. I thought Thornbridge looked like a little camp.

Steven Fox

On the first day we went orienteering, my partner was David and we won. We came back to a welcome cup of soup. We also had a string-trail which was fun.

Matthew Kyle

I liked all the walks but my favourite activity was orienteering. We had to follow a map, find the circle and look for letters on the object. We didn't go out of the grounds but we had to climb a fence.

Thomas Wrigglesworth

On Thursday we went to Ashford to study the Village. We went to see the Church and a bridge which is 400 years old. In the afternoon we went horse-riding.

Neil Aldersley

My favourite day was Wednesday when we went down the Blue John Cavern. It had 240 steps and there was a 2 ton rock hanging from the wall.

Paul Savage.

Thursday was a very exhausting day - our Adventure Walk. We had to cross a river without using the bridge. Some of us used a pole which stretched across, Steven and Tony fell in and were soaked. The walk also involved climbing and abseiling.

James Brown

On Friday we went orienteering again, because that was our favourite activity. Mr. Henson told us what to do, first he gave us a map and a piece of paper with some descriptions of objects, and the objects had letters on them, we had to find 12 in as little time as possible. Matt and I won again!

David Ray

Thornbridge Hall is a lot of fun as long as you approach it with the right attitude. You will have a great time even though you've a good chance of getting either 'mucked-up' or soaking wet. We had a really super time!

Tony Entwistle

On behalf of the School and especially the children who went to Thornbridge, I would like to thank Michael Tempan and Jan Meakin for accompanying the children. I should also like to thank parents, governors and other members of staff who went out in the evenings to help to supervise the children and give Jan and Michael a break. It was good for the children to have this informal contact with governors and get to know them. The Thursday evening ended with a snooker match between Tony and Stew (guess who?) - but I won't tell you who won!

Jean Stratford.

DUDLEY RECOMMENDS

Some of you will remember David Taylor who used to be a Reader at All Saints'. he has a delightful fully-equipped 2 bedroom flat (sleeps 4) at Airton, near Malham Cove, available for self-catering holidays. Rates of hire are July/Aug. £100pw May/June/Sept. £80pw. Other months £50. All you need to provide is food and sheets. I thoroughly recommend it having spent a very enjoyable week there. Contact David on 0203 405396. Dudley Nixon

END QUOTES

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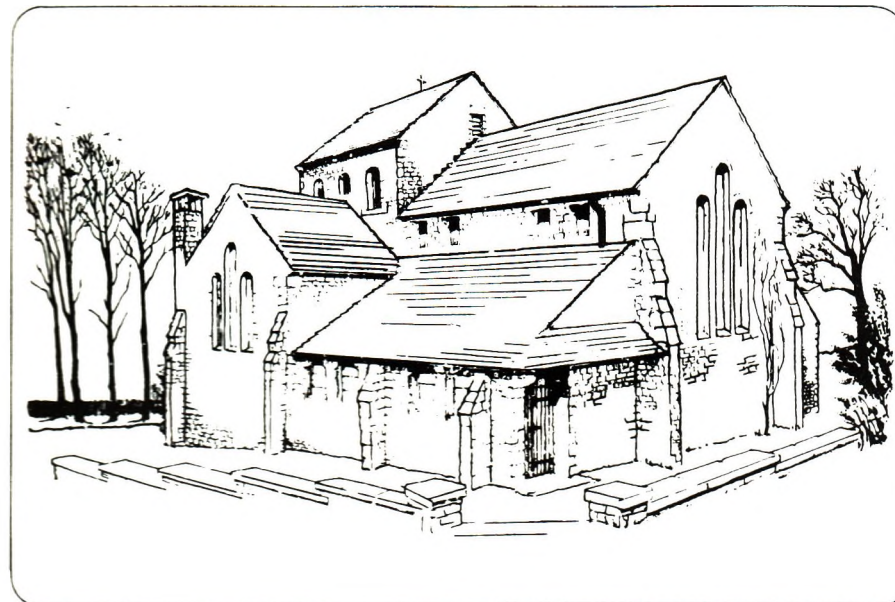
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Although the implications of Holy Week and Easter are conveyed in the themes of the Services through much of the year, I sometimes find there is almost too much to take in within Holy Week itself. We need almost to observe it as a Quiet Week and relive some of those significant moments in Our Lord's life.

Perhaps for me as a priest, the simple action of the Last Supper, one which I have to retell week by week in the Eucharistic Prayer carries special significance. The more I celebrate Communion the more I find conveyed within it.

It is quite amazing to think that a young Jew sitting down to supper with his friends, performed a simple act, intending that in the future his friends should be able to remember him by it, and is still remembered 2000 years later by the same act and by a vast number of friends around the world. Our Lord gave no detailed directions as to how his friends were to "do this", so that as ages have passed, His command has been interpreted and carried out by the simplest of shared meals and the most splendid ceremonial.

Among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable circumstance for every human need. Men have found no better thing than to do this for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and groom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; tremulously, by an old monk on the 50th anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk."

Perhaps this description by Dom Gregory Dix may help us ponder with wonder, and rejoice in the eternal fellowship to which we belong, as we receive Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Day.

Happy Easter,



SERVICES IN APRIL

- 5th PASSION SUNDAY (LENT 5)
Theme 'The Victory of the Cross'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Colossians 2: 8-15 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 12:20-32 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Mark 10: 32-45 (NEB)
- 12th PALM SUNDAY
Theme 'The Way of the Cross'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 1: 18-25 (RSV)
Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-13 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Mark 14:32 to 15:41 (RSV)
- 13th HOLY MONDAY
8pm United Service for Holy Week at Totley
Rise Methodist Church
- 14th HOLY TUESDAY
7.30pm Evening Service for the ladies of
the organisations and the parish.
- 15th HOLY WEDNESDAY
10 am Holy Communion
7.30pm 'Passion and Praise Aid' in the Church Hall
(see page 6)
- 16th MAUNDY THURSDAY
8pm Holy Communion
Epistle: I Corinthians 11:23-29 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 13:1-15 (NEB)
- 17th GOOD FRIDAY
The Devotions will begin at 11am for those who
wish to use this day for an extended time of quiet.
11am Prayers, Address and Quiet (anointing on
request)
12 noon Mattins, Address and Quiet
1pm Ante-Communion and Litany
2pm Evensong, Address and Watch by the Cross

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING REPORT

A frugal lunch will be available in the Hall between 1pm - 2pm (tickets £1 in advance from the Vicar, profits to Christian Aid). Silence will be observed from 11am to 3pm. Tea will be served at 3pm.

18th HOLY SATURDAY

10.30am Morning Prayer in preparation for Easter

19th EASTER DAY

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-11 (RSV)

Gospel: St. Mark 16: 1-8 (NEB)

11am Family Service - with ASB Communion (shortened)

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6 (RSV)

New Testament: St. John 20: 1-18 (RSV)

26th EASTER 1

8am Holy Communion (BCP) - Rev. Wilf Walton

10am Holy Communion (BCP) - Rev. John Earwaker

Epistle: I Peter 1:3-9 (NEB)

Gospel: St. John 20: 19-29 (RSV)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15 (NEB)

New Testament: St. John 6:32-40 (JB)

OTHER APRIL DATES

1st-4th "Tomb with a View" TOADS production at St. John's Hall - 7.30pm - Tickets £1 (70p) from 366891

2nd Thu 8pm Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue

7th Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Hall

1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

8th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

9th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - The Vicarage

11th Sat 7.15pm John Wade Singers at St. John's Church

15th Wed 2pm Monthly Fellowship at Vicarage.

22nd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

27th Mon 8pm Garden Party Meeting - 220 Baslow Road

28th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

2.15pm Ladies Working Party - in Hall

29th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

30th Thu 7pm Coffee Evening - 74 Main Avenue

May 2nd 3.30pm Holy Matrimony (Mark Law & Rachel Brownhill)

May 7th Fashion Show in Hall in aid of B.L.I.S.S.

There were 65 members present at the Annual Meeting on 12th March. Following the election of Churchwardens (Vestry Meeting) and Church Councillors, the Church Accounts were presented by Mr. Harry Powell, and our gratitude was expressed to him and to the Auditor, Mr. David Kirkman, who was present at the meeting.

The Vicar then led the meeting through the written reports from the committees and organisations within the life of All Saints', with the following points occupying our consideration.

Organ Repairs A report from the Organ Tuners has advised that the sound boards are faulty and ought to be remade at a cost of £4000. They also suggest bringing the organ up to present-day specification by fitting electric drawstop slider control units at £3000. The Vicar reported that the Diocesan Organ Adviser, and also an independent Organ Assessor, have been approached to give opinions but clearly some work would be necessary. It was suggested that an Organ Appeal for £8000 be established and donations and money-raising events be encouraged.

Church Collections

Comments from members present about the collecting of the Offertory during Services led to a vote being taken about this issue. The majority voted in favour of taking collections and it was decided to do so from Easter Day. The Vicar commented that, financial considerations apart, the theological symbolism of the Offertory had always been considered important, especially at Holy Communion. It represented the offering of all of ourselves, our lives and our activities to God - and as all went forward to receive so all should be involved in the act of giving.

The Auditor stated that collections had recently been re-introduced at Christ Church, Dore, without any problems.

Service Pattern

A member felt uneasy about the alternating use of BCP and ASB. Whereas older generations valued a well-loved liturgy and knew most of it by heart, today we are in danger of depriving the present generation of the consistent use of the new liturgy. The language is meaningful particularly for newcomers. She asked that we consider prayerfully whether there is at least one of our Sunday Services (8am, 10am or 6.30pm) at which we could now consistently use the ASB.

This provoked a full and frank discussion about both

liturgies. Some felt one order more spiritually helpful than another and vice versa. The Vicar said clearly some compromise was necessary - probably by an alternating pattern as at present - though he did remind the meeting of the existence of the Alternative Rite A and Rite B both of which were compromise liturgies.

PRAISE AID

There will be a sponsored 'Mission Praise' Hymn Sing on Wednesday, 15th April in the Church Hall from 7.30pm in aid of the United Nations 'Farm against Famine' Refugee Appeal and the Children's Hospital Gamma Camera Fund.

It is hoped the Hymn-Sing will be supported by the other Churches on our local Christian Council and has been organised by Angela Waite, the retiring chairman. Sponsor forms are available in Church or from Angela.

BROWNIE AID

The Brownies Coffee Morning raised £91.15, enabling them to send £100 to the Blue Peter Sight Saver Appeal. The Appeal is to provide five mobile Eye Units and two Medical Motorbikes to help save the sight of 1 million adults and children in West Africa.

JOHN WADE SINGERS will present selections from 'Il Trovatore' (Verdi) and 'The Magic Flute' (Mozart) on Saturday 11th April at St. John's Church, Abbeydale. The performance starts at 7.15pm. Admission by programme £2 (OAPs & Children £1.50p) available from 360122 or choir members.

'Jesus - Then and Now'

The Vicar has a copy of this Video (VHS) by David Watson and will lend it to any individuals or groups on request.

Sets of the study notes on the life of Jesus Christ and its meaning for us, being used by the 'Good News Down the Street' project, are also available from the Vicar.

SPRING CLEANING of the Church in the upper reaches will take place on Friday evening 10th April, and for the rest of us on Saturday morning 11th April.

END QUOTES

Human beings are never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right.

Laurens Van Der Post.

Look not to put down others, but lift them to cherish in your heart.

Anon

Sheffield Diocesan News

APRIL, 1987

Bishop David Writes...

“WELCOME TO OUR PHOEBES !”

“I commend to you” says St. Paul, “our sister Phoebe” (Romans 16.1). She is a deacon, he tells us of the Church at Cenchreae. Exactly what a Deacon did in those days, we don’t know. But we can assume that whatever the deacons did at Philippi (Philippians 1.1) Phoebe did at Cenchreae.

The Prayer Book tells us (in the Preface to the Ordinal) that “It is evident unto all men diligently reading holy scripture and ancient authors that from the Apostles’ time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ’s Church: Bishops, Priests, Deacons.”

Two things have happened to make each of these quotations more difficult than might have been expected. First, by the time Archbishop Cranmer wrote that Preface in 1549, poor Phoebe - and many generations of her sisters - had been forgotten for a thousand years. He just takes it for granted that he is writing about men. Secondly, though Cranmer was determined that these orders must “be continued, reverently used and esteemed” in the Church of England, he did nothing (and none of his successors as Archbishop have done much more) to help people “esteem” or even understand the “order of Deacon.” In the early church Deacons had had a role quite distinct from that of the Priests. But by Cranmer’s time (and it is not much different now) the Deacon had come to be seen only as a trainee priest. At the ordination of Deacons we prayed that they “may so well behave themselves in this inferior office that they may be found worthy to be called to the higher ministries in thy Church.”

I dare to hope we are doing something to begin to put right both these mistakes. For on Sunday 5th April at 11.00 a.m. in Sheffield Cathedral I will be ordaining sixteen “Sister Phoebes” as Deacons. It has been a long story. Back in 1861 the first woman was made a ‘Deaconess’ in the Church of England and from that time onwards some have argued that as ‘Deaconess’ is the female for ‘Deacon’, she was a Deacon. The 1920 Lambeth Conference recommended that “The Diaconate of Women should be restored formally and canonically and should be recognised throughout the Anglican Communion.” But the Church of England distrusts hasty changes. It has taken us sixty seven years to respond to that resolution. Now we say firmly that the female for Deacon is Deacon!

The changes for the Deaconesses won’t be all that noticeable. They will be undoubtedly ‘clergy’ and so will be able to take Weddings. They can - and should - be called ‘Reverend’ in the same way as a clergyman. If they want to they can wear a ‘dog-collar’ but I imagine that most will prefer instead to wear the small cross that is to be the official ‘badge’ of a Deacon.

All this is not a big change. But I hope it will lead to a bigger one - a new, deeper, and more scriptural understanding of “the office and work of a Deacon in the Church of God.” Many too long for the time when the Church will accept women as Priests and Bishops. But that is still an issue on which the Church is deeply divided and so far we are not yet ready to decide that that is the right way forward.

On April 5th I hope that that argument can be laid aside as in Christian love we welcome our sixteen new Deacons.

St. Paul gives me the exact words I want to use:

"I commend to you those serving as Deacons in the Church of God

Diana Atkins (Gleadless)
Catherine Barnard (Manor)
Joan Brown (Fulwood)
Dhoe Craig-Wild (Chapeltown)
Margaret Green (Ecclesall)
Barbara Hicks (Norton Lees)
Susan Hope (Brightside w Wincobank)
Violet Johnston (Bentley)

Hilary Jowett (Brampton Bierlow)
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Receive them in the Lord in a way worthy of the Saints, (that is 'as Christians'). Help them in any way you can for they have been the helpers of many and of myself as well" (Romans 16.1-2).

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

Christian meets Jew

On Easter Sunday, as Christians all over the world celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, I shall be remembering how it felt to stand near the Garden Tomb this last Christmas. In the peace and solitude of this special place I stood and talked with a Jewish friend about the meaning of the resurrection for me as a Christian.

I was in Jerusalem as a British delegate on a Young Leadership Conference held by the International Council of Christians and Jews. Here we had an opportunity to examine our separate identities and commitments as we sought to build up friendships and understandings between the two faiths.

Together, my Jewish friend and I walked the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Whilst gazing at the beautiful paintings of the Stations of the Cross in the Church of the Beatitudes in Galilee, he asked me to describe what had happened at the crucifixion and why the resurrection was important. What a wonderful experience this was for me, and yet it was also incredibly painful because my very self was being questioned. Indeed, I learned a great deal about pain and suffering from this conference. The Old Testament shows us that the Jewish race are a people who have suffered much, and of course this suffering did not end with Jesus. The cross has brought much shame in the form of the Crusaders, the Spanish Inquisition and Hitler.

On Good Friday we begin to share in the suffering of Jesus, both in Gethsemane and on the Cross. But all too soon the Three days are up, and the joy of Easter Sunday floods our hearts. On Good Friday I shall be sharing the suffering of those people who entered into the suffering of our Lord, but alas, failed to experience the joy of Easter Sunday.

RACHEL TIMMINS



Getting Airborne



During the past months the newly-formed Area Committee of the Royal School of Church Music has been working hard under Chairman Paul Ward (the Diocesan Registrar) to organise some events which will interest choirs in the Diocese. Like the inflation of a hot-air balloon, the operation has not been without its difficulties, but we now think we are under way.

You will have read about the introduction of the Bishop's and Provost's Awards. One-day schools have already been held in the Ecclesall Deanery and at St. Mark's, Broomhill on 28th March. Mrs. Mary Cobbold, Director of Music at Ecclesall Church, will be directing one at Thurstcroft Parish Church on 25th April and Mr. Peter Crowther at Swinton Parish Church on 30th May. These one-day schools are intended for choristers of all ages and usually begin about 10.00 a.m. and finish with a service at 4.00 p.m.

A Choral Festival is also to be held at St. George's, Doncaster on Friday evening, 3rd July. This will be conducted by the Director of the RSCM, Dr. Lionel Dakers.

The RSCM are also holding a Diamond Jubilee Celebration Dinner at the Civic Centre, Leeds on 28th April (cost £12).

If you are interested in obtaining further details about these events contact the Publicity Officer, Barry Sampson, Hanbury House, Ulley, Sheffield S31 0YD (Tel. 872150) or the Area Secretary, J.S. Hawkins, 16 Barnet Avenue, Sheffield, S11 7RN (Tel. 306012).

Move North

The Church Pastoral Aid Society has moved its Spring Day, which is normally held in London, to Bradford on Tuesday, 19th May. Details of the day, "The King is among us", at St. George's Hall, from 11.00 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. are available from Mrs. Kath Laycock, 33 Leaventhorpe Lane, Bradford. BD8 0EG. Tel: 0274 883441.

EASTER ART....

On Easter Day, Monday and Tuesday, 19th, 20th and 21st April, from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. there is to be an ART EXHIBITION at ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRODSWORTH. With a children's exhibition, various crafts and refreshments in the village school, it will be worth a visit. 'Phone Kitty Thompson on Doncaster 723318, if you want to know more.

...and EASTER MUSIC

The Services and Prayers for Lent, Holy Week and Easter published last year are gaining more widespread use, and many churches will have been looking for appropriate music. Simple settings of the psalms, anthems, litanies and Exsultet have been written by Brother Reginald SSF, and are now available from St. Francis House, 15 Botolph Lane, Cambridge. CB2 3RD. The melody edition, a 36 page booklet, costs £1.40 (with reductions for orders over 10 copies); accompaniments £1.00. The treatment is essentially congregational, with unison throughout, and mostly free-rhythm.

Some of this music will be used at St. George's, Doncaster for the Easter Vigil with Confirmation on Saturday, 18th April at 7.30 p.m.

Appointments

Rev. John M. Osgerby, Vicar of St. Francis, West Bessacarr, to be Vicar of Fishlake, Sykehouse, Kirk Bramwith, Fenwick and Moss.

Captain Gerald Hitchin, Church Army, to serve in the Parish of St. John Evangelist, Goole.

Rev. Brian G. Fretwell, at present Assistant Priest in the Parish of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, in the Diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of All Saints, Intake, Doncaster.

INTO AFRICA

Ron Stevens, sent by our Diocese to the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya, has reached the half-way mark in his commitment as financial advisor there. He is due to return in April 1988. Ron has been working very hard to establish the Diocese there on a firm financial footing, and his efforts have been appreciated by the Bishops and Clergy.

However, as our representative in Maseno North and not an employee of one of the missionary societies, Ron's position requires the maximum financial backup from our Diocese. In view of this, together with his crucial role in Maseno North, the Sheffield - Maseno North Link Committee has agreed that its first priority should be to provide this financial backup in advance of any other help that might be given. The original budget for Ron's work was £18,000 for the two years, not all of which has yet been promised. The Link Committee wants to see our two Dioceses growing together in understanding as well as commitment to each other, and regards Ron's work of crucial importance in that. Donations to the Link Committee for the support of Ron and Mary Stevens, can be sent to The Provost, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield. S1 1HA.

ART IN CHURCHES

The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches has recently produced a leaflet which has been sent to Church Wardens and Incumbents, illustrating some of the new works of art in the churches of the Diocese. There has been a feeling amongst the artistic community that the tradition of the Church as a patron of the arts has been lost, and because beautiful works of art are a powerful means of expressing religious ideas which are too profound to express adequately in words, it is desirable that the old tradition should be encouraged. The Diocesan Advisory Committee, which has to be consulted by parishes who wish to introduce new things into churches has a great wealth of experience which is freely available. The Secretary is The Revd. Bernard Holdridge, at The Rectory, High Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. S62 6NE.



Statue of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the Chapel on Rotherham Bridge.

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What about our Missionary Giving? *asks Alan Isaacson*

In the last few years we have all been challenged, quite rightly, by the sights of starving children on our television sets. Action was mobilised splendidly by such personalities as Bob Geldof and much of the money raised was "new" money in that it came from people who had not been touched to give in a charitable way before.

However, the traditional Anglican missionary societies have been hit by a diversion of funds into pure relief work. They are, it is sometimes said, working in partnership with local Christians through thick and thin, in good times and bad, and because of that do not have the instant appeal of the '999 agency' which reacts swiftly to need.

How bad is it? In 1986 the Church Missionary Society, the largest of the Anglican missionary societies, asked individuals and parishes to increase their giving so that their budget could increase by 20%. This was in response to a dramatic upsurge in the last few years which has nearly doubled the number of mission partners going overseas. The giving from Christian people has nowhere near matched the need. Unless something drastic occurs CMS will have run out of reserves by June 1987 and be forced to consider recalling overseas mission partners. What will that say to the church overseas about our commitment to Christ - and to them?

The time has come not to reduce our giving to the aid agencies and other charities, but to look at our giving to the missionary work of the church. Much of the work of these societies is in preventing what aid agencies are called in to do when things go wrong. It is all in the name of Christ and therefore in your name too. It is aimed at extending the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus calls for our obedience to His commands. Let us be sensitive before it is too late.

Alan Isaacson is Area Secretary for CMS and is available to churches and groups. He can be contacted at 213 Springvale Road, Crookes, Sheffield. S10 1LG. Tel: Sheffield 681053.

WHITBY PILGRIMAGE — 13th JUNE, 1987

Whitby is to be the scene of the Diocesan Pilgrimage this year. Two trains will travel from Sheffield, Rotherham, Conisbrough and Doncaster, to Scarborough, and then by bus to Whitby. The Pilgrimage, which includes worship, a walk through the town, picnic, and even time to sit on the beach, promises to be an exciting day, in the place which became a centre of learning and of training for ministry many centuries ago. During the afternoon, the Parish Church of St. Mary, close to the ruins of the Abbey, will be open for a vigil of prayer.

St. Mary's Church, Whitby

Celebration - no doubt!

St. Thomas' Church, Worsbrough have arranged a fund raising concert in the church on Friday, 29th May. The concert is being given by Elizabeth Charlesworth - Soprano, Gillian Dainty - Cello, Wendy Smith - Oboe, and Raymond Wood - Organ and Piano. Tickets are £1 from Mr. H. Rudkin, 3 Norman Close, Worsbrough, Barnsley S70 5QB, during April. It's not the only celebration they're having this year, for there's a Flower Festival over the weekend encompassing St Thomas' Day on July 3rd.

WHIRLOW LAUNCHES "BUY A BRICK" SCHEME

That there is a need to increase the size of a Christian Conference Centre is very good news. At the Diocesan Whirlow Grange, a new and larger conference room, a new bedroom block and new kitchen facilities are all being added at a cost of £220,000. How good it is to be able to say that most of the money has been donated or pledged. But £40,000 still remains to be found. One of the means to raise that money is the launch of the "Buy a Brick" Scheme, which entails the selling of 'bricks' in the form of tickets, costing 50p each. Noel Ruttle, Chairman of the Project Group has written to every parish in the Diocese, hoping that demand for the 'bricks' will exceed everyone's expectations. Contact him for more information on Sheffield 665304.

The Challenge of AIDS

Doncaster Alive in Mission and the Christian Medical Fellowship have arranged a seminar at Priory Place Methodist Church on Tuesday, 25th April at 7.30 p.m., entitled "The challenge of Aids". Speakers will be Dr. T. Moss, Dr. A.H. Wilson and Dr. R.J.E. Leggett from the Doncaster Royal Infirmary. The object of the seminar is to provide up to date information about the disease, and to present a Christian view of morality and the positive benefits of Christian family life. The seminar is open to all, but will be particularly relevant to leaders and teachers.



ON BEING INDEPENDENT

Is independence a virtue? Those who believe they possess it loudly acclaim it. Total independence is a myth for no man is an island. Independent people appear to be "stand-offish" and difficult to approach with offers of help whether inspired by love, or at least, care in mind. Accepted, 'it is double-edged', doing nothing but good to all concerned, a refusal unless graciously given is hurtful.

Not a few lasting friendships have resulted from a single act of love, and surely help is a form of love. Many have cause to be grateful for organised voluntary help, luncheon clubs, Age Concern, Help the Aged, Christian Aid, medical charities - these are just a few - nor must we forget the youth organisations. Help or love has no age limits.

Help on a person to person basis is no different, all are motivated by a desire to help. Although today they have fallen from grace somewhat, the earliest trade unions were formed for mutual help. Many had local Church leaders as founders, Methodists were prominent in the Yorkshire Miners' union formation, reflected in their banners (nailing their colours to the mast as it were). Plainly their desire to help each other is why they spoke to each other as brothers. Did not St. Paul address his fellow men as brothers intimating we are all of one family.

I don't think it is too fanciful to say that the last two lines have a connection with independence.

Never clench your fists, a closed fist is a closed heart. A closed hand cannot give, and cannot receive.

Rex Beaumont

FLOWER ROTA

April	Altar	Memory Table
19	EASTER	EASTER
26	Mrs. Waite	Mrs. Mayson
3 May	Mrs. Stansfield	Mrs. Wiggett
Silver Cleaning		
April 5	Mrs. Simons	April 19 Mrs. Noton
PARISH BREAKFAST		
Apr. 5	Mrs. Billard	Mrs. Houldcroft
Apr.12	Mr & Mrs. Filleul	
Apl 19	Mrs.T.Woodhead	Mr. M. Rayner
Apl 26	Mrs. Snazell	Miss Bird
May 3	Mrs. Wiggett	Mrs. Kirton

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CENTENARY

By request from a number of people, the text of the talk given at the Service at the English Martyrs Church is reproduced for All Saints' News.

The Parable of the Great Feast gives us an image of celebration - a future vision of the Kingdom of God. It is a celebration we are all invited to, a Kingdom we are all called to be members of. The invitations have been sent out - to us and to all men - by Christ Himself.

'Come to know, serve and love me. Come and Rejoice.'

Today, at this Service, we have a further cause for celebration. The Centenary of the Women's World Day of Prayer. Let us link these two together in our minds - the coming Kingdom - and our prayer and work for it here on earth - and consider our cause for rejoicing today.

As we look back over the last 100 years, we see a century of change. We have seen two World Wars with a devastating loss of life in the first and the horrors of Nazism in the second. We have seen two great periods of unemployment in this country - with poverty and depression, not only of the economy but of people's spirits. Now we live with the nuclear threat of world destruction, the spread of Aids and widespread famine. At times the four horsemen of the Apocalypse foretold in Revelation seem very real - WAR, FAMINE, DISEASE and PERSECUTION.

For it has been a century too of unprecedented attacks on the Church. Darwin's theory of evolution seemed to discredit the Bible as the word of God. Many lost their faith. Nietzsche and later philosophers told us man had come of age and we'd outgrown our need of God. 'God is dead' they said. Freud and some psychologists told us God was the product of our own wishful thinking. Marx, politicians and educationalists told us man could save himself by his own efforts.

It was against this background that the Women's World Day of Prayer came into being - begun by a few women of faith, vision and prayer. It became ecumenical and spread through out the world.

Today we have three very good reasons for rejoicing.

1) We rejoice at what is happening within the Church - at the recovery of her confidence. Man has been seen to fail, science has been seen to fail, politics and ideology have been seen to fail, even faith in the power of education to change human nature and resolve our problems has been seen to fail. Faith in God, Christianity has not failed. It is as valid today as it ever was in its power to change lives and to create loving and caring communities.

This century also has seen the renewal of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit, an outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit and the spread of this renewal into every part of the Church of Christ. It is breaking down denominational barriers, bringing a deeper commitment to God and to each other and an appreciation of all we have to offer to and learn from each other. It has not been without its problems but, like the Women's World Day of Prayer itself, spiritual or charismatic renewal is a movement of the Holy Spirit that has spread into the traditional and non-conformist churches over the last 30 years. So after centuries of division and bitterness we rejoice today in our oneness in Christ and in God's faithfulness to His promises to strengthen and renew His Church. We rejoice that change takes place for us against a background of security in GOD.

2) We rejoice at the working out of God's purposes in the world. We see war oppression, famine and poverty. We see TV bulletins - and it is right that we confess our part in the sin of the world and seek God's forgiveness. But our

thinking in this Service did not stop there. We were called to rejoice that in the midst of all this, God's purposes are being worked out and good is being brought out of evil. As we move towards Easter in our Churches we look at the Crucifixion, the focus of all evil, pain, injustice, cruelty, grief, and in it see GOD at work - leading to the JOY of Resurrection, triumph and victory. We need to make the effort to look, with the eyes of faith and vision, whenever we are tempted to let the sadness and suffering in our world depress us and make us fearful, to rejoice and rise above it. 'The hearts of kings are in my rule and governance' says the Lord, and that includes President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachov. Nothing in the world can defeat God's purposes - and living in doubt and fear is not living as God meant us to live.

Let us seek to share the suffering and all we have, to help and to heal. But above all let us have faith, and rejoice. Women (and men) of faith and vision are still needed to push back the frontiers of evil, and work and pray for the future.

3) We rejoice at the working out of God's purposes in our own lives. I try to think of joy as a feeling - but of rejoicing as an act, an act of will. 'Rejoice in the Lord always' writes Paul. We are, most women anyway, not very good at understanding or handling our feelings - moods, off days, little things - upset us and affect others. We are easily robbed of our joy even in our good times.

Then what about the bad times, periods of deep grief and distress, bereavement, a crippling or painful illness, redundancy. There is shock and devastation. At such times we are robbed of our joy, and our faith is shaken. Yet as an act of will we are called to rejoice even then - 'to rejoice in tribulation' - to still believe God's purposes are being worked out in the events of our lives. See how Jesus handled his feelings - no fixed smile, no stiff upper lip. He loved and showed compassion and courage but He also got angry, He wept, He gave way to despair in Gethsemane and a cry of desolation from the Cross. Yet 'for the joy that was set before Him he endured.' So we are called to rejoice. The joy will come - it is the reward of trusting when we cannot see, of patiently doing our work on the dull dark days, of waiting for the sun to break through the clouds, the light to dispel the darkness.

Rejoice, because in Christ we find a meaning in our suffering and pain. One who has shared it and known all the depths of our experience will strengthen us by His Spirit to endure and to learn more of Him. The changes in our lives can be growing points, crises can become opportunities. We can know that nothing can separate us from God's love.

Today then let us rejoice in the renewal of the Church, the promise of renewal of the world and in the renewal of our own lives, whatever situation we find ourselves in. Let us rejoice in our oneness with each other. Let us pray too that Christ's joy may remain in us, His Church, and that He may send us out from this Centenary Service with our knowledge of Him, His joy and His love to share with our world. Let the invitation go through us - 'Come, everything is now ready.'

Beryl Rayner

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Family Trek will be on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May. This sponsored 15 mile walk starts at Stanington. Contact David Lloyd (362832) for details.

OXFAM

Is there anyone who would kindly take over a small Oxfam collection round of 32 homes in the Baslow Road area? It takes at most 2 hours a month. It raises a substantial amount of money - and is also good exercise!

Contact Brenda Lewis (350808). Thank you.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

Feb 22nd Catherine Louisa Wood

March 8th Jennifer Katie Louise Greenwood
Claire Louise Wells.

We congratulate Margaret & Christopher Watson (former chorister and server at All Saints') on the birth of a daughter - Rosalyn Alice - at St. Neots, Cambridgeshire.

Funerals

March 2nd John Burton (91) 47 Sunnyvale Road

March 2nd Bernard Wood (76) 48 Green Oak Road

March 5th Marie Savage (71) 1 Grove Avenue

March 13th Annie Richards (80) 55 Aldam Road

March 13th Ella Neila Heward (97) formerly 71 Mickley Lane

Jack Burton's courteous, kind nature and quiet sense of humour disguised his courage and strength of character. He delighted in recalling how he had joined the Army under age in the 1st World War and found himself in a troop of cavalry in the thick of the Somme. He gave years of cheerful service in his trade as a butcher, coming to Sunnyvale Road in 1945. We give thanks for his Christian Faith, his support of All Saints' and his example to us all in times of adversity.

Bernard Wood had lived in Totley for the last 12 years. He had been in steel throughout his working life - as a "little mester" with a small cutlery shop to chairman of the shop stewards at Brown Baileys, where he sought always to reconcile the differences of others in a helpful way.

Marie Savage after wartime service in the WRAF worked as a clerk and a buyer, and looked after her parents on Grove Avenue. Marrying later in life, her husband Paul, died just before Christmas.

Ann Richards came to Totley from Heeley when she married nearly 60 years ago. We give thanks for her cheerful and helpful contribution to community life and in more recent years her companionship at Abbeydale Hall.

Ella Heward had spent most of her long life as a farmer's wife, for many years near Ecclesfield, her birthplace, where she contributed much to the life of the Parish Church - then for a period near Workshop, before coming to Totley in retirement.

Geoffrey Steer a former resident of Totley, one-time chorister at All Saints' after its opening, and a carpenter for the late Ernest Elliott, died in January. Our informant is Ronald Steer who was also a chorister when the Church opened in 1924 and now lives at Oxford.

MOLLIE KIRKMAN

It is with great sadness that many of the congregation learned of the death of Mrs. Mollie Kirkman on 5th March. Mrs. Kirkman lived in Totley for many years and was a loyal member of All Saints' Church. She was a member of the Ladies Working Party to which she gave generously of her time and abilities. During the busy year when Mrs. Kirkman was the Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, she made a visit in her official capacity to a special Coffee Morning to raise funds to build the Hall. The Lenten Altar Frontal was the gift of Mrs. Kirkman.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Percy Kirkman, and to David and his family.

Elaine Powell

MARCH FAMILY SERVICE

The March Family Service presentation of the Holy Week Story in costume and mime was different, very different and very well appreciated. Weren't all the children good! Our thanks are due to the pupils of All Saints' School, to John & Dorothy Hill-Wilson, Joan Stratford, Rosemary Bolton (the narrator), Stella Jockel and the Junior Choir.

Rex Beaumont

COFFEE EVENING with BRING & BUY will be held on 30th April in aid of Church Funds at the home of Mrs. E. Powell 74 Main Avenue from 7pm. All are most welcome.

SPRING LUNCH is to be held on Saturday 9th May in the Church Hall at 12.30pm. Tickets at £2.25p each including coffee available from members of the Ladies Working Party. As this is a very popular event - please make sure of your ticket early.

VISITORS WELCOME at All Saints' School Easter Assembly on Friday 10th April at 9.15am in the School Hall. There will be decorated egg and Easter garden competitions for children, and for adults an Easter Cake competition. Visitors are welcome to stay for coffee afterwards when the cakes

Advance Notice of a Flower Festival to be held again at School on Wednesday - Friday 24/25/26th June.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Much mention has been made in recent months of the North-South Divide in Britain, and whatever one's political opinions about the causes and cures, there can be little doubt about its existence, the problems it creates, and the need to tackle them.

Being preoccupied (perhaps understandably and rightly) with domestic problems might however make us neglect the much deeper economic divide which exists on the world-wide scene. It is true that reports of famine and deprivation in Third World countries do prompt encouraging public responses to relief appeals, whether by Band Aid, Christian Aid or other major charities, but they still seem to be little more than temporary palliatives to a recurring and ever deteriorating situation.

Clearly fundamental and lasting changes of policy need to be made politically and economically by Governments of all the wealthier nations (that includes us!) if the right long-term solutions are to be achieved, and this could well involve politically unpopular sacrifices in the first instance. In the meantime however, some individuals and independent organisations are already working in an effort to redress the morally unacceptable imbalance in international wealth and trade.

TRAIDCRAFT is one such organisation based in Britain which, in close conjunction with CHRISTIAN AID, is actively engaged in promoting the sale of goods (mostly crafts, jewellery, stationery, tea and coffee) produced under carefully monitored conditions of justice, loving concern and fair rewards, in poor countries where many other workers are badly exploited and rarely reap the fair rewards of their labours.

Most TRAIIDCRAFT goods are sold from catalogues through a countrywide network of voluntary representatives, but there are now a few shops operating in major cities, and Sheffield could be included in the not-too-distant future.

In order to publicise the work of the organisation, publicity material and some of the goods currently on offer will be on display in the Church and Hall during a special TRAIIDCRAFT WEEK (25th April - 2nd May). One or two special events may be arranged (details via weekly notices) but it is hoped to organise a follow-up campaign in the Autumn.

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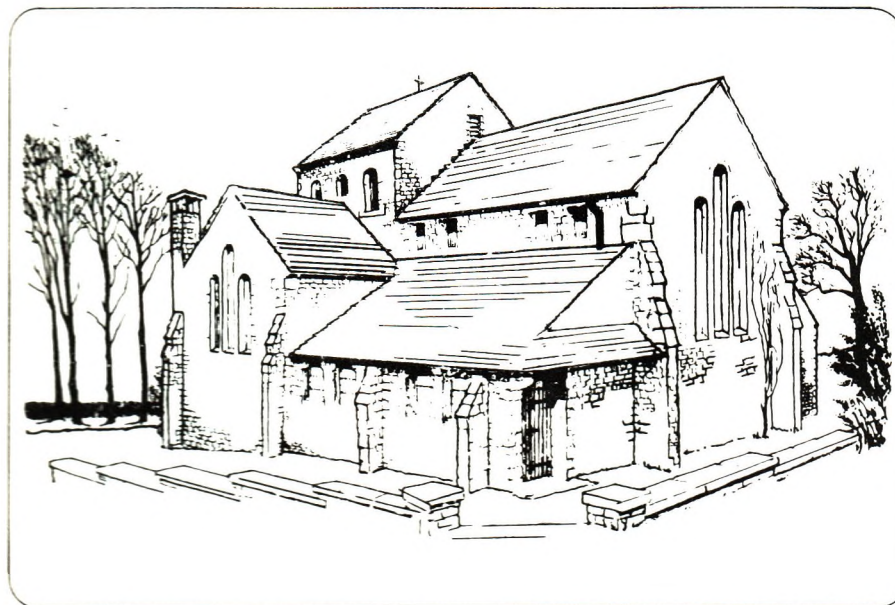
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The month of May has now become a time in the Christian Year when our minds are particularly focused on the needy of the world through Christian Aid Week. As Lent gives way to Easter and Pentecost, we turn our attention to offering new life to others and witnessing to the world.

Christian Aid Week (11-16 May) serves both to channel our care and compassion for the hungry, sick, homeless and exploited peoples within God's world, and also to convey to those who do not believe that the Christian Faith is not just one of doctrine and discussion - faith leads to works belief must be expressed in love. As the prayer puts it - "what we say with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and show forth in our lives."

This year the theme of Christian Aid Week is **MORE POWER TO THE POOR** - at first glance a revolutionary political slogan. Linked to the picture of an oxen ploughing a field its message is that aid is not a matter of handouts but of giving the poor the means to work and support themselves. The poorest people of the world need the opportunity to make decisions and to receive a fair income for their labour.

MORE POWER TO THE POOR highlights four areas of development. 'Flour Power' - the need for better local food production; 'Earning Power' - the need for training in skills so that local resources and facilities can be used to the full; 'Purchasing Power' - the need to see that cheap labour is not exploited by the rich not wanting to give a fair wage; 'Power to their Elbow' - the need for good health so that all have the stamina and strength to work.

Please give generously through your Christian Aid envelope. Volunteer collectors needed to help during the week.

With every blessing,

2. *Stewart Rayner*



PARISH DIARY FOR MAY

- 2nd Sat 3.30pm Holy Matrimony (Mark Low & Rachel Brownhill)
- 4th Mon Christian Aid Family Trek
- 5th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club 'Houseplants & Flowers' Mr. Drury
7.30pm All Saints' Nursery/Playgroup Committee
- 6th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
- 7th Thu 8pm Standing Committee - Vicarage
- 9th Sat 12-2pm Spring Lunch in Hall
- 11th Mon 8pm Sunday School Teachers meeting - 57 Sunnyvale Rd
- 12th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - Hall
- 13th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship -
36 Meadow Grove Road
8pm Wednesday Fellowships
- 16th Sat Diocesan World Mission Day - Sheffield Cathedral
- 19th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Hall
- 20th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
- 26th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 27th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

March 22nd Charlotte Louise Butterwick
Joseph Alan Cook

Funerals

March 18th John William Hardwick (66) 43 Meadow Grove
March 19th Gordon Wilkinson (80) 34 Aldam Way
March 20th Lilian Elsie Himsworth (67) 20 Totley Brook Lane
April 1st Marjorie Cokeham (78) 46 Sunnyvale Road

Jack Hardwick had lived on Meadow Grove for about 30 years. From War Service at Dunkirk and in Burma, he returned to work in the steel industry.

Gordon Wilkinson moved to Totley from Sharrow about three years ago. He had previously worked for the Electricity Board for over 50 years.

Marjorie Cokeham moved from her childhood home at Woodseats to Sunnyvale Road about 40 years ago. A member of the Totley Good Companions from its early days she looked forward to attending each week up to the end of her life.

Lilian Himsworth's quiet caring thoughtfulness and consideration endeared her to her family and friends.

To all bereaved families at this time we extend our prayers and sincere sympathy.

SERVICES IN MAY

- 3rd EASTER 2
Theme am 'The Emmaus Road'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion(ASB)
Epistle: Revelation 19: 6-9 (NEB)
Gospel : St. Luke 24: 13-35 (JB)
Theme pm 'the Good Shepherd'
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Ezekiel 34: 7-16 (NEB)
New Testament: St. John 10:7-16 (NEB)
- 10th EASTER 3
Theme am 'The Lakeside'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 1-11 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 21: 1-14 (RSV)
Theme pm 'The Resurrection and the Life'
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: I Kings 17:17-24 (TEV)
New Testament: St. John 11:17-27 (NEB)
- 17th EASTER 4
Theme am 'The Charge to Peter'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Revelation 3:14-22 (RSV)
Gospel: St. John 21: 15-22 (RSV)
10am Family Service
4pm Holy Baptism (Georgina Owen)
Theme pm 'The Way, the Truth and the Life'
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: II Corinthians 4: 13-5:5 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 14: 1-11 (NEB)
- 24th EASTER 5 (Rogation Sunday)
Theme 'Going to the Father'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 21-28 (RSV)
Gospel: St. John 16:25-33 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 (RSV)
New Testament: Romans 8:28- (RSV)

- 28th ASCENSION DAY
8pm Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle : Acts 1: 1-11 (TEV)
Gospel : St. Matthew 28: 16-20 (JB)
- 31st SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Ephesians 1: 15-23 (TEV)
Gospel: St. Luke 24:45-53 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament : 2 Kings 2: 1-15 (NEB)
New Testament: Ephesians 4: 1-13 (NEB)
- SUNDAY 7th JUNE - Whitsunday - PENTECOST
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
3pm PENTECOST PRAISE outside English Martyrs
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting has been brought forward to 12th May at 2.15pm in the Hall - to avoid Bank Holiday Week.

The Silent Auction held at the end of March raised £280 to be divided between the Children's Society and Church Funds. Our thanks to all who helped with, and supported, this successful event.

We are planning a Jumble Sale on 19th June in the Hall at 7pm.

We invite you to the SPRING LUNCH in the Church Hall on Saturday 9th May at 12.30 pm. Get your tickets early to ensure a lunch. Lunch tickets including coffee @ £2.25p

LADIES CLUB

The sponsored Knit-In for Arthritis and Rheumatism Research raised £157 and we are most grateful to all the knitters and sponsors.

On 5th May, Mr. Drury comes to speak to us on 'House Plants and Flowers' and the programme for 19th May has yet to be finalised.

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Powell and Brian Ruthven who passed their tests to receive Light Blue Ribbons on Easter Day - and to Helen Job on gaining her Team Leaders Badge.

The Revd Roy Arnold reports on the Spring meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod, and the meeting of General Synod.

FAITH IN THE CITY... ...next Step

"Faith in the City", the massive 400 page document produced by the Church of England about the plight of the Inner Cities and the work of the Church in such areas is getting thinner and more manageable. At least that is one way of looking at what is going on with the production of a 34 page document called "Partnership for Action". This, in fact, is the strategic response of the Bishop of Sheffield's Working Party on "Faith in the City" and it spells out the dimensions of the task confronting the Diocese of Sheffield, and some of the steps which can and must be taken. To start off with the document identifies the areas of inner-city deprivation. There are 47 such areas in the Diocese and the need to tackle the problems of such areas is underlined in the report, which was duly received at the Spring Synod and also commended to Deanery Synods and Parochial Church Councils for study and action.

One step in the direction of action which was then taken was to agree to the setting up of a Faith in the City committee for an initial period of five years and the eventual appointment of a full-time paid Development Worker to carry out the job defined in the Report. In this he or she will work with the new Committee and will enable congregations and residents in Urban Priority Areas to take action about their situation and to have their needs acknowledged by those in power.

At the central level the General Synod - with £1 million backing from the Church Commissioners - has set up an Urban Priority Fund to provide financing for schemes and projects in inner city areas and large outer town council estates on a 50/50 basis with local finance. Advising on funding will be another task of the new full-time Development Worker. Meanwhile the Diocesan Synod approved his/her appointment and authorised the Finance Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £23,400 on this appointment.

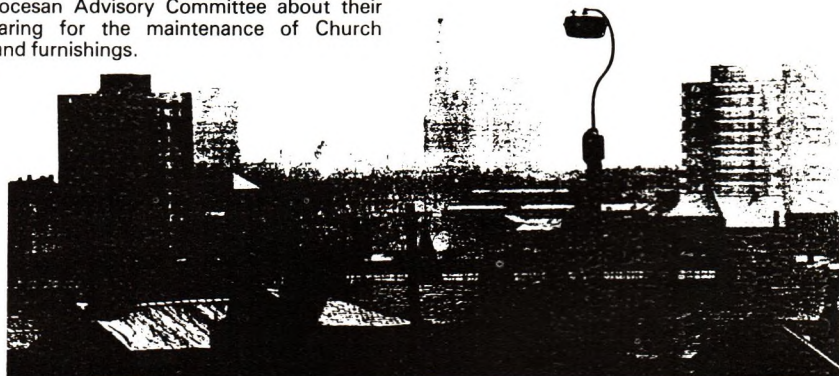
Earlier in the Synod meeting - held at Doncaster on March 7th - there was a very able presentation by the Diocesan Advisory Committee about their role in caring for the maintenance of Church buildings and furnishings.



Heard in London

One thing is for sure: that the Diocese of Sheffield is more than adequately represented when it comes to meetings of the General Synod in London or elsewhere. Earlier this year Sheffield Diocese probably notched up more influential speeches at the Synod than almost any other Diocese. In the debate on the re-location of General Synod - Professor David McClean of Sheffield argued the official case for moving the General Synod staff just around the corner into premises to be shared with the Church Commissioners. Meanwhile the Revd Derek Gibbs strongly spoke up for Doncaster as being the best place for General Synod. He had been keenly backed up by the Doncaster local authority. The Bishop of Sheffield urged the Synod to listen for once to the voice of the North of England instead of only pretending to lend an ear.

The vote, nevertheless, went the way of London and in some two years time General Synod will re-locate on Millbank. But the Sheffield voice did not end there, for another major debate was on the Report called "Not just for the Poor" (a study of the welfare state). This Report was written under the chairmanship of the Revd. Dr. Michael Bayley, of Sheffield University. Among others who spoke on this issue was the Revd. John Packer of Sheffield. The Bishop of Doncaster had a say in the debate on the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. Although basically against the Ordination of Women he urged Synod to push ahead with legislation as a means of ultimately testing the overall opinion of the Church of England on this important issue.



The Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association offers care and friendship to service and ex-service families with a wide range of problems, and last year in South Yorkshire dealt with over 2,000 families and individuals. The Association is seeking more volunteers to assist in the work. If you are patient, mature and compassionate, and have time to help locally, then contact: Helen Abson, 95 Grange Road, Rotherham. S60 3LN. Tel: Rotherham 365550. Training is given, and expenses are paid. Your own car and telephone is desirable.

Join a Christian Community!

Scargill House, the Christian Holiday and Conference centre in the Yorkshire Dales, is looking for new members to join the Community for a minimum of one year. To find out more contact: The Administrator, Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton, N. Yorkshire. BD23 5HU. Telephone: (075676) 234 or 315.

Spring Dance

All Saints, Woodlands, Doncaster, invite you to Workshops on Dance with Springs Dance Company on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th May from 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. The Springs Dance Company will give an evening performance on Saturday, 23rd May.

On Saturday, 30th May, from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. there's a Men's Conference with the Revd. Jim Smith of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, who has a special interest in men's work. The men of Woodlands Church invite all men within the churches of South Yorkshire to join them for the day and grapple with the problems of reaching the men of our communities.

Contact the Revd. John Hawley at 9 The Great North Road, Woodlands, Doncaster. DN6 7RB. Tel: Doncaster 723268.

Callings

The Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry have produced a guide to conferences in 1987 organised by themselves, the Additional Curates Society, Church Pastoral Aid Society and others. The events cover a wide range - for students, older people, lay ministries, ordained ministries, men and women. If you would like a full copy write to the Revd. Canon Trevor Page, 393 Fulwood Road, Sheffield. S10 3GE.

Conference

The 6th Leeds Conference is on Saturday, 13th June from 10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. at Leeds Methodist Mission with the theme "Signs and Wonders Today - another perspective". Information and travel directions from Simon Cox, Emmanuel Church House, 198 Bruntwood Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire. SK8 6BE.

Mission Membership

For more than 40 years, Sheffield Industrial Mission has been active in the major industries of South Yorkshire. In recent years this has been widened to include involvement with unemployed people, and a concern for the economic development of the region.

It has always been stressed that the primary responsibility for furthering God's purposes in industry and commerce lies within the lay women and men in their daily work. The Chaplains of the Industrial Mission see their task as challenging people to face their responsibilities, and in supporting them in finding their specific response. In turn many industrial workers at all levels have welcomed and supported the Church's concern for the wellbeing of industry and industrial society.

At the Annual Meeting this year, the Mission announced that it is again widening its work, this time to include Members. Membership of the Industrial Mission aims, through Christian involvement in the industrial world, to strengthen the total mission of the Church, and particularly to promote Christian values in industry and commerce. It is open to any interested person who wishes to associate with the objectives and work of the Mission.

Membership will be a two-way process - it will help the Mission to strengthen the role of the Church in the industrial world, and it will give to members opportunities to be involved with the Mission through a programme specifically for members. Suggested annual donations are £10 for those in employment, and £2 for those on low wages or unemployed.

If you want to know more, contact the Membership Secretary. Sheffield Industrial Mission, Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Street, Sheffield. S11 8HA.

Wash and Shine

Help young people with handicaps enjoy a camping holiday - and try to win a prize for yourself, and your school or youth group - invites the Church of England Children's Society. The annual car wash campaign, with prizes and shampoo donated by Simoniz, is in action again.

Young people can enter the competition by washing vehicles owned by family, friends and neighbours for a donation. In addition, the youngsters can wash unusual vehicles. Enterprising young people last year washed everything from a nuclear submarine to an ambulance.

To make the vehicles sparkling clean all who take part in the campaign will receive free Simoniz shampoo.

The Children's Society helps about 10,000 children, young people and families each year. They include young people with handicaps or severe emotional problems, and those who are unemployed or experiencing family break-up, inadequate housing or poverty.

The closing date for monies to be received is 24 July, 1987.

Entry forms and shampoo are available from: Room CW1, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London. WC1X 0JL.

The Church of England and Women Priests

No one could have escaped the widespread publicity surrounding last February's General Synod because of the debate on the Bishops' Report on the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. Contrary to the impression given by many journalists, the General Synod did not give the green light for women priests, but it did receive the report and invite action upon it. Part of that action, as stated clearly in the Bishops' Report, will be a continuing study of the many theological issues raised by the ordination of women. In the coming months and years each Diocese, Deanery, Parish and individual Church member, will have to think deeply about the implications for our Church of Women's Ordination and make decisions accordingly. It is only in the light of these reflections, in the context of accompanying legislation, that the General Synod will be able to make a final decision.

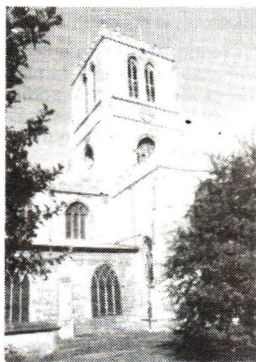
Many lay members have not had the opportunity to discuss the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood as yet, and so two debates have been planned in the Diocese entitled:

Women priests and the Church of England

St. James' Church Hall, St. Sepulchre Gate West, Doncaster, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th May, 1987. Speakers: **Janet Vout:** Movement for the Ordination of Women. **Alison Humphreys:** Women against the Ordination of Women. **Chairman: Elizabeth Paver,** Headteacher, Intake First School, Doncaster.

The Cathedral Hall, Sheffield, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21st May, 1987. Speakers: **Susan Hope:** Movement for the Ordination of Women. **Alison Humphreys:** Women against the Ordination of Women. **Chairman: Margaret Selby:** Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry.

It is hoped that these debates will give the laity of the diocese an opportunity to come and air their views.



Hatfield Flowers

The Church of St. Lawrence at Hatfield, Doncaster, has a Flower Festival from May 2nd to May 4th inclusive. The theme of the Festival is "They met with Jesus". It will be well worth a visit, and refreshments will be available.

APPOINTMENTS

Rev. John Sladden, Mission Co-ordinator with Down to Earth Trust, Diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of St. James, Doncaster.

Rev. David John Pomery, Vicar of St. Peter, Bentley, to take up Staff appointment at Radlett Preparatory School, Hertfordshire.

Rev. Alastair G. Kendall, Curate at St. Aldate's, Diocese of Gloucester, to be Assistant Vicar at St. John, Park.

Rev. Canon Frank Ball, Vicar of Norwood and Rural Dean of Ecclesfield, to be Chaplain of Shrewsbury Hospital, Sheffield.

Rev. Richard William Bryant Atkinson, Assistant Curate at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Diocese of Oxford, to be Team Vicar, St. Swithun's, Manor Parish.

Rev. John Michael Robinson, Assistant Curate, St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, to be Vicar of SS Simon and Jude, Thurcroft.

Rev. Brian Richard Walker Hayes, Curate at All Saints, Cheadle Hulme, Diocese of Chester, to be Assistant Curate, St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross.

STEPPING LIGHTLY INTO THE UNKNOWN

Two unlikely adventurers swap inner city parishes for life on the Guyanese grasslands, cut off from the capital Georgetown by rivers and jungle.

The Rev. Dr. John Twisleton, from Doncaster, and the Rev. Allan Buick, a Scotsman whose last parish was in Birmingham, were recruited by the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in answer to an urgent call to reopen a college for Amerindian ordinands. They expect to arrive in Guyana in April before the rains begin.

Both men were scientists before going to theological college. More used to playing the guitar and Scottish dancing with parishioners, both priests face a drastic change of conditions. Isolation is a way of life at Yupukari where the Alan Knight Training Centre is situated. But they are prepared for the unknown. There may not be any buildings left at the centre after two years of being closed.

"Although we know the generator is working, we may have to turn our hands to manual work as soon as we arrive, and build the houses again," said Fr. Buick.

Fr. Twisleton and Fr. Buick, both unmarried and members of the Company of Mission Priests, will sail by cargo ship, first to Martinique in the West Indies. Then they fly to Georgetown before travelling the final stage of their journey to Yupukari.

The appeal for theological teachers went to USPG which contacted the Company of Mission Priests. Fr. Twisleton, Vicar of St. Wilfrith's, Moorends at the time, was accepted on the basis that he be accompanied by another priest. At the next meeting of the fraternity, Fr. Buick, formerly Vicar of St. Mark's, Kingstanding, Birmingham, heard the news and decided there was "no excuse" for him not to be the one to go.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

On behalf of all of us who are one-parent families, divorced, have children in care, are criminals or drug or alcohol addicts, I should like to comment on the 'Design for Living' article in the March magazine.

When I looked around me, it seems unrealistic to suggest that being a Christian offers immunity from being any of the above any more than it does from suffering tragedy or serious illness. When Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount talks of a man being a murderer if he ever hates his brother, he is also saying to me that if I have ever put my own interests before my husband's I am potentially divorced; if I have ever smacked my children harder than I intended because of my own frustration I am potentially a child batterer; if I have ever said or done anything which is not wholly honest I am potentially a criminal; if I have ever taken a sedative or glass of whisky to relive the pressures of the day I am potentially a drug or alcohol addict. In different circumstances or under heavier pressures I could be any of the above. I am as much in need of love and forgiveness as anyone, and there, but for the grace of God go I.

So what is this design for living? I think I would start with the words of St. Paul - "We know very well that no man can get into a right relationship with God by means of doing the things that any law prescribes. The only way to get into a right relationship with God is through faith in Christ Jesus..... if righteousness comes by law, then Christ died for nothing." (Galatians 2: 16/21).

The two commandments which Jesus gave us to fulfil the law are the basic principles of the relationships of life, to 'love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself'. The Gospels (my favourite is that according to St. John) set out for us the way that Jesus shows us, which is eternally true and life-giving. Love is the key - in our response to God's love of us and His forgiveness.

How do other people see the Design ?

Rosalie Carter

OUR MISSION PARTNERS TO LEAVE NIGERIA

Tony and Pam Lindsay have recently written from Jos in Nigeria, in their letter they say:

This past week has seen our last stint away from Jos doing the audit of Church Accounts and it has been possible to travel with Pam. We had good meetings all round including one to a village called Donga. What makes Donga different is that one has to cross the river by canoe and then travel the final two kilometres on motor-cycles, all very exciting.

Tony has now officially handed over all the auditing of the Church accounts in the Diocese to Emmanuel (the newly-trained assistant). Earlier this month it was approved in principle that from April 1987 a new Pension Scheme and centralized accounts would come into operation for the Clergy of the Diocese. We are delighted by this although it will mean a lot of extra work setting up all the machinery ready for the handover to Emmanuel in May, but now we have something positive to work towards and it will enable Emmanuel to have a full-time job.

The end of March will see the completion of Tony's teaching 'Administration and Church Accounts' to the ordinands in the theological college. Tony has enjoyed the diversity of work involved, from simple arithmetic to budgeting and income & expenditure accounting. Life is full of surprises as until coming to Nigeria he had never done any formal teaching before. We live and learn and the Lord has provided the confidence and imagination whenever needed.

The Diocesan Synod is at Jos from 16-20 May. We hope this will give us time to say farewell to people properly before leaving Nigeria. Please pray for the preparation and speakers, that they will see the Diocese growing in love and unity and that local squabbles will be put aside and forgotten in the months to come.

We will be coming on leave in May, so look forward to seeing you all on our link visits. Our future is not clear but we do feel the right time has come to leave Jos. We have learnt a lot and have been part of the joys and sorrow of The Church here for a while. We are thankful to God for this. Thank you for supporting us during this time.

With all good wishes,

Tony and Pam.

"WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS"

It is my belief that the Bible contains answers and comments applicable and appertaining to the present age, not only to individuals but also to man-made situations.

St. Paul said, "If anyone among you thinks he is wise, in this passing age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise". And again, "I will make foolish the wisdom of the wise". Probably commenting on, and rebuking those who questioned the prophets and disciples utterances vis-a-vis the Scriptures.

We should not deny discussion, it is healthy, preventing stagnation of thought. But whereas the so-called wise men previously mentioned tried to discount the Scriptures, today's discussion groups, house fellowship etc. strengthen them.

If as St. Paul says, a man must first become a fool before he becomes wise, then this present age has many examples of foolishness - though whether the perpetrators become wise is a moot point. Consider the failed armaments projects - Blue Streak, Nimrod - costing billions of pounds, and unhappily also the peaceful Ground Nuts Scheme. Though the E.E.C. has laudable intentions, we can all recognise the folly of the Common Agricultural Policy, that produces overabundance but paradoxily hardship in other parts of God's World. The European sugar beet industry heavily subsidised has almost ruined the sugar card industry in Third World countries - often their staple industry. We then grant them overseas aid - a sop to our foolishness? or an act of contrition?

The overuse of nitrates in agriculture producing surpluses that no one wants to buy, and probably detrimental to our health too, the despoiling of the environment, is this not folly? We have been blessed in this world with all that should make life pleasant and fulfilling yet it is in danger from man's greed and stupidity - those who consider themselves wise. let us hope future generations will become wise by proxy and correct that which runs counter to the teaching of the scriptures, and not apathetic, otherwise it will complete Thomas Gray's aphorism . . . "tis folly to be wise".

Rex Beaumont

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday 10th April we held our Easter Service. As we had been teaching the children about the Easter Story (indeed some of them had acted it at the March Family Service), we based this Service on all the symbols associated with Easter. Some of the J4 children told everyone how the various symbols originated, and showed examples of them.

Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes. Matthew Kyle managed to toss one for us. All the children in the school had made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday - however the one at the Service was freshly made!

Palm Sunday - Palm Crosses. These were blessed and distributed by the Vicar.

Maundy Thursday - we were able to borrow the chalice, paten, and wafer from All Saint's Church (sadly no wine!) to remind us of the Last Supper.

Good Friday - some of the children had made Hot Cross Buns.

Easter Eve - we looked at one of the Easter Gardens made by the children.

We also lit a Paschal Candle. From this candle representing the new life of Christ, the Light of the World, all the other candles in Church are lit.

Easter Day - possibly the most popular Easter Symbols, Easter Eggs. Dawn Wiles told us of expensive ones made by Faberge, however ours were made of chocolate, and I am sure I don't need to tell you to whom they were given at the end of the Service.

The Service ended with the hymn "Jesus Christ is alive today", and we hope that everyone attending the Service felt that He is alive in our school.

Afterwards coffee and Hot Cross Buns were served, and the judging took place of the Easter gardens, decorated eggs and Easter cakes.

Joan Stratford.

BY FAITH

Learn you to live by faith, as I did live before,
Learn you to give in faith, as I did at my door,
Learn you to keep by faith, as God be still thy store,
Learn you to lend by faith, as I did to the poor,
Learn you to live, to give, to keep, to lend, to spend
That God in Christ, at day of death, may prove my friend.

John Porter (Yeoman of Norfolk

c 1600 AD)



GARDEN PARTY

2.00 pm

Saturday

13TH JUNE

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GROUNDS



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WE NEED HANDS

THE SHIP



THESE THOUGHTS are reputed to have been scribbled on a slip of paper found in the pocket of an army officer killed in action:

WHAT IS DYING? I am standing on the sea shore. A ship sails and spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. She is an object of beauty and I stand watching her till at last she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, 'she is gone.'

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all; she is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I saw her, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, 'She is gone,' there are others who are watching her coming, and other voices take up the glad shout, 'There she comes,' and that is dying.

HOW MUCH DO WE NEED A FAMILY?



A MAJOR NEW pro-family movement – Familybase – has been set up as a response to widespread concern about the disintegration of family life in Britain. A non-party political movement, Familybase is the work of the Jubilee Centre, best known for its role in the Keep Sunday Special Campaign.

WE WERE watching a T/V programme where parents and children had to find one word which each thought best described the other. Industrious, ambitious, individualistic were just some of the words mentioned.

Now I had no problem thinking of one word to categorise each of my three children. The words were lazy, lazy and lazy. But what, I wondered, would they use to best describe me. As I had given them most of my time, energy and money for over 20 years the words that came to mind were – loving, caring, unselfish, generous . . . the list was endless. So I asked my daughter.

"Stubborn," she said, without hesitating.

"Me? Stubborn?," I shrieked.

"Stubborn, inflexible, always think you are right and won't listen to anybody else's point of view."

Oh to see ourselves as others see us!

NORMA WILLIAMS

WRITING in the Winchester Churchman, Trevor Nash, the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, tells of a note left on a church organ after it had been repaired. It read: "You can now change your combinations without taking your feet off the pedals."

At the heart of the Familybase vision is the belief that the family is a vital unit in any society, and this means the *extended* family – uncles, grandparents, nieces and other relatives.

According to Familybase Director, Dr Michael Schluter, many young couples no longer have close family contacts to whom they could turn with their problems, and goes on: "The family not only provides a sense of roots and belonging. It is the ideal, God-given means of providing care for the elderly, handicapped and housebound."

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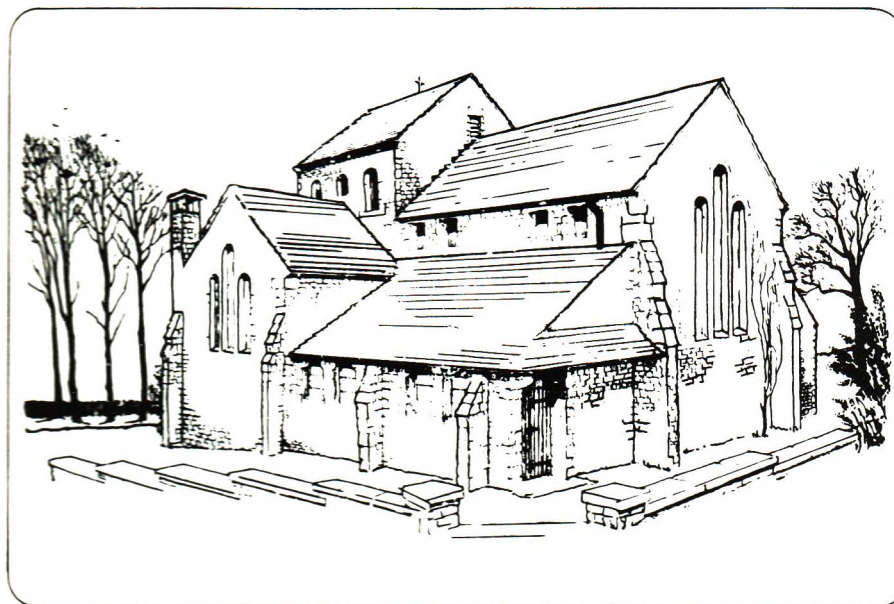
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The spiritual writer that I have gained most from is a Dutch Roman Catholic monk, Fr. Henri Nouwen. Amongst his recent books is a short, but very readable, book entitled "Making All Things New".

In the book he describes the conditions of much of our lives today as 'filled but unfulfilled' - filled with activity and anxiety but unfulfilled in that both the activity and our preoccupations leave us feeling all too often bored, resentful, depressed and lonely.

He poses the questions?

What does it mean to live a spiritual life?

How do we live it?

The life of the Spirit is nothing less than the life of Jesus lived through us. We tend to emphasise the distance between Jesus and ourselves - we forget that Jesus came to give us His own life - life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

To live that life - to live spiritually and discover the transformation this can bring to our everyday lives, Nouwen underlines the necessity for two main disciplines.....

- The discipline of SOLITUDE - the setting apart, even if only for ten minutes a day - of a time and a place for God. A time of learning to listen to Him, and to obey.
- the discipline of COMMUNITY - to share our lives and thereby come to recognise the Spirit of God in each other and to be freed from competitiveness and fear - to love.

In these days where there is a growing interest in contemplative prayer and retreats on one hand and fellowship or housegroups on the other - this book draws together, recognises and reconciles the two aspects by which "we will be led always deeper into the kingdom. There to our joyful surprise we will discover that all things are being made new."

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

P.S. This book can be borrowed from me - or it is published by Gill & Macmillan at £3.50

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE

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| 2nd | Tue 1.45pm | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close |
| | 7.30pm | Ladies Club - Beetle Drive |
| 3rd | Wed 10.45am | Monthly Morning Fellowship - 6 Milldale Road |
| | 8pm | Wednesday Fellowships |
| 4th | Thu 8pm | Standing Committee - 35 Wollaton Road |
| 6th | Sat 7.45pm | Music for a Summer Evening - Church Hall |
| 8th | Mon 7pm | All Saints' School Governor's Meeting |
| 9th | Tue 12.30pm | Liaison Lunch (Tenth Anniversary) |
| | 1.45pm | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close |
| 10th | Wed 8pm | Wednesday Fellowships |
| 11th | Thu 8pm | P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage |
| 13th | Sat 2pm | GARDEN PARTY in Church Grounds |
| 14th | Sun 7.45pm | MIDSUMMER PRAISE & BARBECUE in Church Grounds |
| 16th | Tue 1.45pm | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close |
| | | Outing to British Tissues by Ladies Club |
| 17th | Wed 2pm | Monthly Fellowship - 79 Sunnyvale Road |
| | pm | Wednesday Fellowships |
| 19th | Fri 7pm | Ladies Working Party JUMBLE SALE |
| 20th | Sat 3pm | HOLY MATRIMONY (Martin Neal & Jane Pike) |
| 23rd | Tue 1.45pm | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close |
| | 2.15pm | Ladies Working Party in Hall |
| 24th | Wed | Flower Festival at All Saints' School until Friday |
| | 8pm | Wednesday Fellowships |
| 28th | Sun 2.30pm | TRA Family Sports at Totley Bents |
| 29th | Mon 7pm | Annual Parent's Meeting at All Saints' School |
| 30th | Tue 1.45pm | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close |
| | 8pm | Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue |



GARDEN PARTY

2.00 pm

Saturday

13TH JUNE

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GROUNDS



SERVICES IN JUNE

- 7th WHITSUNDAY - PENTECOST
Theme: 'The Coming of the Holy Spirit'
8am Holy Communion(BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 (RSV)
Gospel: St.John 14: 15-26 (JB)
10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)
12.15pm Holy Baptism (Laura Anne Mellon)
6.30pm Evensong(BCP)
Old Testament: Genesis 11:1-9 (NEB)
New Testament: Acts 2: 1-21 (RSV)
- 14th TRINITY SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 14: 8-17 (JB)
10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 (RSV)
New Testament: St. Mark 1: 1-13 (RSV)
- 21st PENTECOST 2
Theme a.m. 'The People of God'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Peter 2: 1-10 (NEB)
Gospel: St.John 15: 1-5 (JB)
10am Family Service (Speaker - Mr.Michael Goater)
Theme p.m. 'The Church's Unity and Fellowship'
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Acts 2: 37-47 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 14: 15-24 (NEB)
- 28th PENTECOST 3
Theme a.m. 'The Life of the Baptised'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 15: 5-11 (JB)
10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)
Theme p.m. 'The Church's Confidence in Christ'
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8: 11-20 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Luke 8:41-56 (NEB)

Each Sunday the Crypt Club and The Young Fellowship meet at about 11.15 a.m.

TOTLEY SPORTS DAY

A Family Sports Day is being organised by Barrie Catton on behalf of the Totley Residents Association on Sunday afternoon, 28th June from 2.30 p.m. The proceeds will be given to St. Luke's Nursing Home. It is to be held on Totley Bents Recreation Field (by Cricket Inn) and will include free races for children from toddlers to teenagers, stalls and sideshows, Bar B Q, music and entertainment.

If you can lend a hand on the day - contact Barrie (369217)

ALSO FOR ST. LUKES NURSING HOME

The Garden Party at St. Luke's falls on the same day as All Saints' but continues on longer into the afternoon to 5pm. So you could get to both!

A Concert by Meersbrook Park Church Operatic Society on Saturday 13th June at 7.30pm at their hall on Beeton Road. Tickets from Olwen Powell (365357).

PARISH ROTAS

CHURCH FLOWERS

June	Altar	Memory Table
7	Mrs. Hill-Wilson	Mrs. Wiggett
14	Mrs.M.W.Johnson	Mrs. Hall
21	Miss Gillott	Miss Gillott
28	Mrs. Greenhoff	Mrs. Parsons
5 July	Mrs. O Powell	Mrs. Beeley
<u>Silver Cleaning</u>		
June 7	Mrs. E. Powell	June 21 Mrs. D. Firth
<u>PARISH BREAKFAST</u>		
June 7	Mrs. Greenhoff	& Mrs. Ruthven
June 14	Mrs. Ibbotson	& Mrs. Cooke
June 21	Mrs. Brownhill	& Mrs. Wiles
June 28	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite	
July 5	Mrs. Ludlam	& Mrs.Lewis

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

By public demand SAINTS AID '87 are putting on a Concert in aid of Christian Aid entitled 'Music for a Summer's Evening' This is to be in the Church Hall on 6th June (Saturday)from 7.45pm. Tickets at £1 are available from David Lloyd, Angela Waite, Mick Woodhead, the Vicarage or Church.

The concert includes the return of the Greg John Brian Trio, the Two Point Turn, the Green Oak Gypsy Accordionist, Olwen & Irvine - and introducing Belle-Air!

PARISH NOTES

LADIES WORKING PARTY next meet in the Hall on Tuesday 23rd June at 2.15 p.m. We are holding a JUMBLE SALE in the Hall on Friday 19th June at 7pm - please bring any jumble to the hall after 2pm that day. We are also running two stalls at the Garden Party - cakes, and miscellaneous. The Coffee Evening last month at 74 Main Avenue raised £71. The raffle winner was Mrs. Hossent. Thank you for all your support - and to Mrs. Elaine Powell for her home.

LADIES CLUB meet on 2nd June for a Beetle Drive, and on the 16th June are having an outing to British Tissues followed by supper at The Red Lion, Grenoside.

MIDSUMMER PRAISE AND BARBECUE

Following our successful open-air Evening together in the Church Grounds last summer, we are planning another Midsummer Praise and Barbecue on Sunday 14th June from 7.45pm. Bring your friends for an informal time of worship and fellowship.

TO BE CONFIRMED

Vikki Townsend, Julia Gregory and Erica Swarbrigg, all students from Topley College who have made All Saints' their Church during term-time will be Confirmed at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 6th June at 7.30 p.m.

OUR NONAGENERIANS

Miss Dorothy Harris (95) former Sunday School teacher and member of All Saints throughout its 63 years has now moved into residence at the newly-opened Godley Gardens Home on Abbeydale Road South (opposite the Garden Centre) and welcomes friends to visit her there.

Mr. Oswald Varley celebrated his 97th birthday on Whit Bank Holiday Monday. He is still a regular home communicant and wishes to be remembered to all his friends in Totley.

Mrs. May Bingham another regular member of All Saints from its opening was 99 on Sunday 17th May. She resides in Green Oak View and is looking forward to her century.

Mrs. Connie Stansfield at 92 is still as young and attractive as ever and never misses a Sunday unless away from Totley.

WHILE WE SLEEP. . .

... about twenty Totley Folk will be taking part on the Christian Aid Night Hike on 20th/21st June. They are looking for sponsors to make their effort worthwhile. If you can help - look at the list of names in the Church Hall.

SHEFFIELD Diocesan News

JUNE, 1987

Bishop David writes:

LESS SEX PLEASE, WE'RE HUMAN

“Other-worldly” is only very rarely a fair criticism of the Church! In most ages the Christians shared all (or nearly all) the prejudices of their neighbours: they kept slaves, hanged thieves, beat their children and marched off cheerfully to slay their enemies like everyone else. But not all. Usually there have been some who, despite their pressure to conformity kept marching to a different drum, speaking with their Master’s Voice. William Wilberforce and the freeing of the slaves is the classic example.

Today we are not much different. Sex is the great God of our age. Those without an active sex life are seen as slightly less than human and objects of pity or even contempt. "Me too" the Church sometimes seems to be saying. "Our sexuality is a gift from God." "Religion's all about the family." Future generations, I dare to believe, will think us bizarrely wrong-headed in all this. You can have too much of sex.

The Giant Panda, I'm told, is sexually active for three days a year: the rest of the time, male and female alike, they are able to devote to the more important activity of gathering bamboo. It could be that they have got the balance wrong, for there is I gather, some danger of the Giant Panda becoming extinct. But surely we humans have the balance wrong as well. The fundamental natural reason for sexual intercourse is the survival of the species. Our massive obsession with constant sexual activity must be a perversion and from it springs the threat of world starvation through over population the dehumanising, degrading, and ever-increasing total of abortions, and the concern and anxieties of this or that mode of contraception. We encourage people to believe that sex is their right, sex is all important and then agonise over the appalling problems and dangers of sexual assaults.

And as we seek desperately for solutions of all these problems we won't face up to the root cause: the constant encouragement we allow our society to give to our exaggerated and so distorted and destructive sexual appetites. We need less sex if humanity is to survive.

History can repeat itself. In the time of the Roman Empire the same disease was bringing the same destruction. The teaching of the Christian Church transformed society. Respect for God's creation forbade abortion and encouraged restraint and modesty. The human body was to be treated as the temple of God's holy spirit. Most astonishing of all - or so it seemed to the people of those days - virginity was to be honoured and could be achieved.

Dare we hope that the voice of the Christian Church can bring us back to sanity, wholeness and health?

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

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MALTBY FESTIVAL 1987.....

Maltby is holding their second community festival, running from Saturday, 27th June to Sunday, 5th July with events all through the week. Roche Abbey will be the venue of York Waits who will present medieval music on 28th June at 7.30 p.m. and will also be where our closing ecumenical service takes place on Sunday, 5th July at 3.00 p.m.

The 'Beck Ball' will be revived again. This is the primitive form of football/rugby with Maltby Dyke as the half-way line and competed for by four teams - all playing together! Last year the local teachers beat the miners, the rugby club and the emergencies services fairly easily - perhaps 'fairly' isn't quite the word to choose.

Local industry have open days, the schools have concerts - open-air and in-doors, there will be a ceilidh and a jazz concert, not to mention an old time music hall and a brass band concert with a male voice choir.

There will be exhibitions all week, an arts and crafts fair in St. Bart's Church, two Saturday galas and a grand opening parade with the Mayor of Rotherham in attendance.

And much more...

More detailed information from: Revd. Alan Davis, Telephone Rotherham 812684.

Half A Century...

"On Trinity Sunday, 14th June, Canon Charles Richardson will be celebrating 50 years of priesthood in the Church of God. Many people now scattered throughout the country (and the world) have good reason to be truly thankful for Charles's ministry and especially in this Diocese as Rector of Rawmarsh with Parkgate from 1954 to 1976 and of Harthill from 1976 until his retirement in 1980.

Charles will be presiding at the Eucharist at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield at 10 o'clock that morning. The preacher will be the Rev'd Michael Page, Curate of Rawmarsh from 1967 to 1972, Vicar of Holy Cross, Gleadless Valley, 1972 to 1977, and now Vicar of Winchcombe in the Gloucester Diocese.

Please pray and give thanks for Charles's ministry on Trinity Sunday. Friends old and new are welcome to share in this day of celebration and thanksgiving. Priests are invited to robe (white stole) and to concelebrate with Charles. The Vicar of Ranmoor has kindly made available the nearby Parish Centre to Charles and his friends for a short get-together following the service."

Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!

Lightwood House, Norton, Sheffield is a residential hospital for mentally handicapped people. Mrs. P. Bartram, chairperson of the League of Friends writes to say that at the moment they are fund raising to buy a holiday home chalet for the residents at Lightwood, and have discovered a suitable site for the chalet at Bridlington. If you want to give thanks in a practical way for happy holidays at Brid, what about a donation to the Friend's Appeal? The League of Friends, Lightwood House Hospital, Lightwood Lane, off Norton Avenue, Sheffield, 8.

A first for one day choir schools....

The first one-day school for church choirs organised by the new Royal School of Church Music Area Committee was held on Saturday, 28th March. It was directed by Geoffrey Gratton, Head of Music at Matlock Convent High School, and takes place at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill.

Choirs in the Sheffield area were invited to take part and the response was very encouraging. 170 singers from seventeen churches turned up to practise all morning and most of the afternoon. They came from all around Sheffield: from as far afield as Brampton Bierlow, Aston, Whiston, Wickersley, Rotherham, Frechville, Greenhill, Norton, Dore, Totley and Bolsterstone as well as closer to home: Carver Street, Pitsmoor, Bannerdale, Ecclesall and Ranmoor. The choristers were boys and girls, men and women. One of the youngest was Alastair Fry, Aged 7 from Ecclesall Church and the oldest was John Williams, aged 85, who joined the choir of Christchurch, Pitsmoor in 1920 when he was eighteen.

They began by rehearsing the music in separate parts, Mr. Gratton taking the higher voices and Bob Johnson, the resident organist teaching the lower voices. After lunch all the parts came together for a long practice. With such large numbers and the resonance of this large, modern church it took quite a while for all the singers to learn to sing together.

The afternoon ended with the Service of Evensong. Highlights were the Nunc Dimittis by Brewer, the anthem "O Saviour of the World" by Goss and the descant in the final hymn "Fill thou my life" to the well-known tune of "Richmond".

Altogether a very successful and worthwhile beginning to this new R.S.C.M. venture in the Diocese. One day choir schools continue throughout the year.

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APPOINTMENTS

Revd. Alan Charles Griffiths, Vicar of St. Richard's in the Diocese of Birmingham, to be Assistant Director of Education (Youth and Children) in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Revd. Barbara Hicks, at present serving in the Parish of St. Paul's, Norton Lees, to serve in the Parish of St. John, Park.

Revd. Dr. G. M. Yould, Vicar of the Parishes of Brodsworth, Hooton Pagnell, Marr, and Frickley with Clayton, to be Chaplain at St. Mary's School, Wantage.

BISHOP'S SPADEWORK.....



Bishop David, getting down to some spade work recently when he planted a Tulip Tree in the Churchyard at Ecclesall Parish Church, Sheffield.

The tree was part of their prize - awarded personally by the Bishop - for the Best Kept Churchyard in the Diocese. The Bishop is watched here by Canon John Collie (extreme left), the Vicar of Ecclesall, and parishioners. Canon Collie also received - on behalf of the parish - a cheque for £50 from the Bishop, the other part of the prize. The sapling and the cheque were funded from a surplus silver tea set (a leaving gift to a former Curate of Sheffield Parish Church - now Sheffield Cathedral) which the Bishop recently had auctioned off. All Saints', Ecclesall were the first parish to receive this award from the Bishop - himself a keen gardener - for excellent work on their nine-acre burial ground.

The Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) is frequently found in parks and large gardens. It starts to flower mid-June and produces attractive golden foliage in the autumn. In presenting the tree and the cheque the Bishop paid special tribute to Mr. Peter Mesdag who has supervised the work on the Churchyard at All Saints', Ecclesall.

Calling

St. John's College, Durham, is holding a conference "Our Christian Calling" which will be of particular interest to all those who wish to consider any form of Christian service, lay or ordained.

During the time spent together at the college, in the shadows of the Cathedral, every opportunity will be given to look at the importance of being a Christian, female or male, lay or ordained in the world of today.

The conference from 11th-13th September costs £26 and more information is available from: Miss Julie Harrison (Conference Secretary), St. John's College, 3 South Bailey, Durham City, DH1 3RJ: Tel: 0385 69113/4.

Churchwardens

For several years the Diocese has held a conference for Churchwardens, and many people have appreciated not only the information that has been shared, but the friendships made.

This year, in view of the Bishop's Visitation, the Conference for new Churchwardens will be shorter, and will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Herringthorpe, Rotherham on Sunday, 21st June between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Invitations in the first instance will be sent only to newly admitted Churchwardens, but, of course, any Churchwarden who would like to attend for a "refresher" will be welcome.

St. Luke's Sell out

Earlier this year, St. Luke's Nursing Home in South Sheffield asked through the pages of Sheffield Diocesan News, for volunteers able to offer friendship and help to families who are caring at home for a terminally ill or severely chronically sick relative.

The first preparatory training course was almost immediately fully booked, and is now underway. It's hoped to hold a second training course during the next year.

What good news to know that people read and respond when items are published in the NEWS, especially when at the end of the day, people's gifts and abilities are paired with expressed needs.

Open Door

St. Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton, have their open weekend at Pentecost, 6th and 7th June from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. There are flowers, music, refreshments, and an exhibition of vestments, silver and other interesting items. On Pentecost Sunday there's Mass at 9.30 a.m. and Benediction at 4.00 p.m.

Way back in 1985, St. Wilfrid's was suffering from a great deal of subsidence and the restoration of the church gave archeologists and historians a field day in the ancient building which had to be almost half taken down before it could be rebuilt. Amongst other treasures discovered at the restoration was a stone coffin lid, beautifully preserved, to Robert Haringel, the Lord of the Manor of Hickleton many centuries ago. It now sees the light of day again and is displayed in the church. As well as at the open weekend, the church is open on Sunday afternoons from May to September between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Coal and the Church for the 1990's

The Revd. Tony Attwood of Sheffield Industrial Mission, and Chaplain in the South Yorkshire Coalfield is closely involved with a day conference for churches in the coalfield. He has written to many churches inviting their staff and laypeople to St. John and St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Lockwood Road, Goldthorpe on Wednesday, 17th June from 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

There will be talks about the Coal Industry and the Future, plenty of time for questions about the Industry, and discussion on how the churches can respond.

Further details from him at: 5 Daw Wood, Bentley, Doncaster, DN5 0PU. Tel: Doncaster 875904

Thurcroft - music must

Pupils of the Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, are making their annual visit to Thurcroft on Sunday, 21st June.

There's a concert in the Parish Church at 4.00 p.m., admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

The visit is greatly valued by the school and the Church, and the Sunday Concert is a highlight, not only in the Parish diary, but also in that of the diocese.

If you've never been up to now, what about going this year?

SEA SUNDAY



Sea Sunday falls on July 12th this year and once more is jointly planned by the Anglican Missions to Seamen, the Roman Catholic Apostleship of the Sea and the Free Church's British Sailors' Society.

Sea Sunday is the day when parishes in the UK and other parts of the world are asked to think about and pray for seafarers and the church's ministry to them.

Most of the world's trade is still carried by sea and 98% of the UK's imports are brought to us by the merchant marine.

"We depend on seafarers to leave their homes and families and to face the dangers of the sea to bring us many of our daily needs" said the Archbishop of Canterbury "and Sea Sunday gives us a special opportunity to thank God for their contribution and to support the church's ministry to them."

Material for use in worship on Sea Sunday (or at any other time of the year) includes an A4-size poster, dated or undated, a leaflet with sermon notes and suggestions for worship, a concertina-style picture booklet for younger children to colour and a 8 page teacher's booklet with ideas for 6-13 year-olds, suited to either one or four sessions. These are available from the Mission's central office in London.

The Missions to Seamen, St. Michael Paternoster Royal College Hill, London EC4R 2RL Tel. 01-248 5202

Christians in the Welfare State

*Do you think the Welfare State is under attack?
What can we do about the declining Welfare State?
Are you concerned about the cracks in the Welfare State?*

These issues have been explored in the Board of Social Responsibility publication "Not Just for the Poor" by Michael Bayley.

If you think this is important and would like to share your concern, would you be prepared to:

- read "Not Just for the Poor"?
- attend a Study Day on July 4th, 1987, led by Michael Bayley?
- lead a short series of parish Study Groups in the autumn?

If so please contact either: Mrs. J. Williams, Sheffield 446140 or Mrs. N. M. Johnson, Sheffield 587762 or write to the Issues Information Network, 749 Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield S9 4ET.

The Church's Ministry of Healing

Crowhurst, Sussex.

Teaching weeks are held each year for Clergy and members of allied professions, including medicine. Courses are also available for laity who are active members of their local church. Full details from: The Director, The Old Rectory, Crowhurst, Nr. Battle, E. Sussex. TN33 9AD.

REX THOUGHTS

"Man is certainly stark mad, he cannot make a flea, yet he will be making gods by dozens" was a scathing remark by Michael de Montaigne. Is he saying that in proportion to their worth they are of less value than a flea however large they loom in their beholder's mind?

These man-made gods are in the main selfish and conceit forming, sometimes dominating the beholder's lives and amounting to an obsession. A definition of obsess: to haunt, to beset, to trouble (as an evil spirit).

All this is very apt when applied to the worship of the love of money (you cannot serve God and Mammon) or the love of power for power corrupts. As John Stuart Mill (1806-1873) said, "The Love of power and the love of liberty are in eternal antagonism".

There are other man-made gods of a more mundane and everyday character and seemingly innocuous. The love of hobbies, sports, television and video viewing - that are, at the least, an irritant and, at most, bring misery to those around the devotee who are not of like mind.

The cynic may ask the Christian about the difference between their worship and those previously mentioned. The Christian worship is based on spiritual values (love, hope, faith, humility, etc). It is what you worship that really matters. When you worship the only true God, all other values fall into place.

Rex Beaumont

SEEING AND LEARNING OF GOD IN HIS CREATION

Jesus said, "Move the stone and you shall find me, Cleave the Wood and I am there." (Gospel of Thomas)

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Have you ever wanted to fulfil a dream and become Napoleon, Norah Batty or even Noddy? Well your dream can come true if you enter one of the Fancy Dress Competitions at the Garden Party on 13th June at 2pm. We are having a category for adults as well as children and judging will take place just after the Opening Ceremony - so you don't have to wear your suit of armour all afternoon!

Arrive at 1.45pm in the Church Hall on the day to enter. Contact Trish Woodhead if you want more details (369572)

"YOUNG SAINTS" - SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

After much thought, discussion and prayer, a new name for Sunday School was officially commissioned at a combined Youth Service in the Church Hall in February. 'Young Saints' was finally chosen by Stewart from among many suggestions, all designed to improve the perception of 'Sunday School' work within the children's various peer groups. (Our 'market research' among the children, quickly demonstrated that they find it difficult to 'own up' to attending Sunday School on the playground or within their particular group of friends.

New Name, New Logo . . .

So with a new name, a badge was produced for awarding after 4 weeks consistent attendance, with a scheme of two other coloured badges after 13 and 26 weeks attendance. The Young Saints continue to use the Scripture Union 'Learning Altogether' Course in small groups, after an opening time of praise and worship, prayer, description of the week's theme, and of course, remembering any birthdays in the traditional way.

We have a 'Young Saints' Song, as well, which may one day be slipped into a Family Service, who knows?

The entry into the final part of the Communion Service has become an established finish to the meeting, with a blessing for each child at the Communion rail.

Beyond Young Saints...

There are now four youth groups in our Church family:

YOUNG SAINTS	- 3½-11 yrs
JUNIOR CHOIR	- 8+ (contact Olwen Powell)
CRYPT CLUB	- 11-14 (contact Dorothy Firth)
YOUNG FELLOWSHIP	- 14-18 (contact Mick Woodhead/ David Lloyd)

There is always room for more young people in these groups - but the signs are encouraging - young Christian lives are being cultivated.

And finally.....

It is a continual privilege to work with these young people. Their natural spirit of enquiry and openness before God is most humbling.

On behalf of all of us involved with the children's work we would welcome the Church's prayer support, and we are most grateful to those of you who already regularly pray for this work.

We close our report with a quotation from 'Family Life' (May issue), the magazine of St. Thomas' Crookes.

"....Jesus, in his attitude to children - made it quite clear how important they are and how much we can learn from them. They are not the Church of tomorrow, they are the Church of today!"

In love and hope,
John and Lynne Marshall.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD

A Workshop for Women to find out how to apply the truths of God's Word in your daily life and relationships. Discover the real you! Choose to be whole in spirit, soul and body. Join with others at Totley Rise Methodist Church on 5th June 10am to 4pm and 7.30pm to 10pm. Contact Pauline Perkinson (361601) for more details.

SPOILT FOR CHOICE....

... as the ladies can also have a day with Hilary Dell Cook (author of "What will the Neighbours Say?") at Cemetery Road Baptist Church on Monday 15th June 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 pm. Tickets from C.L.C. @ £1 Theme: 'On the street where you live.'

BRINGING YOUR BABY TO CHURCH

Babies and Toddlers are always welcome at Church and it is a joy to see whole families worshipping together. However, even Family Services are not geared to the needs of the very young, so what are the choices for parents:-

- bring soft toys, rag books, etc., to keep your child occupied - and avoid toys that can be banged or shaken. (Has anyone soft toys to spare to keep in Church?)
- do not feel you have to come to a whole Service - sit where you can quietly slip out, or come in for the last part.
- use the creche available in the Church Hall, for all or part of the service - contact Lynne Marshall (360653) for details.

LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN

As I drove home after attending Evensong recently I found the words of the first verse of the final hymn were going over and over in my mind :- "Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy, whose trust ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking and give us we pray your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day." It made me think what a great responsibility we Christians have to show the bliss which must be in our hearts if we are truly His.

There is a danger that we can be made to feel that we should be serious if we are Christians, that it is wrong to laugh and share jokes with one another. Of course, we must take life seriously, but surely one of these responsibilities is to be happy and joyful. It is very easy to be happy and joyful when working with children as I do, and I feel very privileged to be spending my days in such a happy environment.

However I do think we can all learn a lot from children. Young children are extremely happy beings and they bring such joy to our lives. Maybe they are like this because they have implicit trust in the adults who surround them. Indeed we know from all the publicity about children who are abused and their unhappiness that this is caused by adults in their lives failing them, they can no longer trust them and this leads to joyless and unhappy lives.

Surely we should be like children and show that we have absolute trust in God by being happy, joyful and fulfilled. If we are unhappy, joyless and unfulfilled then we cannot be trusting in Him. In St. Matthew 18, Jesus tells us "unless you become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven". Maybe it is more important than ever in our modern stressful times that we follow this.

God does give us His bliss at the break of every day, but we must nurture it and then we will also have his peace in our hearts at the end of the day.

Joan Stratford.

JONI EAREACKSON IN SHEFFIELD

Joni famous for her wheelchair-based Christian ministry through writing, films and records will be at the Octagon Centre on Saturday 20th June at 4pm and also at 7.30pm Tickets @ £3 and £4 from the YMCA or C.L.C. Bookshop.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

April 18th Kate Suzanne Hunter
May 17th Georgina Margaret Owen

Holy Matrimony

May 2nd Mark Antony Law & Rachel Brownhill

Funerals

April 16th Annie Johnson (93) 74 Green Oak Road
April 23rd Cecil Noton (67) Rowan Tree Dell
May 1st Cyril Swift (50) 121 Green Oak Road
May 5th Bessie Smith (79) 8 Bradway Close
May 6th Emily Motley (88) Green Oak View

Annie Johnson was born in Dore, daughter of the village blacksmith. She came to Totley when she married in 1914 to live at the top of Baslow Road, moving to her flat in Green Oak Road 8 years ago.

Cecil Noton came from Norfolk Park to Totley in 1950 after serving in the RAF in India during the war. Most of his working days were spent in the export department of T.W. Ward. We give thanks for his quiet courtesy as a sidesman at All Saints' and his Christian commitment and faith. Cyril Swift's early death was a great shock to us all and we extend our deepest sympathy to Christine, Philip and Rachel. We give thanks for his kindness, his sense of humour, and popularity as a friend and neighbour, and his conscientious work in technical sales engineering.

Bessie Smith had lived in Totley for over 50 years. Still remembered for her part in organising the VE Day street parties, she cheerfully gave all the help she could to community activities. Happy and hardworking she spread joy and laughter to all with whom she came in contact.

Emily Motley came from Hunter's Bar with her husband to live at Green Oak View about 18 months ago. He died just before Christmas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

From Daphne Noton: "I wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped and encouraged me through the sad time of Cecil's sudden death. For your support in prayer, messages, cards, letters and flowers. For Rev. S. Rayner's kindness and prayers, Rev.W.Hossent's lovely Service and prayers, and the organist, Mr.A.Haywood."

Christine Swift, Rachel and Philip wish to express their thanks for the support, prayers and help received following Cyril's sudden death.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL FLOWER FESTIVAL

Following the success of last year's festival we have decided to hold one again this year. It will be on Wednesday 24th June, Thursday 25th June from 2pm until 8pm and Friday 26th June from 2pm until 4pm. As many of you were unable to attend last year because it was only open during school hours, we have decided to stay open later so there will be no excuse for not attending this year! There will be no charge for entry - but a basket will be available for donations and we shall be supporting a Children's Charity. Refreshments will be served. If all goes to plan we intend to have a professional flower arranger to give a demonstration on the Thursday evening - please watch the School notice board, and the Church notice sheet for details nearer the time.

We would like as many people (of all ages) as possible to contribute, and would be grateful if contributions could be brought to school on Tuesday 23rd June or the morning of Wednesday 24th June. For those people who prefer to work to a theme we have chosen "Bible Stories". However we would be grateful for any arrangements (garden or wild flowers), miniature gardens, collage work, embroidery, pressed flower pictures, paintings and drawings of flowers - in fact absolutely anything to do with flowers.

Dates of school activities which members of All Saints Church may wish to attend.

Saturday 20th June P.T.A. Treasure Hunt followed by Barbecue and Disco.

Wednesday 1st July 1.30 p.m. Sports Afternoon

Thursday 16th July 7.15 p.m. School Concert

Friday 24th July 9.15 a.m. Leavers Assembly

Joan Stratford

END QUOTES

The finest kind of friendship is between people who expect a great deal of each other, but never ask for it.

Sylvia Bremer

Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others happy.

Col. Robert Ingersoll. U.S.A.
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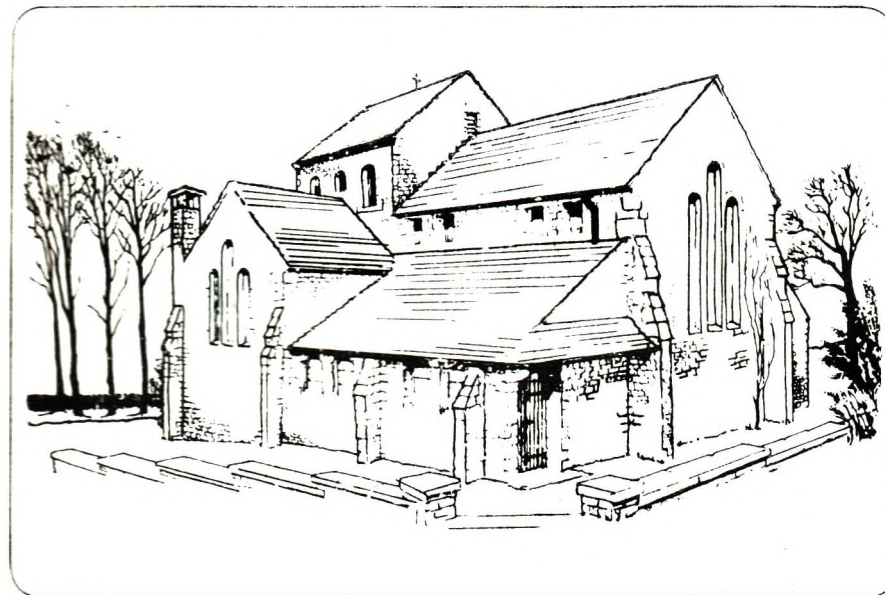
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Dear Friends,

This letter was written on the Sunday in which the Church recalls the Doctrine of the Trinity. Because it is called a 'doctrine' we tend to think of it as a theological matter best left to the academics. Yet the doctrine was the Early Church's response to what they experienced in their lives.

The New Testament tells us that the disciples baptized their first converts in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In these names they expressed the essence of the faith which they wanted to pass on to others.

They believed in God the Father, as the creative power behind the world, who had a loving plan and purpose for all He had made. They had also come to perceive that God was present in a unique way in Jesus, Jesus, their Master, was also Lord and Saviour of all, the Son of God. As St. Paul put it - "On the Cross, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself."

Then on the Day of Pentecost, and in their experience thereafter, they came to see that the Holy Spirit of God was at work in their lives. The Spirit promised by Jesus Christ, enabled them to continue His work, not in their own strength, but in God's.

What was the experience of the first Christian disciples is our experience too. Being a Christian gives us so much more to hold on to than 'hoping in a supreme being somewhere'. It gives us the assurance of a God who truly cares about me as an individual as a parent would a child. We know the nature of God through the light, truth, and redeeming love of Jesus Christ, and his triumph over evil and death. We rely on the power and guidance of God in our everyday actions as we know the presence of His Spirit with us.

Let us therefore not be put off by theological terms such as the Doctrine of the Trinity - but rather take the three-fold nature of God into our lives -

- trusting in the Father who loves us
- accepting the Son and his saving work into our hearts
- seeking the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and support us all our days.

With every blessing,

Stewart Rayner

5th PENTECOST 4

Theme: 'The Freedom of the Sons of God.'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Galatians 3:23 to 4:7 (TEV)

Gospel: St. John 15: 12-17 (JB)

10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)

Theme: The Church's Mission to the Individual

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isaiah 63: 7-14 (RSV)

New Testament: St. Luke 15: 1-10 (RSV)

12th PENTECOST 5

Theme: 'The New Law'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 1-10 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Matthew 19: 16-26 (NEB)

10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)

Theme: 'The Church's Mission to all men.'

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Ruth 1:8 17,22 (NEB)

New Testament: St. Luke 10: 1-12 (NEB)

19th PENTECOST 6

Theme 'The New Man'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17 (RSV)

Gospel: St. Luke 15: 11-32 (RSV)

10am Family Service (Mr. Gordon Grayson)

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 17-32 (RSV)

Gospel: St. Mark 10: 46-52 (NEB)

26th PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND

PENTECOST 7

Theme 'The More Excellent Way'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP said with hymns, no sermon)

3.30pm Parish Family Eucharist - at Thornbridge Hall

Epistle: I Corinthians 12:27 to 13:13 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Deuteronomy 10:12 to 11:1 (NEB)

New Testament: St. Mark 12: 28-34 (NEB)

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY

1st Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 46 The Grove
1.30pm All Saints' School Sports
3rd Fri 8.15pm RSCM Choral Eucharist at Doncaster
Parish Church
4th Sat 2pm Holy Matrimony (Adrian Vickers & Alison Wright)
7th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club COFFEE EVENING
8th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
11th Sat 1.30pm Parents & Toddlers Group JUMBLE SALE
7.30pm 'King Forever' Mission Choir at City Hall
14th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
15th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
8pm Wednesday Fellowships
16th Thu 7.15pm All Saints' School Concert
21st Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club Strawberry Evening
22nd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
23rd Thu 10am - 12 COFFEE MORNING at 220 Baslow Road
8pm P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage.
24th Fri 9.15pm Leavers' Assembly at All Saints' School
24th-26th PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND AT THORNBRIDGE HALL
25th Sat 3pm Holy Matrimony (Philip Duffy &
Catherine Hirst)
28th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
29th Wed 8pm Evening with Theo & Di - in Hall.

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND 24th/26th JULY

Details of the programme and costs of the weekend at Thornbridge Hall are available on a separate leaflet from Church. Day visitors are most welcome but please complete a form as soon as possible if you require a meal. We plan to conclude the weekend with a Parish Eucharist at 3.30pm on Sunday. This will be the main All Saints' Service for that day - the 10am Holy Communion will be said with hymns and no sermon. We look forward to seeing you at Thornbridge.

SHOW STARTERS

The 1987 Sheffield Show is to be held in Graves Park on 5/6th and 12/13th September which includes the Churches' Tent with visual displays, literature and refreshments. Volunteers are needed from the south of the City to set up chairs and tables, bake scones and cakes at home (freezer available), make sandwiches nearby, and serve refreshments on site. Please contact the Vicar.

PARISH NOTES

Ladies Working Party

The Jumble Sale raised £135. Thanks to all helpers. There will be no meetings during July and August.

Ladies' Club

The Ladies' Club are holding a COFFEE EVENING with Bring'n Buy on Tuesday 7th July.

On July 21st they meet for a Strawberry Evening at the Vicarage.

Junior Choir News

We welcome as a new member, Christina Riley, who was invested on Trinity Sunday.

Members of the Junior Choir with some supporting adults will be taking part in the R.S.C.M. Diocesan Festival Service to be held at St. George's Parish Church of Doncaster on Friday 3rd July. The Service is a choral Festival Eucharist at 8.15pm and we hope some members of the congregation will be able to be present.

If you know of any young boys who might be interested in joining the Church choir - please contact Elwen Powell (365357)

All Saints' Parent and Toddler Group

There is to be a JUMBLE SALE for the Group on Saturday 11th July in the Church Hall at 1.30pm. If you have any jumble to dispose of, please contact Helen Foley (364036)

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Sellars who, despite the demands of family life, achieved a 2i Honours Botany Degree at Sheffield University.

THANK YOU from Barbara and Greg Brownhill to everybody who, through their generosity and kindness, helped to make Mark and Rachel's Wedding Day very special.

GARDEN PARTY GRATITUDE

We thank all those who helped in so many ways to make this year's Garden Party such a successful and happy occasion. The record total of £870 reflects the hard work of many. We are always interested in new ideas - please give us yours.

POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Under 5	Elizabeth Ransom	8 yrs	Simon Marshall
5 yrs	Sarah Wilkinson	9 yrs	Emilie Scholey
6 yrs	Sarah Hendry	10 yrs	Celia Adams
7 yrs	Richard Whitehead	11 yrs	Rebecca Scholey

Our thanks to all the 150 children who entered and presented us with such a colourful array of pictures.

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 23rd July from 10am to noon. Please come and bring your friends.

INDIAN EVANGELICAL MISSION

On Wednesday 29th July there will be an 'Evening with Theo and Di Srinivasagam' in the Church Hall at 8pm. As a parish we contribute to the work of Theo and Di in India and they will be sharing something of their work and experience with us. All welcome.

"KING FOREVER" - RECORD LAUNCH

An informal evening of praise and worship led by the Mission Sheffield Choir to celebrate the launch of their first album, at Sheffield City Hall, Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm. Tickets from £1.

NOT JUST FOR THE POOR - Whither the Welfare State?

If you are concerned about what is happening and going to happen to our Social Services, the Health Service, and the Welfare State in general, come to a meeting organised by the Open Church Group on Tuesday 7th July 2pm to 4pm at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill. The Rev. Michael Bayley who helped produce the Report will be the speaker.

PARISH ROTAS

CHURCH FLOWERS

July	Altar	Memory Table
5	Mrs.O.Powell	Mrs. Beeley
12	Mrs. Rayner	Mrs. Billard
19	Miss Taylor	Mrs. Partington
26	Mrs.Manterfield	Mrs.Beeley
2 Aug	Mrs. Jockel	Mrs.D.Smith
Silver Cleaning		
July 5	Mrs. Gray	July 19 Mrs.Brownhill

PARISH BREAKFAST

July 5	Mrs.Ludlam & Mrs. Lewis
July 12	Mrs.Manterfield & Mrs Best
July 19	Mrs.D.Firth & Mrs. L. Marshall
July 26	Mrs.J.Woodhead & Mrs. Brown
August 2	Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Iveson

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RIGHT v WRONG

says the Bishop of Doncaster



Righteousness exalts a nation. So a proverb in the Book of Proverbs tells us; and the righteousness that is affirmed covers the whole range of ethical behaviour. It is justice in practice. Recent years have seen an increasing emphasis by the Church on the need for such awareness. The Report of the Archbishop's Commission on Urban Priority Areas draws attention to one challenge placed before both Church and Society; a responsibility underlined by the recent statement by the group of Urban Bishops prior to the General Election.

Thank God we have had the vision to move the ethical challenge of the Gospel out of the private domain and into a public place. Yet by an odd reversal of prophetic ministry we are more reluctant nowadays to remind ourselves that private morality and personal responsibility are equally necessary. If we stay with the Book of Proverbs, the personal character of the practice of righteousness is underlined again and again. The righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight. Sin has to be dealt with in the structures of society, but we cannot evade the reality of sin in the human heart.

It matters greatly of course as to how we handle questions of personal morality. There must be sensitivity and respect for the dignity and integrity of others. Some of those Victorian preachers who revelled in fire and brimstone possibly overdid it. Rigidity and intolerance are not conducive in themselves to drawing men and women to the love and grace of Christ. Nevertheless we are not faithful either to God, or to those among whom as Christians we minister, or to what is required of ourselves, if we fail to say that God is a God of judgement. Individually as well as corporately, privately as well as publicly, we are accountable to him.

Does this mean that Christians want to present to others a harsh and uncaring image of God? Certainly not. If God requires righteousness of us, it is because his own action is righteousness itself; in all he does, his love and holiness are inseparable, a love and holiness signally displayed in the sacrifice of Christ.

We are often advised to avoid technical theological jargon. Sound advice indeed. It is difficult however to abandon the concept of righteousness. It is so central to biblical thinking. If righteousness is a technical word, right as opposed to wrong should make sense to solid Yorkshiremen, and rightness and straightness of conduct and behaviour is what I am writing about. God is totally right in what he does, and he expects right conduct from us. In the power of the Cross and in the risen Christ he makes it possible.

We thank God for Phillip Turner's ministry. He was a faithful pastor of his people, and a man of considerable personal kindness. Some of us are talkers. He was a listener. Shrewdness, a sense of humour, and a clear sense of purpose were characteristic of him, as was his own deep love of Christ. Our prayers are with Beryl and the family.

Yours sincerely
WILLIAM,
Bishop of Doncaster.

With thanks to God

Ken Sargeantson of the Marshlands, pays tribute to the life and witness of Phillip Turner, first Vicar of the Parish of the Marshlands, who died recently...

"Phillip was a man of very deep faith, a working, caring, sharing priest, a shepherd of his flock here in Marshland. It was his firm belief that his flock were really all marshland people, not just the ones who attend church. Phillip and Beryl, along with Martin their son, came to the parish a little over a year ago, and had already settled into our way of life.

Phillip came here to, amongst other things, minister to the marshland people in their every need, day by day, and his sense of joy and fun was contagious. We thank God for his life and ministry, the friendship and fellowship we had, and we give our prayers and love to Beryl and Martin at this time. Our lives in Marshland must surely be the richer that he was sent to us."

"Not Just For The Poor"

The Rev. Dr. Michael Bayley will lead a study on the report on Tuesday, 7th July in the Upper Room of St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, from approximately 2-4 p.m. He was himself on the Committee of the Board for Social Responsibility which produced it and did much of the writing himself.

The meeting is organised by the Open Church Group. Everybody is welcome and particularly people with experience of our Social Services and Health Services in action.

There is car parking in the Church car park.

WORLD WIDE

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Around 60 parishes from all over the Diocese were represented at the "What a World" day at Sheffield Cathedral on May 16th. The event was organised by the Diocesan Committee for Mission and Unity and co-ordinated for them by the Revd Alan Richardson of Beighton together with Missionary Society representatives from all the major organisations who together form the Partners in World Mission.

"A missionary commitment at home and abroad is the touchstone of the Christian Faith" said the Bishop of Sheffield as he challenged the folk of Sheffield Diocese to become more mission aware. Bishop Pat Harris, Secretary of Partners in World Mission, spoke about the growing co-operation between the missionary organisations and of their need to continue as voluntary organisations working together yet with great flexibility.

Bishop Michael Nazir Ali, from the Church in Pakistan, and recently appointed Theological Adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury in preparation for next year's Lambeth Conference, impressed everyone and for most people present stood their ideas of Missionary work on their heads. He spoke of the tremendous growth of Christian Churches in areas where Western missionary influences had been withdrawn. As one whose father was a convert from Islam, he spoke about the Christian outreach to people of the Muslim Faith. The day was both educational and quite literally inspirational and a great success.

But have you ever actually met one?

Most people who take part in discussions concerning the ordination of women to the priesthood do so from a background of theological conviction, one way or another. Few will have had the opportunity which enables them to argue from experience; indeed some, believing the ordination of women to be an impossibility anyway, will say that there cannot be an argument from experience!

Mrs. Virginia Sheay believes herself to be a priest in the Anglican Church. She is Rector of a parish in Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A., and will be staying in Stocksbridge for a while at the end of July. She has agreed to the Revd Stuart Brindley organising an informal evening at the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Provost), at which she will speak briefly about her experience in ministry and answer questions.

The meeting, at **Sheffield Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, 21st July at 7.30 p.m.**, is not being organised under any party banner, nor is it designed to persuade anyone to change their mind. It is simply an opportunity to be able to say 'yes' to the question at the head of this article.

It is not essential to let Stuart Brindley know if you are coming, but it might help with arrangements. Drop him a line at: The Vicarage, Victoria Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield. S30 5FX., or 'phone Sheffield 886964.

Green Party?

We hear that some visitors to Bishop's Lodge, home of the Rt Revd and Mrs Bill Persson, were recently served with Nettle Soup. There were, however, no stinging remarks made about this and we gather that it was enjoyed by all.

Biblical Assurance

A Rotherham Company dealing in security equipment and systems, has published advertising blurb which reads "The wicked shall see it and be grieved, he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away!" (Psalm 112) There is no doubt that although their prices are very competitive, they will have increased in line with inflation since those words were first written!

APPOINTMENTS

Revd. Tim Ellis, Vicar of St. Thomas, Pendleton, Salford, to be Vicar of St. Leonard, Norwood, Sheffield.

Revd. Alan Matthews, Ass. Curate of the United Benefice of Goldthorpe and Hickleton, to be Ass. Curate at Hemsworth in the Diocese of Wakefield.

Revd. Susan Smith, Curate at St. Chad's Norton Woodseats, to become Chaplain at Scargill House in the autumn.

Revd. David Mann, Chaplain at Sheffield Cathedral, to serve on the staff at St. George's, Leeds.

Beavering Bishop

While some Bishops have been busy with their knitting or watching football matches, Bishop David has been beavering away at one of his major interests: History. When he visited all the Church Schools in his Diocese last year - something which not many Bishops have got round to doing - one slight anxiety he had was about the teaching of History nowadays and that we seem likely to produce a great crop of experts on Dinosaurs but not many who would know anything about the Kings and Queens of England.

With his own background as a historian, the Bishop has written a history of the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Sheffield. It is a task which not many Bishops have tackled but Bishop David admits to having greatly enjoyed getting the book together. He started to work on it over the Christmas (1986) period and the book was published this Easter.

Back in the Middle Ages - he reveals - two thirds of the tithes from the parish of Sheffield were shipped off to the monastery at Fontanelle in Normandy. The parish in those days had a 24-mile boundary and for some, as he says, it must have been a long walk to church. Archbishops of York, on their rare visits to the parish church, drove up in style in a carriage and four.

Ultimately - in 1914 - Sheffield's parish church became the Cathedral of the newly formed Diocese and the long, and sometimes bitter debate began about building a grander edifice, more suitable as a cathedral. September 4th 1939 - the day after the outbreak of World War 2 - was the fateful day on which work should have started on enlarging the cathedral according to plans drawn up by Sir Charles Nicholson. More modest extensions were built in the 1960's.

"Chapters toward a History of the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Sheffield" is available from the Bishop of Sheffield, Bishopscroft, Snaithing Lane, SHEFFIELD S10 3LG. at £3.75 (inclusive of postage and package)

Situation Vacant

ORGANIST wanted for the beginning of September at St. Thomas's Church, Worsbrough Dale to play at the Parish Communion on Sunday mornings. Wedding and Funeral duties also available. Salary to be negotiated. Apply in writing to: The Revd David Gay, The Vicarage, 13 Bank End Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4AF.

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The Revd. Dr. John Osgerby. (on left) Warden of Readers, seen here with Lay Readers present at his Institution and Induction in the Fishlake Group of Parishes.

Ordination

Your prayers are asked for those to be ordained in the Cathedral.

To the Priesthood on Saturday, 4th July at 7.00 p.m.
Andrew Bowsher at Grenoside
Jeremy Cobb at Greenhill
Ian Draffan at Millhouses (N.S.M.)
Jack Harris at Christ Church, Doncaster
Geoffrey Hollingsworth at Thorne
Peter Ingram at Maltby
Trevor Riess at Stainforth
Trevor Thurston-Smith at Rawmarsh with Parkgate
Gavin Wakefield at Anston
Nicholas Whetton at Hatfield

To the Diaconate on Sunday, 5th July at 11.00 a.m.
Murray Brown (Trinity College, Bristol) to Greasbrough
Alastair Cutting (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Woodlands
David Evans (Chichester Theological College) to Goldthorpe
Peter Gascoigne (Lincoln Theological College) to Wath-on-Dearne
Laurence Mort (Lincoln Theological College) to Aston-cum-Aughton
Patricia Needham (Lay Worker) at Warmsworth
Susan Oakley (St. John's College, Nottingham) to Armthorpe
Martin Poole (College of the Resurrection, Mirfield) to St. Catherine, Richmond Road
Gary Simmons (Trinity College, Bristol) to Ecclesfield

Clergy wishing to participate in the Ordination on Saturday, can contact Canon Gordon Lacey at the Cathedral.

Love one another

How often have you said amongst yourselves, "What can we do to help others less fortunate than ourselves, like the sick, the housebound, those who are in hospital?"

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is Roman Catholic, was started in 1833 by Frederick Ozanan and his friends whilst they were at the Sorbonne. They had asked the same question, and they decided to start a Society. Their Patron would be St. Vincent de Paul, the Patron Saint of Charities. Today that same Society is world wide.

The Society is arranged in Conferences, most of whom are twinned with less fortunate countries. The work in South Yorkshire is widespread, every hospital is visited by Brothers and Sisters, the deaf are helped, the blind, the handicapped, and those who live alone.

St. Cecilia's Church, Parson Cross, Sheffield, which is the first Anglican Conference of the Society, along with every Roman Catholic Church and Conference helped with the distribution of E.E.C. food.

The aim of the Society is to provide the means whereby members can practice their Christian faith by loving their neighbours in the persons of the needy.

If you want to know more about the Society and its work, contact: Ian Kirby, 37 Adlington Crescent, Parson Cross, Sheffield. S5 8BP.

I.K.

Flowers, flowers, everywhere....

St. James' Church, Braithwell, near Maltby have their Flower Festival on the 10th, 11th and 12th July from 10.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Every organisation in the village takes part in the flower arranging, and refreshments are available.



Music in Bloom is the theme of a Flower Festival at St. Mary's Church, Worsbrough Village, Barnsley. It is a most appropriate theme since, besides being one of the most interesting ancient churches in the diocese, it has a very strong musical tradition. The Festival runs from Friday to Sunday, July 17th to 19th. Refreshments are available. If you want to bring a party contact: Canon Ron Thomson, Worsbrough Vicarage, S70 5LW. Tel: Barnsley 203113.

St. Mark's Church, Mosborough is almost through its centenary year, and July sees the culmination of the celebrations with a Flower Festival depicting 100 years of worship at the church. The Festival runs from Saturday, July 18th to Saturday, July 25th from 10.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m., with refreshments available both morning and afternoon. Bishop David is present for the Confirmation Service on Saturday, July 18th., and is preaching on Sunday, July 19th. There is a special Ecumenical Team Service on Tuesday, July 21st. More details from: Margaret Coggan. Tel: Sheffield 485661.

St. Helen's Church, Thurnscoe are having their Flower Festival to mark 900 years of consecration from July 16th to July 19th. The Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and until 6.00 p.m. on Sunday. Refreshments and craft items are available in the Sunday School.

The 1300th Anniversary Year of St. Cuthbert will be celebrated at St. Cuthbert's, Fishlake on 26th July. There will be a Garden Party at the Vicarage from 2.30 p.m. and guided tours of the village and the church. Refreshments will be available. At 6.30 p.m. Bishop David will preach at Evensong and will licence Deaconess Eve Atherfold to serve in the Fishlake Parishes. Fishlake is reputedly the most southerly point of the journeyings of the Lindisfarne monks carrying the remains of St. Cuthbert, prior to their final resting place in Durham Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to join in these celebrations.



The theme of St. Katherine's, Loversall Flower Festival is "Talents", and it runs from Friday, 31st July to Sunday, 2nd August from 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. Loversall is 4 miles south west of Doncaster on the A60.

Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow, Rotherham have as their theme, "Jesus - Who?" The Flower Festival from August 28th - 31st is open from 10.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m., and refreshments are available in the church hall.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

June 7th Laura Anne Mellon
July 21st John Timothy Dixon

Confirmation at Sheffield Cathedral on 6th June
Julia Gregory, Erica Swarbrigg, Vikki Townsend.

Holy Matrimony

June 20th Martin Neal & Jayne Christine Pike

Funerals

May 28th Edna Broomhead (77) 34 Mickley Lane
June 18th Ronald Wragg (85) 29 Mickley Lane
June 19th Constance Sambourne King (85) 48 Aldam Way
Edna Broomhead was an old Totley resident who had married at

All Saints' Church over 50 years ago. She was a founder member at Abbeydale Hall where her lively and caring nature won her many friends. We give thanks for her contribution to community life.

Ron Wragg was born at Holmesfield where he sang in the Church Choir. He worked for a time as a salesman in Totley Co-op and came to live on Mickley Lane 36 years ago. For many years an insurance agent, he spent the last 12 years working in Millhouses Park including being in charge of the Bowls, Tennis and Golf, where he was well-liked amongst all the sportsmen.

Connie King had lived at Totley for the last 11 years of her life moving here from Shiregreen. With her friendly nature and ready smile she was highly regarded by those around her. We also record the death of Vic Wilkinson of Main Avenue. Vic was a steeplejack and explosives expert with a national reputation. Among his feats were climbing church steeples to fix wartime warning lights for the R.A.F. and demolishing many of the North's tall factory chimneys. He was a redoubtable character with a great love for, and knowledge of, cars and motorcycles. Not an easy man to get to know but when you did it was worthwhile. Latterly he enjoyed his membership of the St. John's Luncheon Club.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL - JULY EVENTS

Sports Afternoon is to take place on Wednesday 1st July from 1.30pm.

School Concert is being held on Thursday 16th July at 7.15pm in the School Hall.

Leavers' Assembly will be on Friday 24th July at 9.15a.m. Everybody is welcome to all these events.

ON PATIENCE WITH THE WAYS OF GOD

Often we can become impatient with our own spiritual growth - others seem to have more insight and inspiration than we do. Sometimes we feel the mission of the Church in the world seems too slow and ineffective. We must learn to respect God's timing and be in tune with the rhythm of His Ways.

This extract from "Zorba the Greek" teaches us something about patience and respect for God's Ways.

'I remembered one morning when I discovered a cocoon in the bark of a tree, just as the butterfly was making a hole in its case and preparing to come out. I waited a while, but it was too long appearing and I was impatient. I bent over it and breathed on it to warm it.

I warmed it as quickly as I could and the miracle began to happen before my eyes, faster than life. The case opened, the butterfly started slowly crawling out but I shall never forget my horror when I saw how its wings were folded back and crumpled. The wretched butterfly tried with its whole trembling body to unfold them. Bending over it, I tried to help it with my breath. In vain. It needed to be hatched out patiently and the unfolding of the wings should be a gradual process in the sun. Now it was too late. My breath had forced the butterfly to appear, all crumpled before its time. It struggled desperately and, a few seconds later, died in the palm of my hand.

That little body is, I do believe, the greatest weight I have on my conscience. For I realise today that it is a mortal sin to violate the great laws of nature. We should not hurry, we should not be impatient, but we should confidently obey the eternal rhythm.'

DIAMOND CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Monty and Minnie Scott on their Diamond Wedding. Their celebrations were held at the Cheshire Home where Monty has recently had to become a resident.

They were married on 6th June 1927 at St. Mark's, Broomhill, and came to Totley where "Monty's Barber Shop" (now occupied by 'Busy Bee') was a focal point of the community. Minnie also served behind the counter in the draper's shops of Totley - with Ellis' for 16 years and Whitehead's for 14. They retired to 315 Baslow Road in 1970.

They have two children, Don, one time Mayor of Dronfield, and Shirley who lives in Australia.

ON BEING HUMBLE

Whenever I am the recipient of an act of kindness I always feel humble. (I also have a feeling of warmth and comfort) not from any feeling of loss of self-esteem, or as the Chinese would say "loss of face", but rather that I should figure in the thoughts and minds of those who extend this love and kindness towards me.

Being humble is the act of recognising one's worth in this vast and wonderful world. We are as individuals only a very minute fragment, value ourselves accordingly, and that any talent we may possess are gifts to be used wisely and with humility.

St. Paul said to the Ephesians "Be humble always". Brother Bede Henry, a contemplative member of the S.S.M. living in a terraced house in an inner city area, puts it thus ... "Again this note of 'LITTLENES', it is better to go slowly and humbly before God, than to rush ahead in arrogant self-deception."

I had occasion once to meet a senior health consultant on behalf of someone. He met me as I stepped off the lift, took me to his room and after giving me of his time courteously and with understanding, escorted me back to the lift. His humility only served to significantly increase my respect for, and admiration of him. It is an abiding memory.

Being humble however is not to be confused with eating humble pie. That is when one has made an error of judgement and has to efface any arrogance and superiority one may thought to have had. Perhaps on these occasions being humble in the first place would have avoided the second.

Rex Beaumont.

LICENSING OF A READER

Mr. Maurice Snowden is to be licensed as a Reader at All Saints' during Evensong (6.30pm) on Sunday 2nd August. The preacher will be Mr. Alan Balme, Secretary of the Diocesan Readers' Association.

Before becoming Warden of Whirlow Grange, the Sheffield Diocesan Conference Centre, in 1980, Maurice had worked as a Chartered Engineer in local authorities, in I.C.I., and as a private consultant. He now lives in 'retirement', with Marjorie his wife, on Quarry Road. They have five children - four scattered around the country and one in India - and nine grandchildren to keep them nimble!

Maurice was first licensed as a Reader in the Chester Diocese in 1967, subsequently in York Diocese in 1972, and in Sheffield in 1980.

MARTIN HOUSE

Through various local events, including last month's Festival of Flowers at St. John's, many of us have contributed to the Martin House Appeal. Now the Martin House Hospice for Children at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire, is rapidly nearing completion and will take its first children in mid-August.

It will be a hospice providing respite care and support for families who have a child, or children, suffering from a life-threatening illness. It will be a valuable counterpart in the North of England of the pioneering Helen House in Oxford. The Archbishop of York will dedicate the Chapel in a private ceremony on July 27th. There will be a series of OPEN DAYS from July 30th to August 11th so that the public may look round - for without the generosity and support of the public the vision of Martin House would not have materialised. Further details about the Open Days are available from Jill Hastings on Sheffield 363400.

A LUNCHEON CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE

For a long time now Dore and Totley have provided excellent Luncheon Clubs run by Church volunteers.

Unfortunately there are many people with special needs in the area who cannot attend the present Luncheon Clubs, such as the elderly confused. In order to meet this need we would have to have many committed volunteers.

The aim of this special needs centre would be to enhance the quality of life in a supportive, caring environment and promote greater acceptance and understanding within the community.

It is envisaged that the centre would be in the premises of the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, to open in September from 10am to 3.15pm each Monday. In addition to a lunch being provided, a programme of activities, e.g. singing and musical items, hairdressing, passive exercises and conversation would be arranged.

If we are going to be able to offer such a centre, many volunteers with and without expertise would be needed. Adequate training would be offered in First Aid, Basic Psychology, Behavioural Modification, etc.

It will be a very big challenge to us all, but one that could give relief to relatives and a light to many living in a twilight world.

If you feel any interest in this, please get in touch with - Mrs. Joyce Farris (366894) or Rev. Duncan Wilson (363332).

LIAISON LUNCH CELEBRATION

Last month a Celebration Lunch was held in the Church Hall to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Totley Liaison Lunch.

It was in April 1977 that Canon Alan Jockel invited together members of the caring professions working within Totley to assess the desirability of some form of occasional meeting. From that came the idea of a regular sharing of topics of mutual interest over lunch.

The first lunch was held on 24th May 1977. Early agendas ranged widely from consideration of the under 5's, the youth service, provision for the elderly, educational welfare, day-centres, hospital after-care. Since then the membership of the Luncheon group has increased to include members of voluntary and community groups and interests. The format of the meetings has changed to allow for discussion of immediate problems, the wider social needs of the community to be thought through, and where possible action initiated. An example of this is 'Transport 17' which had its origins in the Liaison Lunch and the contacts created there.

The Liaison Lunch Group know there are community needs to be considered in the future, and are always interested to hear from Totley residents with concerns to do with care within our community.

LUNCHESES AGAIN!

Last month twenty clerical members from Ecclesall Deanery and one bishop converged on Totley for a Service, their Chapter Meeting and also for lunch.

Their lunch was cooked and prepared by six members of the J4 class at All Saints' School making full use of the new facilities of the Home Economics room. The pupils served baked grapefruit for starters, followed by a plentiful supply of tropical salad, chicken, rice & grape salad, tuna and red kidney bean salad and cheese salad bowl - finishing with profiteroles and coffee. It was a pity Egon Ronay was not present!

From the same kitchen came all the home-made biscuits on sale at the Garden Party. All the children in school baked for the stall.

LADIES LEARNING

The Ladies have been spoilt for choice recently in opportunities for learning and sharing.

On Friday 5th June, there was a Workshop at Totley Methodist Church run by 'Women of the Word' from Harrogate on the theme "Maturity in Christ". We were reminded that God's love is never changing. In adversity and trouble we should praise God and rejoice. We should be doers and not just hearers. . .

Persecution - Matthew 5: 11-12 - Rejoice and be glad
Trouble - James 1:2 - Consider it pure joy
Worries - I Peter 5:7 - Cast all worries to Him
Deceit - I Timothy 6:17 - Trust only in God.
Desires - Galatians 5:16 - Live by the Spirit.

On those mornings when all goes wrong we should remember and say "I can through Christ - Faith will overcome."

On Monday 15th June, a group of us attended Cemetery Road Baptist Church for a Mission Sheffield Event - a Day with Dell Cook, author of 'What will the neighbours say', and also Blair Crawford, presenter from Radio Hallam.

We had an interesting morning with many testimonies followed by workshops in the afternoon comprising a choice of study groups -

Communicating Christ

Helping people in need

How to prepare and give a talk

Praying together

Sharing the Bible

It was interesting to note that a new Mission Sheffield programme to bring good news to the streets of Sheffield is in the same style as our own 'Good News Down the Street' and we are all on the third stage. If the Christians in A.D. 64-345 could manage to share the Word against massive opposition, it is up to us in the Twentieth Century to carry on the command of St. Matthew 28:18-20 with its concluding assurance "I am with you always to the end of the age."

Olwen Powell

END QUOTES

Giving of yourself is the greatest gift you could give.

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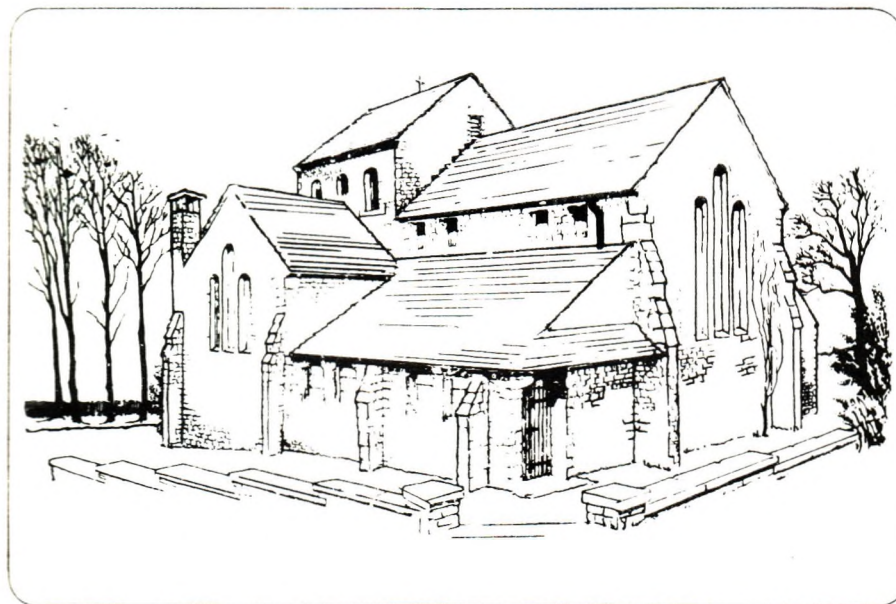
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Despite resolutions every year to the contrary, I always seem to go on holiday with some work in hand. It so happens I am writing this letter on a beach looking out to sea. It is a pleasantly warm day with a light offshore breeze, and the sea reflects the bright blue of the sky except where the surf brakes on the sandy shore. All is peaceful, relaxing and calm.

Yet that is only one part of the picture - the surface scene. Beneath the sea lies a completely different world. A world of unfamiliar creatures, a world of shadows and depths of darkness cut off from the light of the sun, of unseen mountains and valleys, of dangerous currents and destructive forces.

Our lives are rather like the sea. We have an outer surface personality and an inner hidden nature. Like the sea, our surface side can suddenly change when calm conditions are ruffled by winds of hostility or overcast by clouds of discontent and anxiety so that we present a stormy, restless front. Nevertheless the depths of ourselves remain hidden. Though our doubts and despair, our real fears and passions may normally remain below the surface, they are still part of our total personality. Largely unseen to others they are wholly visible to God.

God, the creator of all things from the heights above to the ocean depths, He who created us, knows and understands all the hidden nature of our lives. In the words of the opening collect of the Communion Service, He is "God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid." If we will allow Him to enter fully into our lives, and let Him take control, He will bring peace, strength and healing.

When Jesus awoke to the storm on the Sea of Galilee, he said to the disciples - "Do not be afraid" - and to the angry waves - "Peace, be still". Let both of those commands speak to our hearts. Let us meditate on those words, repeating them over and over again to ourselves, and know the power and peace of Christ within our lives.

With every blessing

HEALING AND EVANGELISM

Open Meeting on Healing

The command of Jesus to his disciples as he sent them forth (St. Matthew 10:7/8) was, "Go and preach, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Heal the sick."

In succeeding generations the way Christians have interpreted and fulfilled this command has varied. In our own generation we are witnessing a deeper consideration of the healing ministry of the Church. Many churches have healing prayer groups, healing services or some form of healing ministry, and many testify to experiencing the power of God at work in their midst.

On Tuesday 18th August in the Church Hall at 8pm, there is to be an open meeting entitled - "Healing and the Church Today". It will be led by Dr. Chris Atkins, a G.P. with an inner-city Sheffield practice.

Everyone is most welcome.

Good News for YOU

Over the last few months members of the congregation have been looking again at the basic teaching of the Christian Faith - not only to refresh their understanding, but to see how best to present the good news of the Bible in a simple and straightforward manner to others.

They are now ready to meet in a friendly and informal way with anyone of any age group who wants to learn more about the Christian Faith and what the Bible has to offer our lives now.

This is therefore an invitation to you.

There will be no pressure and no continuing obligation, nor is any previous Bible knowledge or Christian practice presumed. It will be an exploring together of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ in which we are all learners.

The time and place will be arranged to suit you, and if you want the support of a friend or friends - so much the better. More details can be obtained from the Vicar (362322) or Gordon Grayson (360913).

SERVICES IN AUGUST

- 2nd PENTECOST 8
Theme: 'The Fruit of the Spirit'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Galatians 5: 16-25 (JB)
Gospel: St. John 15:16-27 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP) and Licensing of
Maurice Snowdon
Old Testament: Isaiah 50: 4-11 (RSV)
New Testament: Colossians 1:24 to 2:5 (RSV)
(Preacher - Alan Balme: Hon.Gen.Secretary of
the Sheffield Diocesan Readers Association)
- 9th PENTECOST 9
Theme: 'The Whole Armour of God'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20 (RSV)
Gospel: St. John 17:11-19 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: I Samuel 17:37-50 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Mark 9: 14-29 (NEB)
- 16th PENTECOST 10
Theme: 'The Mind of Christ'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Family Communion (ASB shortened)
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 13:1-15 (NEB)
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Galatians 6: 1-10 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 7:36-50 (JB)
- 23rd PENTECOST 11
Theme: 'The Serving Community'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 13:31-35 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: I Chronicles 29:1-9 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Matthew 20:1-16 (NEB)

- 30th PENTECOST 12
Theme: 'The Witnessing Community'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 17: 20-26 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Micah 4: 1-5 (RSV)
New Testament: St. Matthew 5: 13-16 (JB)

Every Wednesday - Holy Communion (BCP) at 10 am.

MONTHLY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

The recently formed Monthly Morning Fellowship - meeting usually at 10.45 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month - welcomes new members to join them in a time of sharing Christian experience and study. There will be a meeting on 5th August at 2 Main Avenue.
The September meeting will be on 9th at 6 Milldale Road.

LOOKING AHEAD

Missionary Visit Our link missionaries, Tony and Pam Lindsey will be visiting Totley from 18th-20th September. Full details of their programme in next month's magazine.

Songs of Praise - 6.30pm Sunday 6th September
Harvest Festival will be celebrated the following
Sunday - 27th September

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

June 28th Timothy Martin Challis

Holy Matrimony

July 4th Adrian Vickers and Alison Wright

Funerals

June 26th Edith Alice Moore (75) 9 Green Oak Avenue

June 29th Mary Linda Taylor (82) 2 Green Oak Crescent

Alice Moore came to the Totley prefabs in 1948. She worked in the kitchens at Totley County School from its opening and retired as School Cook about ten years ago.

Linda Taylor lived on Summer Lane for sixty years from 1910 to 1970 before moving to Green Oak Crescent. She was one of a large family that originally came from Dore and her father was a stone mason who helped build All Saints' Church. She worked for over 30 years in the old Totley Library and was for many years an active member of Abbeydale Hall.

ROUND AND ABOUT

Family Day at Whirlow

The friends of Whirlow Grange Diocesan Conference Centre are holding a Family Day at the Conference Centre (Next to Whirlow Brook Park) on August Bank Holiday Monday - 31st August commencing at 2pm. There will be fun and games for children of all ages as well as various stalls and refreshments. Proceeds will go to the Development Fund.

Any offers of help in running stalls and sideshows would be greatly appreciated, as would contributions of cakes, scones, and articles for the White Elephant and Produce Stalls.

Please contact Marjorie Snowdon (362822)

Flower and Talent Festival

St. Chad's Woodseats are celebrating their 75th Anniversary and this includes a Flower and Talent Festival on Fri/Sat 4th/5th September 10am-7pm and Sunday 6th. 12.30-6pm.

The exhibits represent the time and talents of St. Chad's congregation and there will also be refreshments, exhibitions by uniformed and other organisations and organ recitals.

All proceeds will go to the Martin House Hospice.

Sheffield Spectacular is the new name for the Sheffield Show which this year is to take place in Graves Park over the first two weekends in September - 5th/6th and 12th/13th.

The "Church in Action" Marquee will include stands, displays and refreshments. Helpers from Totley are particularly needed for the refreshments section and to act as stewards.

If you would like to help in the 'Sheffield Show' please contact the Vicar as soon as possible.

Sheffield Annual Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held on the first three Saturdays in September at the U.R.C. Church, Norfolk Street 10am to 4pm. Books are sold to raise money for Christian literature overseas.

If you want to donate any books - leave them in Church during August.

Peace and Reflection

Sheffield Christians for Peace are holding a Service of Reflection in sorrow and hope to mark Hiroshima Day - Thursday 6th August - at 12.30pm in the Peace Gardens. Please support them by your presence and prayers.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

- to Helen Drewery on gaining a 2i Honours Music Degree at Birmingham University. Helen plans eventually to qualify as a Secondary School Music Teacher.

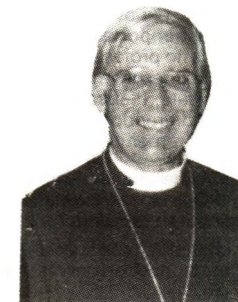
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Bishop Kenneth Skelton on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his episcopate.....

Bishop Skelton writes:

By the time most of you read these words I hope to be in Zimbabwe, keeping the Silver Jubilee of my episcopate where it began. I think the fact that I received what we call my "episcopal orders" from another Province of the Anglican Communion has fundamentally affected my outlook on the Church.



Somehow in this Church of England we seem so very insular. Not just because we still sing hymns about "heathen lands afar" (and when I am required to do so I think of the packed churches in which I used to minister); but being members of the Established Church of England seems to give us an exalted sense of our own importance. When you have lived, for instance, in a situation where Methodists greatly outnumber Anglicans, you can never feel superior to your Methodist fellow Christians. (Not that that kind of attitude is peculiar to us: I once heard an African priest in Botswana refer to Congregationalists (the majority Church in that country) as "semi-Christians" - an idea taught him, of course, by Anglican "missionaries".) And when the world-wide Anglican Communion is a fact you have experienced, you realise how preposterous is the idea that although there are hundreds of women priests in other provinces, if the **Church of England** should ordain women that step would prejudice Anglican-Roman Catholic relationships.

You also realise how vital it is for the Christian Church in southern Africa that Christians in England should be seen to be supporting it by prayer - yes, and by political pressure - in its witness against the oppression of **apartheid**. Sometimes it seemed to me that I was being taught by new Christians in Africa the implications of the Gospel which we had brought them, but only partially grasped ourselves. Perhaps in a nation becoming more and more deeply divided, "Liberation Theology" may begin to be relevant here too!

Of course the Church in the "Third World" has its weaknesses and shortcomings (which Church doesn't?). There is no cause for invidious comparisons - either way. There is cause for profound thankfulness that we are witnessing what a Roman Catholic author has called "the Coming of the Third Church"; and not only witnessing it, but sharing with fellow-Christians all over the world the "things new and old" from the treasures of God's Kingdom.

+ KENNETH SKELTON

Bishop Skelton has been Assistant Bishop in the Diocese since 1984. His book "Bishop in Smith's Rhodesia," about his experiences as Bishop of Matabeleland is available at SPCK, the Cathedral Bookshop.



"Has the City Hall elastic sides?"



September 24th will be a red-letter day for Sheffield and The Mothers' Union. For the first time in one hundred and eleven years Sheffield will host the Annual Meeting of this World-wide Anglican Society.

Mrs. Hazel Treadgold the President, with the Central Council and members from all parts of the British Isles will squeeze into the City Hall.

Almost half a million women belong to The Mothers' Union. Perhaps you have heard it referred to (with groans) as the only Union whose members never strike and are never made redundant.

It was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, the wife of a parish priest and mother of three children. She felt, to quote her own words, that "Mothers have one of the most important professions in the world and yet there is no profession which has so poor training". A child acquires its moral values for good or ill, in its first few years. It absorbs what it sees and hears and parents and grandparents will testify that these early lessons are remembered all one's life.

In 1974 membership rules were widened and its Aim and Objects re-worded to bring it up to date with current church thinking.

Its purpose is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

The A.I.D.S. epidemic is just one development

which illustrates how right it has been to back stable relationships.

It maintains a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service. Someone has said, "Before 'Live Aid' the M.U. was there". There are now more overseas members than U.K. members, and invaluable prayer links circle the world.

It tries to promote conditions favourable to stable family life and the protection of children, and, importantly to help those whose family life has run into trouble. It meets people where they are and in the particular situations they are in, not where it would like to meet them.

Media awareness is nothing new to an organisation which was monitoring films in 1912, but as a result of the changes in communications technology and its far reaching repercussions the Media Awareness Project has been launched this summer. This will encourage people to think more about what comes into their homes for them to watch, read or listen to. The Mothers' Union is not a pressure group and the B.B.C. and I.B.A. always welcome digests of its reports.

The Society's magazine Home and Family has the highest circulation of any Christian women's magazine in the world. Have you seen it yet?

For more information 'phone Christina Worth (Sheffield 306142) or Audrey Gregory (663963).



Honour for Choirboys

On Thursday, 25th June, three boys and three men from Ranmoor Choir travelled to London and took part in the R.S.C.M.'s Diamond Jubilee Festival Service of Thanksgiving and Praise. They formed part of the 800 strong Royal School of Church Music massed choir singing in the presence of H.M. The Queen, Patron of the R.S.C.M.

The three boys - Iain McNamara, Christopher Goater and Martin Balfour - along with Robert Bates also from Ranmoor and Thomas Ruddock from Ecclesall Choir will also be taking part in the prestigious Cathedral Course held in Canterbury Cathedral from 30 July to 13 August. A service from this course will be broadcast on Choral Evensong.

Whirlow Fun

The Friends of Whirlow Grange Conference Centre are holding another FAMILY DAY on BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 31st AUGUST, at Whirlow. There will be fun and games for all ages as well as various stalls and refreshments. It all begins at 2.00 p.m. Do go along and enjoy the fun... and swell the funds.

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. Andrew Sinclair, Assistant Curate at Aston, to be Assistant Curate at All Saints, Rotherham.

The Revd. John Draycott, Assistant Curate, Wombwell, to be Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi, West Bessacarr.

The Revd. David James to succeed the Revd. Canon Frank Ball as Rural Dean of Ecclesfield.

The Revd. Tony Bowring to succeed the Revd. Ian Chisholm as Rural Dean of West Doncaster.

The Revd. Harold Loxley, NSM at St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, to be Assistant Curate in the Gleadless Team Ministry.

The Revd. Derek Frank, Assistant Curate in the Parish of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, to be Assistant Curate at St. Thomas, Crookes.

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Pilgrim Weather....

Blackpool cloudy, Edinburgh rain, Jersey only fair, Manchester cloudy, and even dull in Cairo ...but in Whitby on June 13th it was sunny with a bright blue sky. And that was the day and date of Sheffield Diocesan Pilgrimage and after the open air Eucharist amidst the ruins of St. Hilda's ancient abbey on the headland at Whitby many pilgrims returned home with suntans.



Photo: KAREN GREEN

More than 1000 pilgrims travelled cross-Yorkshire to Whitby, half by special train and the rest by coach or car. Headed by a Church Lads and Girls Brigade Band the impressive procession wound its way through the narrow streets of Whitby and ultimately - reminiscent of some medieval carving of Christians climbing the ladder to heaven - up the 199 steps to the Abbey ruins.

Sister Maureen of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby, who was the preacher reminded those present that they were on the spot where saints had trod: the heartland of the Northern Saints. They in their time were called by a sense of vocation and "vocation spans the centuries" she said.

The Bishop of Sheffield, was the celebrant with others and earlier he had spoken of the theme of Vocation which was the "intention" of the Pilgrimage.

The Whitby Pilgrimage - still in bright sunshine - ended with an act of witness around the quayside bandstand. As the final hymn was sung the sailing ship "Helga Maria" came impressively back to the harbour where she would be, and the Sheffield Pilgrims likewise headed for home. Already there was a cool breeze getting up, and homeward journeys were under lowering skies and heavy rain but doubtless many sun-tanned pilgrims were already planning a year ahead to next year's pilgrimage to the shrine of that holy blissful martyr St Thomas in Canterbury.

Caedmon's Song?

At the Pilgrimage to Whitby, a recording of the service was made, copies of which are available at a cost of £2.50, including post and packing from: Mike Stones, 61, Hemper Lane, SHEFFIELD. S8 7FA or phone Sheffield 377853.

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The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

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Does it bother you that Churches don't work together to spread the Gospel overseas? They do co-operate through literature. SPCK gives many grants for ecumenical literature projects involving Christians from Evangelicals to Roman Catholics in over 100 countries.

Mustn't overheads be enormous in such an organization? No. All money given to SPCK for overseas literature is spent on just that - with no deductions.

How can we help? One way is by supporting the Book Fair on the first three Saturdays in September, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street. Sheffield churches have details of where you can donate old books for this - otherwise bring them with you when you come to browse and buy. Further information from Rotherham 812665 or Sheffield 360786.

A First for Rotherham!

Rotherham Deanery organised a Deanery Arts Festival in June to celebrate those arts which enrich the life of the Anglican Churches of the Deanery. There were fourteen workshops in Clifton School and a Festival of Praise in All Saints' Church, Rotherham. Working together with people from other parishes who shared their concerns, was one of the memorable things for many of the leaders of the workshops, with subjects ranging from Music, Drama, Embroidery, to Healing, Flower Arranging and Parish Magazines. Complete beginners rubbed shoulders with those already involved in the various areas, and the whole Festival greatly encouraged the many people from the parishes who joined in. Every parish contributed £60 towards the cost and grant aid was given by St. Agatha's Fund and the Carnegie Trust.

It just shows what can be done when Deanery Synods, Parishes and individuals work together with a shared purpose. Surely these ideas are worth putting into action in other ways, in other deaneries!

Raymond Draper

Martin House Hospice for children.....

at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire is rapidly nearing completion, and will take its first children in the middle of this month. It will be a hospice providing respite, care and support to families who have a child or children, suffering from a life-threatening illness. It will be a valuable counterpart in the North of England of the pioneering Helen House in Oxford. The Archbishop of York dedicated the chapel on July 27th, and there will be a series of OPEN DAYS from July 30th to August 11th so that the public may look round. Without the generosity and support of so many people, the vision of Martin House would not have materialised. Further details about the Open Days are available from Jill Hastings (Sheffield 363400) or Martin House Office (Boston Spa 845045).

MORE FLOWERS.....

Tickhill Parish Church

Join the vast number of people who regularly visit Tickhill Flower Festival, on 3rd., 4th., 5th., 6th., September from 10.00 a.m. till 9.00 p.m. Services on the Sunday are at 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The theme is "Thank You, Jesus."

St. Peter's, Conisbrough

Usually draws over 5,000 people to the Flower Festival. This year the theme is "I am your God". The church will open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from 27th-31st August. Refreshments are available.

Ecclesall Bi-Centenary

"A Flower Festival and Exhibition of Ecclesall through 200 years will be held at Ecclesall Parish Church and Hall on September 11-13, from 10 a.m. to dusk each day. There will be refreshments available throughout the three days and coach parties can be catered for. Anyone organising a party visit are asked to ring Ken Mason on Sheffield 661900 so that the party can be properly catered for. This promises to be a magnificent event in keeping with the best of flower festivals and is part of the church's Bi-centenary celebration."

St. Helen's Thurnscoe

Tuesday, 18th August is St. Helen's Day, and to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of Consecration, at Thurnscoe, there's a Sung Eucharist at 7.00 p.m. with Ian Harland, Bishop of Lancaster preaching and celebrating. All are welcome.

St. Chad's Woodseats

Are holding a Flower and Talent Festival on 4th., 5th., 6th., September as part of their 75th Anniversary celebrations. The theme for the Festival is "Praise God for his sanctuary, praise him for his surpassing greatness." The church is situated on Linden Avenue, off Abbey Lane. The church is open Friday and Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. and Sunday 12.30 - 4.00 p.m. An invalid chair is available and refreshments will be served. Enquiries to Sheffield 746308 or 749744.



SPCK Bookshop has been in Sheffield Cathedral for five years, and Mrs. Jeannette Wildgoose has recently had her appointment as manageress confirmed by the bookshop headquarters. Seen here (centre), with her staff, Mrs. Barbara Threlfall (right), and Miss Rachel Bewley; they are always ready to give a helpful welcome to visitors and customers at the Cathedral Bookshop.

Singing away!

Rodger Fisher from Conisbrough is willing to play in services or special events in your church. He has sung at Harvest Suppers, Church Christmas Parties (not too long away now!), Easter Celebrations and guest services. He can do anything from a couple of songs in a service to a mini-concert of about 50 minutes. He writes his own material which appeals to a wide-ranging audience and has the gospel at heart. If you're interested, ring Rodger on Rotherham 869159 or contact the Revd. George Fisher on Rotherham 864911.

Marriage Lines

When the Diocesan Communication Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold, as Vicar of St. Oswald's Millhouses, officiated at the marriage of his eldest daughter Elizabeth to Michael Davies recently, it could well have been the first wedding ever from St. Oswald's Vicarage since the church was built in 1914. Nor might it be the last, for there are two more daughters at the Vicarage!

Previously they've all been sons at the Vicarage, that is unless you know otherwise. Contact Roy on Sheffield 550793 with any more information you might have.

Narthex Aid

There's a Concert by Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir, the Escafeld Band, and young violinist Elizabeth Williams, to raise funds for the new Narthex at St. Thomas' Church Wincobank, Sheffield. It's at the VICTORIA HALL, SHEFFIELD, on SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets are £3 (£2 for children and pensioners) and are available from the Methodist Bookshop or SPCK, Sheffield. Information is available from Louise Morson on Sheffield 421893.

TIME TO TALK

Talking about and sharing a problem can often be the first step to resolving it. All of us need someone to give us time to talk, but finding that someone can be the hardest step of all.

Everyday one person under 25 commits suicide in Great Britain. Over the last 10 years the number of suicides by young people has increased by 24%.

Most people who commit suicidal acts are not sure whether they want to live or die; they just do not want to go on living the way things are.

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HOW TO HELP ANOTHER CHILD

If you raise, or collect in your box, £20 for the Children's Society, one of the uses it might be put to is to provide 3 children, handicapped by severe disabilities, with six months' swimming therapy. Swimming helps them to grow in confidence, become better co-ordinated and more relaxed. You can understand why they enjoy it so much.

But if your donation were covenanted the Children's Society could give a fourth child the same special help at no extra cost to you. A single donation of £20 can provide the Society with £28.87 if you pay tax through your wage, pension or building society interest.

Donations to All Saints' Church can also be increased in the same way.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

Trip to Hornsea

At 7.45 a.m. on Wednesday 8th July the pupils and staff of All Saints' School gathered in the School yard, to await the coaches to take them to Hornsea for the day. By 8.15 a.m. everybody had climbed onto a coach and away we went.

There was plenty to see and do at Hornsea. We were especially interested in "Butterfly World" where we saw real butterflies which were almost as bright as the ones which the children have made for the displays of butterflies in our school. Butterflies of all colours and sizes were flying around the enclosure, which also had many tropical plants and was very hot and humid. There were also interesting insects to be seen - including a tarantula and a scorpion.

The birds of prey were also very interesting and we were able to see them fed and in flight. The keeper gave us lots of information about them.

There were many other things to see and do, including a Model Village, an adventure playground, trampolines, a bouncing castle, a helter-skelter, and of course restaurant and shops.

At half-past six lots of tired but happy children arrived back at school, having had an exhausting but enjoyable day out.

Summer Concert

On Thursday 16th July we held our Summer Concert. It began with some children from the Recorder groups playing 2 pieces of music which they had written themselves. Next the Infants sang 2 songs "If I were a butterfly" (with appropriate actions) and "Old MacDonald had a farm" (with appropriate noises). The latter was really appropriate because a week earlier the Infant Department had 9 ducklings and 1 bantam hatch out from the eggs in their incubator, so it is rather like a farm in the Infant Department.

The Lower Junior children performed a Musical play of "Hansel and Gretel" with songs to Humperdink's music. There was a most delicious looking witch's house made by the children. Then the Upper Juniors performed a series of sketches called "The Happiest Days of your Life." I am sure you can guess what that was all about. I would like to assure the parents that they were based on some other school - those incidents couldn't possibly happen at ours!!

The concert ended with all the children leading the audience in singing 4 popular songs, and as they twirled their umbrellas during "the Umbrella Man" a very happy evening came to an end.

It was good to see a number of people from All Saints' Church in the audience - and if I didn't manage to speak to you over coffee afterwards, may I thank you now for supporting us, we do appreciate it.

Flower Festival

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Flower Festival - either by doing arrangements, loaning things or coming along to have a look. We will be sending a cheque for £70 to "Childline".

Joan Stratford

ON SHARE OWNERSHIP

"In the city they sell and buy
And nobody ever asks them why?
But since it contents them to buy and sell
God forgive them - they might as well."

After the continuing unsavoury happenings in the 'City' the lines above culled from Hulbert Wolfe's 'The Uncelestial City' make the title very apt indeed. To many the Stock Exchange is far removed from promoting the well-being of quoted companies. The flimsiest rumour can fuel frenzied flutterings in share prices, not always related to companies' profit making and efficiency. Without loyal shareholders, companies would find it difficult to function.

There are other forms of share ownership, the Church has one, decidedly different, shares are not purchased with financial rewards in view. There are rewards however - "riches beyond rubies"? Shares are purchased by covenant, stewardship, offerings, devotion, prayer and dedication to Christian principles. Just as companies have annual general meetings, so do we, our 'board' must be the P.C.C., while our extraordinary meetings are surely, Christmas, Easter, Ascensiontide, Pentecost, Feast days and Saints' Days. Shares are not quoted in the FT Index, rumours cannot affect them, they never fluctuate in value, are constant and comforting, no brokers are involved, just you and the Church - an ideal partnership - I said our shares are different, and by the grace of God they are.

Rex B.

SOME SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Archibold Tait was born in 1811 and had a Scottish Presbyterian upbringing. Whilst at Oxford he was confirmed into the Church of England, became a clergyman, and eventually succeeded Dr. Arnold as Head of Rugby School. In 1849 he became Dean of Carlisle, with the intention of leading a fairly cloistered academic life. But in 1856, within a few weeks, he lost five of his six daughters in a scarlet fever epidemic. It was to change his work and spiritual life.

The nation mourned for the family and the devastated Dean and his wife, but on Queen Victoria's instance he went on to become Bishop of London and, in 1868, the first Scottish Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tait's surviving daughter married her father's chaplain, Randall Davidson. He was also of Scottish Presbyterian upbringing later confirmed into the C. of E. Randall Davidson suffered from ill-health for much of his life owing to an accident as a boy, but he was an indefatigable clergyman. He was himself to become Archbishop of Canterbury from 1903 to 1928, a period of upheaval that included the First World War, the General Strike, the Disestablishment of the Church of Wales, and the failure to revise the Book of Common Prayer.

"As we have entered into the labours of others,
let us labour so that others may enter into ours".

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Other colleges offer similar facilities, and it is important that Church members use them whenever possible to provide additional revenue for the colleges and make them more financially viable.

PARISH ROTA

CHURCH FLOWERS

August

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30	Mrs. Heap	-
6 Sept	Mrs. E. Powell & Ibbotson	Mrs. Gray

Silver Cleaning

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PARISH BREAKFAST

Aug 2	Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Iveson
Aug 9	Mrs. A. Powell & Mrs. Smith
Aug 16	Miss Meadows-Taylor and Mr. J. Marshall
Aug 23	Mrs. E. Powell and Mrs. Needham
Aug 30	Mr & Mrs. Filleul
Sept 6	Mrs. Billard and Mrs. Houldcroft

RECIPE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EATEN TOO MUCH ON HOLIDAY!!!

Slimmer's Feast

Ingredients:

1	Iceberg lettuce	8oz Prawns
2	Avocado pears	2 large Eating Apples
2	Grapefruit	8 large Dandelion leaves
2	large Tomatoes	3 large Lemons
½	Cucumber	2 tablespoons Wine Vinegar
8 oz	Cooked Chicken breast	Salt and white pepper
2	large Carrots	Spring onions /chives

Preparation:

Segment the grapefruit, grate the carrots and slice very thinly the cooked chicken breasts. Slice the cucumber and chop up the spring onions. Take the washed dandelion leaves, chop them up and sprinkle them with salt and white pepper and soak them in the wine vinegar for a while. Leave the tomatoes, avocados and apples until last and squeeze on to them the juice of three lemons.

Serving:

Put a layer of lettuce in a glass salad bowl, then a layer of chicken and then build up layers of other ingredients making sure you end up with a layer of lettuce. Sprinkle this with chopped chives. Cover with plastic film and chill well before serving. Make sure you have used all the lemon juice and vinegar on the salad as well.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN PRESS POWER

THE AMITY PRINTING PRESS opening this summer near Nanjing, China, is expected to produce a quarter of a million Bibles and half a million New Testaments annually.

Amity's governing body is entirely Chinese. Thirteen are Christians and three are non-Christians. Yet this output is said to be nowhere near enough to satisfy the needs of more than 4,000 registered churches and tens of thousands of 'house-churches' reported in existence there

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN JOINT WORK IN CHINA

NANJING, China's fifth largest port is situated up-river from Shanghai. It is one of the country's 66 ports, only 36 of which are open to foreign vessels. It is the site for a planned big new seafarers centre.

Building work starts this autumn. There are already 21 international seamen's clubs run by the Chinese Seamen's Union for a quarter of a million visiting seafarers each year of all nationalities. Now the Chinese authorities have issued an invitation to our own Missions to Seamen to share in the establishing of the new centre and send a staff member to be based there when it is completed.

A high proportion of all seamen are Chinese. Missions to Seamen are used to working with them at their own 80 seafarers centres throughout the world.

A GOOD SERMON leaves you wondering how the preacher knew so much about you.

£5.50 PAYS LUNCH FOR A MONTH

£3,000 A MONTH has been allocated by Tear Fund to a group called Youth Alive Ministries who are working among severely deprived people living in the Mzimhlope Hostels in the east of Soweto. The money will be used to give 600 children aged between 3 and 15 years an especially nutritious lunch each day.

There are currently some 14,000 children and young people around the world who are receiving nourishing meals as a result of Tear Fund's meals sponsorship programme. The programme is funded by individuals or groups of Tear Fund supporters who give £5.50 a month to provide a child with a daily meal.

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate.

— Albert Schweitzer

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.

— J.W. von Goethe

Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light.

— V. Raymond Edman

TWO VISITORS to a country church were being shown round by the verger. After pointing out various items of interest they came to a plaque on the wall with a long list of names on it. "Whose are all these names?" asked one of the visitors.

"Oh, those are the names of our parishioners who have died in the Services" said the Vicar.

"Good Heavens, do you know what's causing it?" said the other visitor in some alarm.

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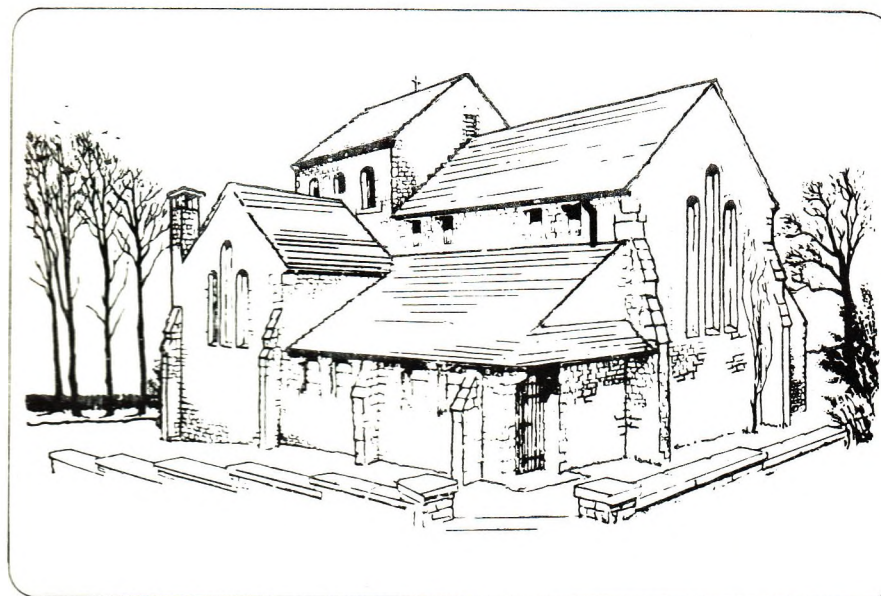
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

One of the traditional duties of parish priests - one perhaps they are not particularly good at fulfilling, is to help parishioners prepare for death - not only spiritually but also materially.

In the Prayer Book Office of the Visitation of the Sick, the priest is guided by this rubric:

"...If the sick have not before disposed of his goods, let him be admonished to make his will, and to declare his debts.... for the better discharging of his own conscience, and the quietness of his executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates whilst they are in health."

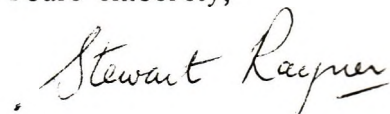
Having conducted about 800 funerals I can from experience heartily endorse the concluding sentence. To have prepared as detailed a will as feasible (including guardianship of your children if appropriate), and to leave instructions about burial and cremation; where remains are to be interred; hymns, reading and music for the service; a chosen charity for memorial donations if you do not want flowers; etc, etc., can take such a strain off your next of kin, especially at a time of sudden death. In one sense the younger you are the more important it is to make a will - so think about it and act.

Preparing for death can in fact encourage us to make the most of our life, help us to focus on lasting spiritual values and also to rejoice in God's gift of 'here and now'.

I pass on to you two exercises I have come across recently. The first, is to think out and write down what you would ideally like your obituary to say about you and your achievements. Then reflect on what changes could be made to bring some of it to pass. The second, is to picture your own funeral, to visualise all who will be there, and to imagine what they might really be feeling and thinking! You might find you begin to treat family and friends rather differently and with greater concern!

Thinking about death is not morbid - quite the opposite.

Yours sincerely,



SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

6th PENTECOST 13

Theme 'The Suffering Community'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 7:54-8:1 (RSV)

Gospel: St. John 16: 1-11 (TEV)

10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)

6.30pm "SONGS OF PRAISE"

13th PENTECOST 14

Theme 'The Family'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 25-6: 4 (JB)

Gospel: St. Mark 10: 2-16 (NEB)

10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)

12 noon Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Genesis 45: 1-15 (NEB)

New Testament: St. Luke 11: 1-13 (JB)

20th PENTECOST 15

Theme 'Those in Authority'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Romans 13: 1-7 (JB)

Gospel: St. Matthew 22: 15-22 (JB)

10am Family Service for Harvest-tide

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: I Timothy 2: 1-7 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Matthew 14: 1-12 (NEB)

27th H A R V E S T F E S T I V A L

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: I Timothy 6:6-10 (JB)

Gospel: St. Luke 12: 16-31 (JB)

10am Young Saints (in Church Hall)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8: 1-10 (NEB)

New Testament: St. John 6: 27-35 (RSV)

Every Wednesday at 10am - Holy Communion (BCP)

HARVEST

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Sunday 27th September
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Family Service for Harvest-tide 10am Sunday 20th September
All Saints' School Service 9.15am Friday 25th September

GIFTS of flowers, fruit, vegetables, tins and provisions to decorate the Church are requested - bring them to Church on Friday or Saturday for decoration on that day.

HARVEST LUNCH

At this time of thanksgiving for God's generosity to us, we are organising a simple Ploughman's Lunch on 27th September. Instead of making a charge for the meal, we would like everyone to contribute the cost of their normal Sunday dinner.

There will be some items of interest in Church between 11.30am - 12 noon when Lunch will be served in the Hall. Free tickets are available from Angela Waite or the Vicar. Please get yours as soon as possible.

It is proposed that the donations for the lunch be given to Theo and Di for the new hospital which the Indian Evangelical Mission are building and about which they spoke on their recent visit to All Saints.

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND

The Family Parish Weekend at Thornbridge Hall in July proved to be a happy, relaxed time together in lovely surroundings with good food and good company.

Taking the theme of 'The Family' we looked at life within the three areas of our own families, the Church family, and the wider family of the community and world, and thought about our caring, our sharing and our praying in each area.

We plan to review our experience of the weekend and the ideas it produced - over coffee in the Hall on Sunday 6th September at 7.45pm after the 'Songs of Praise'. All are welcome - whether you could come to the weekend or not.



PARISH DIARY NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

1st Tue 8pm Sunday School Teachers - 57 Sunnyvale Road
2nd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
3rd Thu 8pm Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue
4th Fri 2.30pm Holy Matrimony (Shaune Jackson & Tina Smith)
6th Sun 7.45pm Family Weekend Review in Hall
9th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 6 Milldale Rd.
8pm Wednesday Fellowships
10th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage
15th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club 'History of Knitting'
8pm Council of Churches - English Martyrs
16th Wed 2pm Monthly Fellowship - 182 Warminster Road, Norton
8pm Wednesday Fellowships
22nd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - 8 Totley Grange Drive
7.30pm All Saints' Nursery Playgroup Committee
23rd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
24th Thu 7.15pm All Saints' School PTA Fashion Show
29th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
30th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

WELCOME TO TONY AND PAM

Tony and Pam Lindsey - our C.M.S. Link Missionaries will be visiting us for the weekend of 18th/20th September, after their term of service in West Africa. Full details of their visit will be given in the weekly notices nearer the date.

YOUNG SAINTS

Our "Young Saints" start their new session of Sunday Morning meetings in the Church Hall on Sunday 6th September at 10am. Children from all age groups are welcome to come along and join in the activities and fun. More details from John and Lynne (360653)

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd September, 2.15pm at 8 Totley Grange Drive. As many members as possible are asked to attend this meeting and new members are welcome. The next event will be our BAZAAR on 28th November.

LADIES CLUB

The season of meetings begins on Tuesday 15th September with a talk by Mrs. C. Fogg on the 'History of Knitting'. Any odd balls of wool would be appreciated for making into blankets.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Coffee Morning for the Children's Society held at 220 Baslow Road in July raised £202. Our thanks to Dorothy and Eric and to all who helped and supported the morning.

FASHIOIN SHOW - for children and adults

The All Saints' School PTA are arranging a Fashion Show in the Church Hall on Thursday 24th September at 7.15pm - with a presentation by Rebecca Louise (Woodseats) of children's clothes and by Ital Moda (Millhouses) of designer leatherwear and knitwear. Entrance £1.50p (50p children) incl.refreshments.

Next month the PTA are organising a CRAFT FAIR in the Church Hall on Saturday 17th October.

JOHN WADE SINGERS

The next Grand Opera performance by the John Wade Singers will be of 'The Force of Destiny' by Verdi. There will be performances on Friday and Saturday 16/17th October at St. John's Church, Abbeydale, commencing at 7.30pm. Entrance programmes from 360820 and members of the Singers.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

August 2nd - Paul William Knapton, Matthew Jonathan Walker

Holy Matrimony

July 25th - Philip Michael Duffy & Catherine Michaela Hirst
Funerals

July 13th Betty Bell (65) 153 Green Oak Road

July 24th Ethel Lappin (66) Cheshire Home

August 3rd Nellie Crowe (77) 2a Green Oak Avenue

Ethel Lappin had resided at the Cheshire Home for the last four years but had suffered with MS for 38 years. She was a great asset at the Home, always willing to help as much as she could, happy to share things with others and good at keeping others cheerful.

Nellie Crowe had lived at Woodseats before coming to Totley about 20 years ago. She led an active life despite her increasing years and was well-known for her sociable and cheerful ways. We express our sympathy to her family.

Betty Bell came to Green Oak Road over 30 years ago. She worked for many years as a secretary at the University where her kindness, good humour and efficiency were appreciated. With her family we give thanks for her love, friendship, care and courage - and her quiet, sincere Christian faith. We extend to Arthur, Diane & family our sympathy. Betty was a Friend of ↗

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“A Church of the Nation”

asks the Bishop of Doncaster

I cannot put my hand on my heart and say that all debates in the General Synod are fascinating, interesting, and entirely worthwhile; but two debates in July came, as far as I was concerned, very much in the interesting category. I am not referring to the debate on Freemasonry. Although important, it was on the whole predictable. I am referring to the debates which took place on two Private Member's Motions. One of them related to the question of whether we should restore the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer; the other to the question of whether we should place greater restriction on eligibility for entry on Church Electoral Rolls.

What interested me was not only the direct intentions of the debate, but also an issue which lay behind much of what was said; what kind of Church we regarded ourselves as being. Are we in any sense a Church of the Nation; or are we wiser to see ourselves as a christian minority attempting to fulfil a defined but less influential role in a pluralist society?

I doubt if we are likely to delude ourselves with false illusions of significance in the Sheffield Diocese. We are not in some premier ecclesiastical position, but in common witness with our fellow christians. People of different communities of faith and different cultural backgrounds are to be found in Sheffield and Rotherham, and to a lesser degree in other parts of the Diocese.

Having acknowledged this, I wonder sometimes if we discount too much. There are still a good many links between the christian community and the wider community. The folk memory of a culturally christian past has not been totally swept away by materialism. There is evidence of spiritual hunger as well as of social need.

Whether a restoration of the Lord's Prayer in the traditional form to a more prominent liturgical place is a good thing in this connection is difficult to assess. The rising generation are not so likely to be familiar with the older words, or with any words at all. For many christians, the newer wording is loved and better known. In the end the General Synod made a typically Anglican response, authorising both the old and the new to appear side by side. That will not please the purists of either school. Not being too much of a purist myself, I enjoy using the newer version; but find that I revert to the older version at services where the words aren't immediately before us.

What matters a good deal more than the use of older or modern versions of the Lord's Prayer, is our awareness of God's purpose as we pray. I do not believe that we are called to be a fortress Church with the drawbridge up. We have a Gospel to proclaim. We do not proclaim it or live it out in a vacuum; but among people whose preparation of heart by the Holy Spirit we should have the vision to recognise.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Heavy Going...

Sheffield Diocesan Synod's summer meeting seemed heavy going for the most part (writes the Diocesan Communications Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold). It was to start off with a very wide-ranging agenda and the Synod stretched - with a break for lunch - from 9.30 a.m. to 3.15 p.m.

The new Youth Chaplain, the Revd. Alan Griffiths was welcomed, licensed and generally installed by the Bishop of Sheffield. The Bishop of Doncaster persuaded the Synod to reduce the size of the Bishop's Council, as from the elections next year, and he also successfully piloted the draft constitution of the South Yorkshire Ecumenical Sponsoring Group through Synod. This group has the oversight of officially designated Local Ecumenical Projects in South Yorkshire. A video on lay involvement in the life of the Church in West Doncaster Deanery was presented by Miss Maureen Eastwood (Diocesan Lay Training Officer) while Miss Margaret Selby (Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry) - whose appointment was later confirmed for a further five years - presented a whole package of "goodies" in a new listing of skills around the Diocese (everything from guitar playing to computer technology) and a new document - in the blueprint stage - of "Opportunities for Training in the Diocese of Sheffield".

A new information service of the Diocesan Social Responsibility Committee was presented by Mrs. Nancy Johnson and afterwards still on the communication theme the Editor of this publication (the 33,500 circulation Sheffield Diocesan News) and myself did a double act on the importance of the printed word. Finance Committee Report, annual accounts and the 1988 forecast of income and expenditure were presented and received. The major report on the Welfare State "Not just for the Poor" was presented and commended for study by parishes and individuals. And for all this Diocesan Synod business the paperwork involved weighed in at just over 1lb...which may sound heavy enough, but is still lightweight when compared to the sometimes 6lbs of paperwork which General Synod members receive.

With thanks...

Two presentations provided the personal touch at the summer meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod. First there was a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Snowden to mark their years as Wardens of the Whirlow Grange Conference Centre. The Provost of Sheffield, the Very Revd. Frank Curtis, spoke warmly of their work at Whirlow.

And likewise Mr. Leslie Fletcher was warm in his praise for Mr. Lawrence Watson of Messrs. John Watson, Sons and Wheatcroft, who has for the last 25 years presented the auditor's report on the Diocesan Accounts.

Wanted for Holy Trinity...

An organist and choirmaster is required for Holy Trinity, Millhouses, Sheffield. There is a strong musical tradition with plenty of scope for development.

Please contact: the Revd. Ron Howell on Sheffield 362838.

Away match...

At next year's Lambeth Conference, in a fanciful phrase, the Bishops of the Anglican Communion have been asked to "take their Dioceses with them". We gather that the Bishop of Sheffield doesn't exactly approve of the idea, but it seems that when he was on holiday recently he was busy picking up pieces of the Diocese of Sheffield in far-flung Pickering. In an antique shop there he picked up two lovely prints: one of Kimberworth and the other a hand-coloured print of the Bridge Chapel at Rotherham. We also hear that he "crossed swords" with a shop keeper in Pickering about not stocking kitchen knives "Made in Sheffield".

Beginnings

Holy Trinity, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, is getting ready for its 150th Anniversary in 1990. They're hoping to raise £75,000 for the many items of repair and renewal needed on the church, and they hope to start before 1990. To launch the beginning of the appeal, there's a festival of flowers on the theme of Genesis from 26th - 28th September. More details from the Revd. Geoff Anderson on Sheffield 463487.

Hilltop help

Hilltop House is a Hostel for the Mentally Handicapped in Worrall Road, Worrall, Sheffield 6. The residents are aged between 35 and 84 some of whom do not have any family or friends outside the hostel. They are looking for people to befriend them and generally take an interest in their lives. If you are able to offer a little of your time please contact Mrs. Margaret Hurley, Social Worker (Mental Handicap Team), Council Offices, Salt Box Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield S30. Phone Sheffield 467001. Tell her you read about it in Sheffield Diocesan News!

Appointments

The Revd. Keith White, Curate at Christ Church, Fulwood, to be Rector of Holy Trinity, Norwich.

The Revd. Vernon Blackmore, Assistant Curate, Ecclesall Parish Church, to take up an appointment with the Lion Publishing Company.

The Revd. John Gilpin, Chaplain to the Royal Hallamshire, Children's, and Jessop Hospitals to retire to Prestatyn, North Wales.

The Revd. Philip Ireson, Curate at St. John the Baptist, Owlerton, to be Vicar of the Marshland Group of Parishes.

Miss Margaret Halsey, Lay Chaplain at Brighton Polytechnic, to join Sheffield Industrial Mission.

Deaconess Eve Atherfold, serving in the Parish of Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe, NSM, to serve in the Fishlake Group of Parishes.

Keeping it in the family

When Rachel Timmins of St. Francis' Church, West Bessacarr, Doncaster married the Revd. Michael Partridge, the newly ordained curate of Amington, Birmingham during the summer, it was quite a gathering. Not only were the families and friends of Bride and Groom present at the wedding, but most of the congregation too, for everyone had had a hand in the preparations for the day. It was a family occasion in more ways than one, and enjoyed by everyone. They're seen here with Bishop David (left) who officiated, and the Revd. M. Vasey, lecturer at Cranmer Hall, Durham.



Decisions, Decisions

- to do or not to do?

A laity consultation day held in Doncaster last year, organised by the Adult Education Officer, resulted in participants asking for opportunities to discuss moral and ethical issues. In response to this request, the Revd. Grant Macintosh, has arranged a series of three evenings on moral questions today. You are invited to **St. James' Parish Hall, St. Sepulchre Gate West, Doncaster** (4 minutes walk from Doncaster Railway Station), on three Wednesday evenings. Each evening has a 30 minute talk, refreshments, and discussion and will last from 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd September

"*Personal Life and Moral Dilemmas (Divorce, Re-marriage and Aids)*" - a sociological perspective, with David Clark, the former Director of the Scottish Marriage Guidance Council. He is an Anglican and a sociologist.

Wednesday, 30th September

"*What's right and what's wrong*" - the Christian and moral values today, with Dr. David Cook, a Scottish Baptist, and a radio and television broadcaster. He is a teacher and lecturer on ethics at Green College, Oxford, especially to the medical profession.

Wednesday, 7th October

"*Faith and Apocalypse*" - the morality of the nuclear issue, with Prof. James O'Connell, Head of the Peace Studies Dept. at Bradford University. He is a committed christian from the Roman Catholic tradition, and has gained both a national and international reputation for his work. Politicians of all parties respect his findings.

More information from the Revd. Grant Macintosh on Sheffield 661745 (St. Timothy's Vicarage) or Sheffield 754386 (Diocesan Office).

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Intermediate Technology

Lionel Weedon is a Churchwarden at Elsecar, and also Chairman of the North Midlands Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He writes about a lecture to be held in November which will be of particular interest to those who want to know about long term schemes to provide facilities for self help in Third World countries...

"The I.Mech.E. has an annual schools lecture, called the Leonardo da Vinci Lecture which is presented at twelve locations. This year Sheffield is included, on Tuesday, 17th November, 1987, at the Sheffield City Polytechnic. The morning and afternoon are reserved for school parties but the evening is for the general public, at 7 p.m.

Usually these lectures are given by well known national companies in technical fields, and are rather sophisticated. This year the lecture is mounted by Intermediate Technology, a British charity. It is concerned with applying modern engineering to improve on traditional methods of production and takes advantage of local resources of knowledge, skills and materials rather than increasing dependence on expensive imported technologies.

The presentation will include film, slides, videotapes and a mobile exhibition and will be fronted by one of the field officers who spends most of his time abroad. There will be an opportunity for questions, and literature will be available.

Admission is free but by ticket, available from mid September from our regional administration officer, D. Bradley, Briar Royd, Woodhead Road, Holmfirth, Huddersfield HD7 1PX."

Women's Movement

There is a Quiet Day at St. Leonard's Church, Dinnington on October 24th from 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. sponsored by the Movement for the Ordination of Women. It is not limited to members but open to anyone interested in exploring the spiritual issues involved in the women's movement. It is to be led by Sister Vivienne of the Community of the Holy Name. More details from the Revd. Simon Bailey on Dinnington 562335.

A forgotten Sheffielder: ROBERT SANDERSON: 1587 - 1663

He was born four hundred years ago on 19th September 1587 and christened next day in Sheffield Parish Church. His father - a tanner by trade, from a family of middling importance in the not very important Sheffield of those days - came from Grimesthorpe "pleasantly situated on Wincobank Hill" and his mother from Ecclesfield. But school for young Robert meant Rotherham. He did so well that at thirteen he moved to an Oxford College.

Should this forgotten bright Sheffield lad be unforgotten on his 400th birthday?

The people of his own day would say 'Yes'.

They admired his intellect: "a metaphysical brain and a matchless memory".

his goodness: ordained priest in 1611 for nearly a lifetime he cared for the tiny parish of Boothby Pagnell in Lincolnshire exactly as a Vicar should.

his practical divinity: as Professor at Oxford he cowered in no Ivory Tower but dealt with the real problems and decisions that faced people at a time of Civil War.

and his courage: surprisingly - for Sheffield was all for the Puritans and Parliament - he was a man of the moderate right and faithful to Church and King. This cost him his job, a time in prison and repeated harassment from Cromwell's soldiers.

Eventually, too, people respected his success. Unexpectedly Charles II was restored and England had Bishops again. Robert Sanderson - at 73 and with less than three years to live - became Bishop of Lincoln. People were grateful for a Bishop who worked for peace in a storm-tossed Church and war-weary nation.

And us? The Civil War has been over for more than 300 years! Yet, I think Bishop Sanderson, on his 400th birthday, has things to say to us. He speaks of the importance of truth and shows us that the extremists do not have a monopoly here. And for him truth is not distant and abstract. It must be used to help us make the difficult decisions in our daily lives. In matters of medicine, politics and personal morals we need another Bishop Sanderson to guide us. And - perhaps most important of all - because truth comes from God, he believes that seekers after truth can work and worship together in peace. His lectures were in Latin, but the preface he wrote for the new Prayer Book of 1662 (our 'old' Prayer Book) comes in clear English. It is still there and worth a read "by all sober, peaceable and conscientious Sons of the Church of England".

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield



1 "Beating the Bounds" A series of prayer walks around Doncaster following the Doncastrian Way.

Saturday, September 5th: Don Bridge to Dunsville. (approx. 10 miles). Meet Don Bridge Cinema 10.30 a.m.

Saturday, September 26th: Dunsville to Rossington.

Saturday, October 3rd: Rossington - Wadworth - Don Bridge.

Ring D. Kenyon (tel.: 780161) for details.

2 Saturday, September 12th: "Splashout!" A day for Youth based at All Saints, Woodlands and Adwick Leisure Centre. 10 a.m. - 8.30 p.m. Cost £2.75 incl. entrance to Centre and cooked tea. Bring packed lunch and sports gear. Booking forms from MISSION Centre, Y.M.C.A., Wood Street, Doncaster. Tel.: 342200.

3 "Sound the Alarm!" A day to let Doncaster know about MISSION DONCASTER and to call Christians into action.

Saturday, September 19th at Hall Cross Comprehensive School, Thorne Road. Afternoon workshop with RIDING LIGHTS Theatre Company. Evening Celebration with JIM SMITH, Mission Evangelist, with Riding Lights at 7.30 p.m. Further details and booking forms from MISSION Centre.

4 Saltmine Witness Team Concert for young people. Hall Cross, Waterdale, Friday, September 25th at 7.30 p.m.

The MISSION Centre is open each weekday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the second floor of the Y.M.C.A., Wood Street, Doncaster. You are very welcome to call in. Also Saturdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

500 Years

St. Nicholas' Church, Bradfield is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the rebuilding of the church with a Flower Festival "Activities of our Village" from 10th - 13th September, 10.30 a.m. - 9.30 p.m. Refreshments are available, and the church and village are well worth a visit. More details from Sheffield. (0742) 81243.

Women's World Day of Prayer

In this centenary year the Sheffield Committee is organising a day conference to be held on October 22nd in the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. It will be led by three members of the national committee and the theme is "Open Doors". Coffee will be available from 10 a.m. and opening prayers are at 10.45 a.m., the day concluding at 3.30 p.m. The conference fee is £1 to include drinks, but bring a packed lunch. Applications for tickets, along with the money should be received by Mrs. Hawksworth, 62 Rundle Road, Sheffield. S7 1NX by 21st September. These will be dealt with in strict rotation and tickets sent out on October 5th.

Lee Abbey and £250 was given in lieu of flowers to the Lee Abbey Bursary Fund.

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PARENT POWER STARTS THIS TERM



AN AGE-OLD FORCE within Britain's education system is being unleashed with new power on the country's schools - it's called The Parent.

A new Education Act, introduced last year, is offering parents greater representation on School Governing Bodies, with more say in matters of curriculum, discipline, staff appointments, sex education and other areas.

'Christians in Education' are among the church groups busily encouraging Christian parents to grasp the opportunity with both hands.

INVOLVEMENT

Says CIE General Secretary, Peter Davis: 'Christian parents are being presented with unparalleled opportunities to be salt and light in their children's schools. We must not complain in years to come if we don't act now.'

Under the 1986 Education Act, the governing body of each of the 30,000 maintained primary and secondary schools in England and Wales will be reestablished as the main focus for its school's life and direction.

Parents will have a greater say in the running of their children's schools. They will have a more

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powerful voice on governing bodies in County and Controlled Schools, which will no longer be dominated by local education authority representatives. All parents will receive annual reports from the governing body and have the chance to discuss them.

EXTREMISTS

There are additional opportunities for governors of Church Voluntary Aided Schools. Governors are able to appoint and employ teachers, decide upon the type of Religious Education, assemblies, and formulate the admissions policy.

A Senior County education advisor, has described the new law as "an extremists charter" - a green light for highly motivated groups to influence education.

'You can be assured that Christians are not the only interested group who will take advantage of the new law,' warns Mr Davis.

Extract from an article in IDEA

THE STRENGTH FROM THE BIBLE

The Bible is without a rival. It gives a calm peace in believing, and a firm hope for the future.

It solves the great problem of life and destiny, and inspires to a life of purity, patience and well-doing.

It fills the heart with love for God and a desire to do good to others. It prepares us for usefulness here and for a home in heaven.

It teaches the value of the soul, by revealing the price that has been paid to redeem it.

It makes known the only antidote for sin, and presents the only perfect code of morals ever given.

It tells of the future, and the preparation necessary to meet it.

It makes us bold for the right, and sustains the soul in adversity and affliction.

It lights up the dark valley of death, and points to life unending.

It leads to God, and to Christ whom to know is life eternal.

In short it is the one book to live and die by.

May this message be a blessing to you.

Contributed by Vera Cryan

SUPPORT INVITED

Recipients of the 'Christian Aid in Sheffield' News-sheet are currently being urged to support the work of the South Yorkshire World Development Education Centre successfully established for some 2½ years now at Burngreave Middle School, independently of the Local Education Authority.

A growing range of Resources (books, leaflets, teaching packs, games, slides, videos, etc.) is available at the Centre, and, although its initial work has been mainly with schools, it also encourages Youth and Community Groups, Churches and Individuals to make use of its services.

Membership of the Centre is available on an individual basis at a minimum cost of £3 per annum (which can be covenanted as SYWDEC is a Registered Charity) but Group Membership is also available at a minimum cost of £10 pa.

Readers are invited to consider prayerfully their response to the request for support, and to contact Ken Filleul (360872) or David Lloyd (362832) from whom further details can be obtained. They are willing to co-ordinate any possible application for Group Membership.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

At the end of the Summer Term we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Pamela Challis who had taught at All Saints' School since April 1975.

Everyone who has been associated with the school - pupils, parents, staff and governors - have much to thank her for. Indeed the fact that the P.T.A. and Governing Body wished to contribute to the collection being made by staff and pupils shows the high regard in which she was held. Pam has been an excellent and very lively Infant Teacher during those years, and has been very involved with all the varied activities of the P.T.A., giving far more than would normally be expected of any teacher.

Having become a mother for the second time in April with the arrival of Timothy, she has been on maternity leave since Christmas. As she returns to teaching after this break it did seem an appropriate time to think about developing her career. Pam is to join the staff of Woodseats N.J.I. School. I am sure that school will benefit greatly from her boundless energy and enthusiasm.

We wish Pam a very happy and successful future, and look forward to keeping in touch with her, Martin, Cherry and Timothy.

Our new teacher is Mrs. Christine Schofield. Christine is returning to permanent teaching after having two children. Prior to that she taught at Gleadless N.F. School, and has recently had regular sessions of supply work at Sir Harold Jackson School. We look forward to Christine joining us and hope she will be very happy at All Saints' School.

Joan Stratford

TRAIDCRAFT - exhibition of merchandise in Hall, 9th - 23rd October

Some supplies of tea, coffee and stationery - and order forms for other catalogue items - are available from Ken Filleul.

CLERICAL CURIOSITIES

The Rev.H.Oakes, an Essex Baptist minister, drowned a convert during baptism, but was found not guilty of manslaughter. The Rev.T.Storry, inducted to Kirk Brampton(Cumberland) in 1679, claimed during his long incumbency to have buried everyone who was alive in the parish on the date of his institution.

FAITH IN PRINT

Some of you may have read a book by Mary Craig. She specialises in writing biographies of Twentieth Century Christians, such as "Man from a Far Country" about Pope John Paul II, and "Candles in the Dark" about Christians in this century who have been martyred for their faith. What you are unlikely to have known is the personal suffering the author has herself been through.

Mary Craig's second child, Paul, was born with gargoylism, a rare disease which leaves the victim physically impaired and mentally handicapped. Overwhelmed by problems of caring for a child too handicapped ever to recognise her, she was all but crushed by her feelings of helplessness. Yet she was helped by working as a volunteer at a home for disabled Nazi concentration camp survivors.

When her fourth child was born with mongolism, she had learned how to bear this terrible blow. Her testament of courage is told in a book with what some might consider an unlikely title - "Blessings".

This is one of eighty Christian paperbacks (worth £220) presented to Totley Library recently by the Dore, Totley & Bradway Christian Council through the 'Faith in Print' Scheme, in which All Saints' has played its part.

Under this scheme a national ecumenical panel list a cross-section of Christian books (Bible study, devotional, biography, history, Christianity in action, etc.) likely to be acceptable to Library Authorities. The local churches obtain the agreement of their library and purchase the books with 'Faith in Print' supplying plastic covers and bookmarks.

So when using Totley Library, look out for Christian literature and tell others about the books available. If you want to request other Christian books via the Library Service this still can be done - and often libraries are grateful to receive books in good condition from individuals.

ANIMAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Animal Christian Concern is an ecumenical movement expressing concern at animal experimentation, intensive farming, the fur trade and bloodsports, and calls for a more responsible Christian stewardship of God's animal creation. ACC asks for your prayers and support. A Service for Animal Welfare is to be held at York Minister on Sunday 20th September at 2.15pm.

YOUNG TOTLEY CHRISTIANS

Many schools in Sheffield have a Christian group of some sort, and King Egbert's School, Dore, is no exception. The Christian Union (C.U.) at King Egbert's meets on Thursdays during the lunch hour in a vacant classroom. For this reason the meetings are sometimes disturbed by anxious classmates waiting to begin their afternoon lessons - yet they are always invited to come and join us!!

In the past, the Christian Union has prepared a number of assemblies which have been performed to the whole school. This was a great undertaking for the fifteen Christian members. The weeks after were quite difficult as all the members were nick-named the 'God-Squad' or 'Bible-Bashers', yet we strengthened each other and this brought us closer to the Lord, praying for those who were persecuting us.

During this summer holiday the C.U. members will be meeting to rearrange the group. Hopefully lots of new first years joining the school will come to Christian Union. A decision has been made that the age range between 11 and 16 year-olds is too great, and explanations clear to the older members may be confusing to the younger First years. Therefore two groups will be formed to try to cope with this problem.

Your prayers for the groups would be much appreciated at this time.

In the groups, singing, Bible study and prayers take place with a different theme each week. The main aim being really to praise God, even in our place of work - school!!

Helen Job

"UNSLEEPING, I WOULD KNOW..."

*BELIEVE ME, it was often thus
In solitary cells, on winter nights
A sudden sense of joy and warmth
And a resounding note of love*

*And then, unsleeping, I would know
A huddle by an icy wall
Someone is thinking of me now
Petitioning the Lord for me.*

RUSSIAN Christian Poetess, IRINA RATUSHINSKAYA and her husband were allowed to leave Russia after 4 years in Soviet prisons. This is an extract from a poem she dedicated to all who supported them in prayer during their ordeal.

RECIPE TIME

Muesli Munchies (healthy-style)

4oz polyunsaturated Margarine 2oz Raisins
6 oz raw cane Sugar 1 little milk
1 large Egg 2 oz Chopped Nuts, raw
4 oz S.R. wholemeal Flour or roasted
4oz Oats and/or cereals such as barley and rice flakes

Cream together the margarine and sugar, then add the egg and stir well. Mix in the flour, a little at a time. Gradually add all the remaining ingredients with enough milk to make a batter.

Drop tablespoonsful of the mixture onto greased baking sheets, leaving room for biscuits to spread.

Bake at 350°F Gas Mark 4 for 10-15 minutes.

FLOWER ROTA

<u>September</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
6	Mdms Ibbotson & E.Powell	Mrs.Gray
13	Mrs.Drewery	Mrs.Bramall
20	Mrs.Norris	Mrs.Parsons
27	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Parkin
4 Oct	Mrs.Hazlehurst	Mrs.Wilson

Silver Cleaning

Sept 6	Miss Taylor	Sept 20	Mrs.Watson
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Sept 6	Mrs. Billard and Mrs. Houldcroft
Sept 13	Mrs.Snazell and Miss Bird
Sept 20	Mrs.T.Woodhead and Mr.M.Rayner
Sept 27	Mrs.P.Marshall and Mrs. Kirton
Oct 4	Mrs.B.Waite and Miss Taylor

END QUOTES

If money does not bring happiness - give it back.

Jules Renard

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

Thomas Jefferson

If you have a strong story to tell -

It is no good whispering down a well.

Mark Twain

Out of the mouths of babes come words
we shouldn't have said in the first place.

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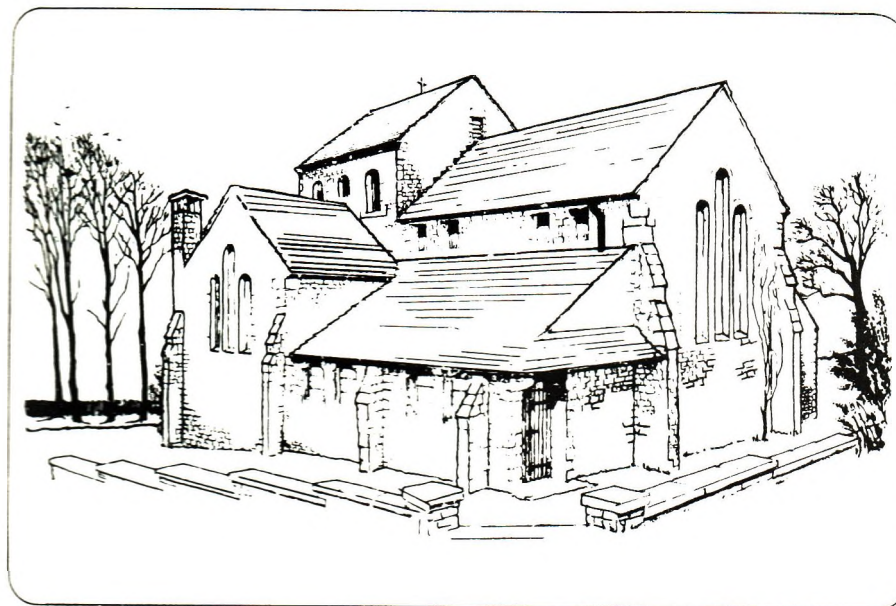
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A criticism levelled against the Christian Church is why, if it is truly preaching a Gospel of Love, is there so much disunity in the ranks of Christians? How can the Church hope to bring harmony and peace amongst the divided peoples of the world when it can't bring unity to its own membership?

Christians conscious of this weakness in their witness have cause to thank God for a conference held at Swanwick, Derbyshire, last month. Over 350 leaders from different denominations throughout the British Isles met together. It was a historic occasion with the widest spectrum of British and Irish Churches ever to assemble together. It involved both the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Hume.

The Conference was a moving on from the national 1986 Lent Study Course and Response - "Not strangers but Pilgrims". After last month's Swanwick Conference the delegates were able to declare they were "pilgrims together and strangers no longer." Particularly encouraging was Cardinal Hume's statement that Roman Catholics should now move from co-operation with other Christians to commitment, with the goal of full communion, that is both visible and organic, in mind.

I quote part of the declaration made by all the Conference members :-

"We now declare together our readiness to commit ourselves to each other under God. Our earnest desire is to become more fully, in his own time, the one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission. Such unity is the gift of God. We affirm our openness to this growing unity in obedience to the word of God, so that we may fully share, hold in common and offer to the world those gifts which we have received."

Let us prayerfully share in the vision of the conference members and seek to make this statement also true in the life of our own congregation and in that of our local churches.

With every blessing,

SERVICES IN OCTOBER



4th PENTECOST 17

Theme: 'The Proof of Faith'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: James 1 : 16 - 27 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Luke 17: 11-19 (JB)

10am Young Saints in Church Hall

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 32: 6-15 (NEB)

New Testament: St. Luke 7: 1-10 (JB)

11th PENTECOST 18

Theme 'The Offering of Life'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 17-26 (NEB)

10am Young Saints in Church Hall

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 38: 24-34 (NEB)

New Testament: St. Matthew 25: 14-30 (JB)

18th ST. LUKE'S DAY (Last after Pentecost)

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-17 (RSV)

Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 1-13 (NEB)

10am Family Service (One World Week Theme)

6.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP) & Anointing of the Sick

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4: 5-13 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Luke 10: 1-9 (NEB)

25th 9th before CHRISTMAS

Theme: 'The Creation'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

First Reading: Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-25 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 3: 1-8 (NEB)

10am Young Saints in the Church Hall

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Genesis 1: 1-3, 24-31 (NEB)

New Testament: St. John 1: 1-14 (RSV)

Note: On St. Luke's Day, following the administration of Holy Communion, any who wish are invited to participate in the Sacrament of Unction for healing.

ALL SAINTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

will be celebrated on Sunday 1st November (All Saints' Day)
8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Holy Communion (ASB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

The day will also be kept as Stewardship Sunday.

CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP KENNETH SKELTON is at
Dore Parish Church, 7.30pm, Weds. 21st October. Two
candidates from All Saints - David Mabbott & Sue Wright
- will be presented. Do pray for them - and come and
support them.

PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

1st	Thu	8pm	Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road
5th	Mon	8pm	Mission Committee - Brook Hall
6th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club - talk on National Trust
7th	Wed	10.45am	Monthly Morning Fellowship
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
8th	Thu	8pm	Parochial Church Council - Vicarage
10th	Sat	10.30am - 12.30pm	Traidcraft "Stringalong" in Hall
13th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
14th	Wed	2pm	Monthly Fellowship - 41 Meadow Grove
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
16th	Fri/Sat	7.30pm	"The Force of Destiny" Verdi at St.John's Abbeydale by John Wade Singers
	Fri.	7.30pm	Talk on Traidcraft by Pat Newton in Hall
17th	Sat	11am-5pm	Craft Fayre in Church Hall
19th	Mon	8pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 57 Sunnyvale Road
20th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club: Mr.Stan Cooper ex-Mace Bearer
27th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party
28th	Wed	8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
29th	Thu	8.15pm	Choir Meeting
30th	Sat	1.30pm	Sunday School Jumble Sale - in Hall
		5.30pm	RSCM Festival Evensong at Cathedral.

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BIBLE NOTES

A choice of booklets with daily readings and short explanatory
notes start at the beginning of January. A long way off?
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See Vivien Filleul for B.R.F. Notes (362872)

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P.T.A.

"THE FORCE OF DESTINY"

The John Wade Singers will perform 'The Force of Destiny'
by Verdi on Friday/Saturday 16th/17th October at St.John's
Abbeydale, commencing at 7.30pm. Entrance by programme
from 360820 and members of the Singers.

CHOIR NEWS

Festival - the Choir will be taking part in the R.S.C.M.
Diocesan Festival Day on Saturday 31st October. The day
concludes with Festival Evensong at Sheffield Cathedral
at 5.30 pm to which all congregations are welcomed.
Thanks to the Choir and others from Tom & Vera Cryan for
all the support given at Louise & Mark's Wedding.

'YOUNG SAINTS'

The Young Saints are organising a JUMBLE SALE for their
funds on Saturday 31st October at 1.30pm. Jumble and
helpers most welcome - please contact John & Lynne
(360653).

Holy Baptism

September 13th Samuel John Schofield

Holy Matrimony

August 22nd Andrew Clifton & Susan Christine Massara

August 29th Mark Fawcett & Louise Cryan

September 4th Shaune Jackson & Tina Louise Smith
funerals

September 11th Gladys Lillian May Stephenson (54)
76 Sunnyvale Road.

September 11th Albert Weetman (64) 216 Baslow Road

September 14th Mary Constance Barker (78) 49 Mickley Lane
Gladys Stephenson born in Aldershot and living previously at
York and Hull, came to Sunnyvale Road 17 years ago. Ready
to grasp different opportunities, she had worked at Totley
County School, sung for the medieval banquets at Eckington
Hall, and well-known as the local 'Avon Lady'. Above
all, however, we remember her courage, determination and
will-power in fighting her long illness - an inspiration
to us all and to her family for whom she showed great care.
Albert Weetman lived in Chesterfield and Nether Edge before
moving to Totley 4 years ago. He had been a self-employed
builder.

Mary Barker came from Ringinglow and moved to Totley
when her late husband was appointed butcher on the opening
of Totley Co-op Store. They had lived in their home on
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18	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Parsons
25	Mrs. Hossent	Mrs. Waite
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Oct 4	Mrs. Jockel	Oct 18 Mrs. Mayson

PARISH BREAKFAST

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Oct 11	Mrs. Wiggett & Miss P. Lee
Oct 18	Mrs. Catton & Mr. D. Powell
Oct 25	Mrs. Job & Mrs. Murrell
Nov 1	Mr & Mrs. Carter

OUR DAILY PRAYER

*"We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord,
All the earth doth worship thee: the father everlasting."*

Thus powerfully and dramatically the Te Deum sets out the truth that undergirds the duty and privilege of daily prayer.

As individuals, beginning each new day, we need to acknowledge that we are in the hands of God: He is Lord and we worship him. Prayers of penitence, prayers of intercession and many others may follow, but that is the heart of the matter. Daniel is our model (6.10): nothing will keep us from our daily turning to God in prayer.

As a Church our commitment to the daily common prayer of the people of God is total:

"The Curate that ministereth in every Parish Church or Chapel, being at home, and being otherwise reasonably hindered shall say the same (i.e. Morning and Evening Prayer) in the Parish Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with him." That sentence was first put into the Prayer book in 1549, but it has been repeated in each new edition and also now stands in a slightly modernised form in those Revised Canons (or Laws) of the Church within whose authority we live today.

As a nation too we acknowledge the authority of God by many daily Acts of Prayer. Parliament never begins a day without prayers in both the Lords and Commons. The Law demands that in every school the day shall begin with an act of prayer. Until recently in many hospitals the Sister led Ward prayers each morning.

Today, however, the custom of Daily Prayer is under attack. To many the custom where it lingers on seems either a quaint survival or a scandal that threatens their personal freedom. But far from agreeing to this retreat, I think we must fight back. 'Apostasy' is a frightening word: But for a Nation to refuse to acknowledge God day by day, (or worse to outlaw such an act of worship in its institutions) can only be described as Apostasy.

Three things need to be done.

First, we need both to remind ourselves and explain clearly to others why we think this daily prayer matters. Laws can't make people pray. Daily Prayer has died out in hospitals and is dying out in schools because to most people "there doesn't seem much point" and this gives an opportunity to the minority (a tiny minority I suspect) who are determined that our children should not pray to God. The new legislation on School Worship simply recognises what has already happened. Opposing the legislation will achieve nothing (even if successful!) if we haven't changed the climate of opinion that makes the new rules seem reasonable and inevitable.

Secondly, we need to put our own house in order. It is difficult to make a fuss about daily prayer in the schools if we don't bother to have daily prayer in our Churches. Many do, in one form or another, and at this I rejoice, but many don't. The difficulties, I believe are exaggerated. At a time like this, if it was known that in every Church, every morning there was a group of people meeting together for prayer for the nation, it is difficult to imagine a more powerful witness to our faith, concern and hope.

Thirdly, we must remember that in this matter we Christians do not stand alone. For the same reasons as we, both Jews and Muslims turn daily to God in the acknowledgement of His glory. And indeed their zeal in this puts us to shame. Here is an area in which without any loss of integrity we can work with people of other religions. We are now a multi-religious nation. But this means more than ever we need to see ourselves as a nation that, though divided in so many ways, is yet united under God. To insist on grounds of either history or majority status that School Daily Prayers must in every circumstance be specifically Christian prayers, would be wrong.

We can learn from the B.B.C.'s 'Thought for the Day'. Surely the security and impact of this daily slot has been increased by the presence on it of non-Christian speakers.

God be with you all.

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

Mrs. Doris Thompson

Mrs. Doris Thompson died at Bishopscoft on the 20th August: Bishop David was with her at the end. Hundreds of us have been warmed by her welcome at Bishopscoft and will miss her desperately; not only her welcome, but the person she was with her kindly and numerous glance, her honest and straightforward mind, and the practical friendliness she showed in so many ways both personally and in her work for enterprises like a Half-Way House in Newcastle and the Samaritans in Sheffield.

Two of her favourite hymns were sung at her funeral in the Cathedral on the 26th. The Resurrection hymn, "Jesus lives" - the bedrock of her faith - and "O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" - a lovely example of her own humble and direct approach to the perfection of God.

Our love and prayers are specially with those nearest to her, her son, David, in Canada and Bishop David here. Anyone who knew her will grieve, but also be sure of her delight in seeing no longer "as in a glass, darkly", but face to face. May she rest in peace.

Michael Paton

Meet the Media

As part of the Mothers' Union "Media Awareness Project", the Sheffield Media Committee has arranged a day conference on Tuesday, November 24th in the Cathedral Hall. The speakers will be heads of the press, radio and television, and it will be an important opportunity to hear their views and ask relevant questions.

Invitations have been sent to adjoining Dioceses. As numbers will be limited by the size of the hall, local Mothers' Union members should apply for tickets immediately (Telephone Sheffield 725300). There is a nominal charge of 50p. to cover coffee and tea on arrival and at lunchtime. Lunches will be pooled.

St. Mary's Motorbike

The people of St. Mary's, Rawmarsh have been very busy raising cash - £700 in fact, to buy a motorbike for Barry Hughes, an Australian from Rawmarsh who has gone to our link Diocese of Maseno North to set up primary health care there. Barry, a pharmacist, spent some time last year in India looking at Third World health problems and so is particularly equipped to go to Maseno where the motorbike, known locally as a piki-piki, will help him get around the Diocese. It will certainly be an easier way of travelling than by kangaroo! although we hear it said that there's not many left in Rawmarsh these days, so he wasn't able to take one with him.

Signs of Hope in the City

is a conference examining issues relating to Urban Priority Areas which runs from 2-6 November, 1987 (Mon to Fri) and costs £66. Our speakers include Preb Patrick Dearnley, Archbishop's Officer for Urban Priority Areas; Rev David Horn, Vicar of St. James, Aston; Jeanne Hinton, writer and former editor of 'Grassroots'; and Rev. Neville Black, Advisor on Urban Ministry & Leadership to the Bishop of Liverpool. Further details are available from the Booking Office: Dept. D/N, Lee Abbey, Lynton, N. Devon, EX35 6JJ.

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With sufficient support it may be possible to fit in an excursion to Rievaulx or Fountains Abbey in the spring of 1988.

All lectures will be held in: the Conference Room of the Traditional Heritage Museum, 605 Ecclesall Road (near Hunters Bar), Sheffield 11.

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Introducing Revd. A. Griffiths

Assistant Director of Education - Youth and Children

We welcome Alan as an Education team member and to the Diocese.

Alan came to Sheffield in June as the Assistant Director of Education (Youth and Children). He will be a member of the Education team, but will be primarily responsible for work with young people (11-25).

Alan trained as a youth and community worker at Westhill College in Birmingham and has previously worked as the Secretary of the Middlesbrough YMCA. However, he is also a priest and has had 13 years experience in parishes in Leicester and Birmingham.

Alan is married with 4 children, two of whom are themselves teenagers.

From Revd. A. Griffiths:-

"In his Pentecostal message Bishop David spoke of his wish that the 1990's should be a decade of mission in the Diocese of Sheffield. If this is to be so the church must begin now to look at ways in which the gospel can be presented in a way that is relevant to young people. My main task will be to offer encouragement, support and training to parishes and youth workers as they seek to undertake the task."

"We are your people"

tells the stories of how 63 members of St. Peter's, Conisbrough became involved with the church, and of their experiences of God. Essentially these are the special stories of ordinary people openly talking about the effect their faith has had on their lives. Copies are available from: Mrs. E. Haythorne, 30 Chestnut Grove, Conisbrough, Doncaster. DN12 2JE, and cost £3.50 including post and packing.

"GLIMPSES OF GOOLE" by Ernest Ferriman & Tim Leach

This little book - 32 pages - tells the story of Goole's short history, and also describes something of what the town and port is like today. The words are by Ernest Ferriman with photographs by Tim Leach. Mr. Ferriman is a retired schoolmaster, who has lived and taught in Goole for about 30 years. Over the years he has found Goole to be a friendly and interesting place to live, and he and his wife Mary plan to spend their retirement years in the town. Tim Leach became Vicar of Goole 7 years ago and was immediately impressed by the friendliness of the people, and the photogenic sights of town and docks. His photographs half of them in colour - illustrate the Goole of today. Both men were born in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, but had never met before coming to Goole, where both now find themselves thoroughly at home. The book - sponsored by generous individuals and businesses to enable the Parish Church to reap the profits from the sale - is their tribute to the town which has made them both feel so welcome.

The book is available by post from the Vicarage, 22 Clifton Gardens, Goole DN14 6AR for £2.30.

OPEN MEETING

The Dean of Durham - THE VERY REVD. DR. PETER BAELEZ - will be speaking on "A THEOLOGY OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR" on Thursday, 15th October, 1987, in St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Upper Room.

What sort of sexual behaviour is consonant with the Christian understanding of God?

Is the practice of homosexuality invariably "disordered" (in the Roman Catholic phase)?

Does God call single people solely to celibacy?

Marital breakdown, child abuse, and AIDS - just to name some of our sexually-related problems in society today - force such questions upon the Church.

We are privileged to welcome a speaker to our next meeting who is so well qualified to tackle them, and help us to do the same ourselves.

St. Mark's Church is just by the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, on the Glossop Road. There is car parking at the east end of the Church or in St. Mark's Crescent nearby.

The meeting is arranged by the Sheffield Diocesan Open Church Group. Contact: Revd. John Giles, tel: Sheffield 663613. ALL WELCOME

Calling Flower Arrangers

St. Francis' Church at Bramley, Rotherham feels rather solitary because they are the only church in the Diocese which belongs to the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association. If your church wants to ease their solitariness, contact Mr. G. D. Slade, 49 St. James Road, Rainhill, Prescott, Merseyside, for more details.



The Mayor of Goole, Councillor John Mant and Mrs. Mant with Bishop David (seated centre), Ernest Ferriman (seated right) and Tim Leach, Vicar of Goole at the launch of the book "Glimpses of Goole."

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The Sheffield Industrial Mission, working throughout South Yorkshire is holding its Annual Service for the first time in Doncaster, on SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER at 4.00 p.m. at the CHURCH OF ST. PETER, CHEQUER ROAD, DONCASTER. Especially welcome to the service will be people from industry and commerce, those involved in the field of unemployment, people who are themselves unemployed, members of Churches throughout South Yorkshire and people who may not attend church regularly. It's a service for everybody!

Col. H. E. Madge

"We regret to announce the death of Col. H. E. Madge, who some will remember as Secretary to the Board of Finance from 1949-1953. After his time in Sheffield, he moved to a similar post in the diocese of Winchester, from which he retired and where he settled down in retirement until his death in August this year."

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DEAF AWARENESS

October promises to be quite a busy month for the deaf community in Sheffield this year. The first item on the agenda will be the re-dedication ceremony performed by the Bishop of Sheffield at the Deaf Centre in Psalter Lane, Sharrow. The chapel which had been lavishly re-decorated and renovated by deaf church members themselves, will henceforth be called "St. Stephen's Church for the Deaf" after the ceremony on Saturday evening 10th October. It is not named after the Boxing Day martyr as you may be led to believe, but after the Stephenson family who for three generations in Sheffield were Missioner Superintendent and Lady Missioner for the profoundly deaf community for over 100 years.

The Sheffield Deaf Awareness Scheme project gets under way during the last week in October, with daily events taking place in and around the city centre by deaf people themselves. The week commences with a sign language marathon on the Town Hall steps on Saturday, 24th October when a team of deaf people will relay dialogue and readings in British Sign Language. On Tuesday, 27th October there will be a Jubilee Rally at Sheffield Cathedral starting at 3 p.m. (Psalter Lane Deaf Church is 50 years old this year at its present premises) featuring deaf choirs who will be signing the hymns in their own language..no 'find an organist' problem here! On Friday, again on the Town Hall steps Rev. Mike Sabell, Sheffield Diocesan Chaplain with Deaf People will be attempting to improve on his own unofficial

Lodge Moor Hospital Centenary

A Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Centenary of Lodge Moor Hospital will be held at the Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 18th October, 1987 at 3.00 p.m.

A warm welcome is extended to all readers of the Diocesan News and it is hoped that many ex-patients, their relatives and friends as well as former members of staff will be able to be with us on this day.

Appointments

The Revd. C. M. A. Dawson, Vicar of Wentworth, to retire to Louth, Lincolnshire.

The Revd. Canon C. H. Whiteman, Vicar of Rotherham, to be Vicar of Wentworth, and continuing as Bishop's Chaplain.

The Ven. Michael J. M. Paton, Archdeacon of Sheffield, to retire at the end of the year.

The Revd. J. R. Giles, Vicar of St. Mark's, Broomhill, to be Canon Residentiary at Sheffield Cathedral.

The Revd. A. G. Sage, Ass. Curate, St. Mary with St. Nicholas, Rawmarsh, to be Ass. Curate in the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Fareham.

The Revd. G. J. Keating, Ass. Curate, St. John, Mexborough, to be Vicar of St. Peter, Bentley.

The Revd. T. P. Parker, Ass. Curate, Christ Church, Pitsmoor, to be Ass. Curate in the Parish of St. Thomas, Kimberworth.

The Revd. T. Thurston-Smith, Ass. Curate in the Parish of Rawmarsh, to be Ass. Priest in the Parish of St. John the Divine, Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent.

The Revd J. R. Armfelt Priest in Charge, Laughton in le Morthen, to retire through ill-health.

world record of signing non-stop for 12 hours. It is hoped a Guinness Book of Records representative will be present, together with a couple of camera crews. Other events include the Sheffield Deaf Choir signing hymns on the Thursday afternoon on The Moor bandstand to the accompaniment of the Sheffield Salvation Army Band.

The object of the Week in question is to bring to the attention of the person in the street, the social and communicative difficulties facing deaf people in everyday life, and the need for the deaf community to worship in the language they can 'see' and understand...British Sign Language.

CMS Northern Congress

The theme of CMS Northern Congress 1987 is **Breaking Barriers**. The main speakers will be Bishop Harry Moore, General Secretary of CMS and formerly Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf; and Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, formerly Bishop of Raiwind in Pakistan, now assisting the Archbishop of Canterbury with Lambeth 88. Also participating will be Rev Ron Axtell and Bishop Frank Sargeant. The programme includes, too, a Children's Pageant and an International Songs of Praise presented by Geoffrey Wheeler. The whole weekend costs £18, 16th-18th October in Stockport.

Further information on all CMS activities can be obtained from our Area Secretary, Alan Isaacson, 213 Springvale Road, Sheffield S10 1LG; phone 681053.

Archdeacon to retire....

The Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Venerable Michael Paton is to retire at the end of the year. He has been Archdeacon since 1978. In retirement he and his wife are to live in Millhouses, Sheffield. "We love the City of Sheffield, we love the countryside and we love the people" says the Archdeacon.

Before Ordination the Archdeacon had a varied career. He served in the Army with the Indian Armoured Corps and then later in the Diplomatic service (then known as the Foreign Service) in Germany and in the Far East. A meeting with the then Bishop of Singapore was one of the factors which eventually set him on the road to Ordination in the Church of England. After studying at Lincoln Theological College he was ordained in the Diocese of Newcastle in 1954 to serve as Curate of Gosforth. From there he moved to Sheffield Diocese on becoming Vicar of St. Chad's, Woodseats in 1957. Ten years later he became Senior Chaplain to the United Sheffield Hospitals and from 1970 to 1978 he was Vicar of St. Mark's, Broomhill and Chaplain to Weston Park Hospital. He has always maintained a keen interest in the latest developments in the Medical World not least because so many of them (such as embryo research) carry with them many serious moral and theological implications. Social Responsibility work in the Church has been another of the Archdeacon's special areas of interest and he was, in fact, one of the co-founders of the Telephone Samaritan service in Sheffield.

With his very genuine care and concern for his fellow human beings Archdeacon Paton will be greatly missed in the City and Diocese of Sheffield.

HEALING THE BATTLE IS ON



"SOON we will have to stop talking about 'the healing ministry', and see Christian healing as a normal part of the Church's life", Denis Duncan, Director of the Churches Council for Health and Healing was quoted as saying recently.

Undoubtedly recent years have seen a great explosion of interest in the whole field of healing in the Church. Many have been influenced by John Wimber's book 'Power Healing' and his 'signs and wonders' ministry. The CCHH has taken an imaginative step with the opening of the St Marylebone Centre for Healing and Counselling, bringing together as it does orthodox medical programmes and 'alternative' disciplines. Christians have not been slow to respond to the new challenge of AIDS and specialist caring centres have been launched. All this alongside the on-going work of the hospital chaplains and places such as Crowhurst and St Christopher's Hospice.

But what is the Christian to believe when confronted by illness in himself or in a loved-one? Reading the New Testament one is challenged by the healing miracles of Jesus and by that same authority being extended to His apostles.

With the advent of Jesus Christ a new Kingdom – the Kingdom of

God – was inaugurated. Jesus not only proclaimed this in word but demonstrated it through His miracles. However this Kingdom of God, He said, was not really of this world and it had not yet come in its fullness.

CASUALTIES

Jesus reigns but He also waits until His enemies (and among them are sickness and death) are made His footstool. In the meantime the battle is on and you can't have a battle without casualties. But we know we are on the winning side. One day all believers will hear the Lord's words, "Behold I make all things new." Then we shall all receive new and perfect bodies. So, yes, we are open to the miraculous today – we cannot limit God. On the other hand if we do not experience immediate physical healing we are not defeated. In all this the Church is called to proclaim belief and hope and to demonstrate compassion and love.

PAUL PATTERSON

ONE WORLD WEEK 1987



**OCTOBER
18th-25th**

The theme for 'ONE WORLD WEEK' this year is 'Who gets the Credit?'. By this is meant the way some countries live on the produce of other communities, while the poorer ones seem to get even further enmeshed in debt. But in reality it is often the richer countries who are the real debtors.

The organisers of the week want us all - as churches, communities, and nations - to begin repaying the debt and giving credit where it is due. People around the world help create our national wealth with their skill and labour. What does it cost them? How is the wealth shared? Who gets the credit?

Have you ever thought how difficult it is to spend even one day when we simply don't eat, wear or use anything coming from the Third World? We need to realise just how much we all rely on many different countries. We are "one world" whether we acknowledge it or not.

One way of 'fair trading' with the poorer countries of the world is through TRAIDCRAFT

From Saturday 10th October to Thursday 22nd, there will be a Traidcraft Exhibition in the Church Hall - together with a number of special presentations to suit everyone. The Traidcraft catalogue contains many unusual items from around the world which will make ideal Christmas presents.

You are welcome to the following -

Saturday 10th October

10.30am - 12.30pm 'STRINGALONG'
Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
with a Puppet Show at 11am

Sunday 11th October

11am 'FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE'
A short presentation with music
and a sketch in the Hall over
coffee after Church.

8.



Friday 16th October

7.30pm 'INSIDE STORY' Illustrated Talk by Pat Newton,
Traidcraft Area Rep. and social evening.

Saturday 17th October

Stall manned in the Hall during the Craft Fair - 11am - 5pm

Sunday 18th October

11am Family Service - Theme 'The World Wide Family'

Thursday 22nd October

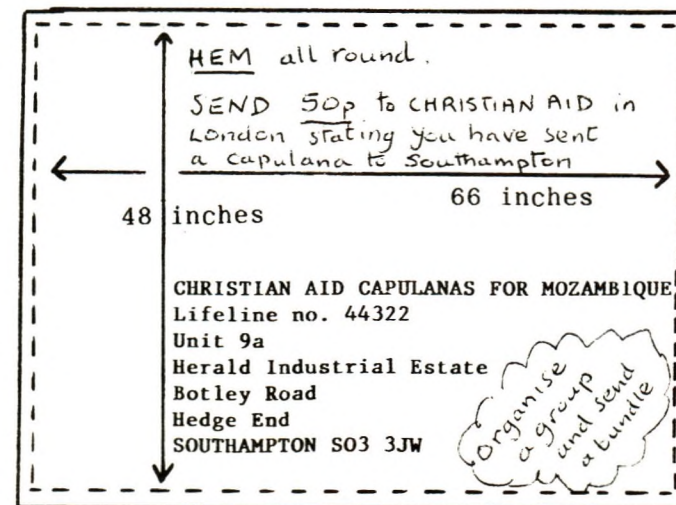
7pm - 9pm 'LAST ORDERS' final viewing opportunity with
tea/coffee evening.

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Education is very much in the news these days with proposed changes by the Government. Whether these changes will be good or otherwise depends upon how the new opportunities are used (or misused!). One thing is clear, there has been a very great change over the years in our schools, which, from the point of view of Christians, has placed them under increasing pressure, usually repressive pressure, making it more and more difficult (or impossible) to teach the Christian Faith or Christian morality. Of course things vary greatly from school to school.

Recent meetings I have attended have confirmed things I have heard from teachers, namely that Christian teachers and pupils are very much in the front line. Any teachers who seek to take a stand for Christ and Christian standards, have to be exceedingly tactful. These remarks do not apply of course to Church Schools (thank God for Church Schools, especially for our own All Saints' School, Joan Stratford and her staff.)

Pupils seeking to witness to Christ have in many schools established Christian Unions, such as we read of in Helen Job's article last month. Helen will be leading the group at King Egbert's School this year.

A meeting about Christians in Education and our support for them has been arranged in All Saints' Church Hall for Tuesday 10th November at 8pm at which Miss Linda Chambers, the Scripture Union Schools Worker for Sheffield (whom we support from our All Saints' Giving) will speak. The aim of this meeting is to highlight the situation in our schools with the objective of creating prayer support for our members in the schools, both teachers and pupils. This is something we can all take part in whether we are personally involved or not.

Come and hear how groups of mothers have joined together in prayer for their children's schools. This is just one of many ways. All Christian teachers should have their 'prayer partners'. Prayer changes things. A telephone call to a couple of 'prayer partners' with a request for prayer for a particular problem or opportunity. Please do not think Education no longer concerns you. Please come and hear, and support, our teachers and young people in schools, as they seek to live and work for our Lord Jesus.

Dudley Nixon

PASTORAL WORKERS IN TRAINING

An Abbreviation of a Report presented to the Parochial Church Council by Olwen Powell and Beryl Rayner

Olwen Writes: The first year has been very interesting. The training consisted of three modules - the first on the Church and Community included a parish visit to Wombwell followed by a project on the relationship between the Church and the local community.

After Christmas saw us not only studying but sharing in worship in different forms including a Sunday visit to Woodlands parish. The third module concentrated on the use of the Bible with studies centred on 'The Pentateuch', 'Development of the Canon of the New Testament' 'Liturgy' and 'Study Techniques' based on well-known Bible stories.

My summer placement was to assist at St.Luke's Nursing Home for the last week in August. I feel this experience will be invaluable in the parish in whatever work God leads me to do.

Beryl writes: The first year of the course has been a valuable one - not least in the opportunity it has afforded for study and discussion with others from a variety of parishes, both sociologically and in terms of churchmanship - and from very different backgrounds.

The modules, like Olwen's, have been three in number, each of six weeks duration - 'The Church and Community', 'The Worship of the Church' and 'The Use of the Bible'. We found, on comparing notes, that the approach to the topics concerned varied considerably between our two groups. Mine was less formal and involved less in the way of written work. This seems to be very much a matter of approach by individual tutors.

My visits were to Stocksbridge parish and to the complex at Waterthorpe, which includes an ecumenical Church, Community Centre, a L.E.A Nursery & First School and a Church Aided Middle School.

My summer placement was served at CRUSE - the organisation for the bereaved. I had completed ~~my~~ training as a Cruse Counsellor at the Royal Infirmary, Doncaster. I am now counselling for Cruse in Sheffield one day a week.

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE

The Annual Service organised by the United Nations Association for all Christians to pray for the work of the U.N. and needs of the World - is at 3pm Sunday 18th October at Totley Rise Methodist Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Jenny Carpenter.

ON SHRINES AND PILGRIMS

On a recent holiday in a predominantly Roman Catholic country, I came across shrines, both large and small, humble and grand, in busy places, but mostly in quiet wayside rural settings, where it had a soothing effect, yet gave food for thought. Each had a picture or photograph of a biblical nature, sometimes a statue, while others had family photographs. One was a sepia-tinted Victorian photograph of a woman and child. It could easily have represented the Virgin Mother and Child. All had one or more vases to hold the alpine meadow flowers brought by those who came to pray or pay respect to their dear ones.

Many were sited on the lower slopes of the mountains, and a particular Pilgrim's Way had a climb of over 600 feet from the village via a rough track passing a dozen or so shrines on the way. It was something like the stations of the Cross. So one could say it was a pilgrimage to reach the Pilgrims' Chapel at the end of the track. One can imagine the "pilgrim" being comforted by the memory of their dear ones and, of course, the love of Our Lord.

Now here is the credibility test - would you agree with me that when we go to All Saints to worship we are on a pilgrimage? It is not to be compared to a real pilgrimage for we can walk in comfort or take the car - yet it requires effort of a kind and nothing is worth having that does not require effort to obtain it. You will not need a staff or sandals because it's all in the mind and, more importantly, the heart.

(Note - SHRINE : a place hallowed by its associations)

Rex Beaumont

END QUOTES

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

David Viscott

A wise man hears one word and understands two.

A Yiddish proverb.

Charms strike the sight; but merit wins the soul.

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Alexander Pope

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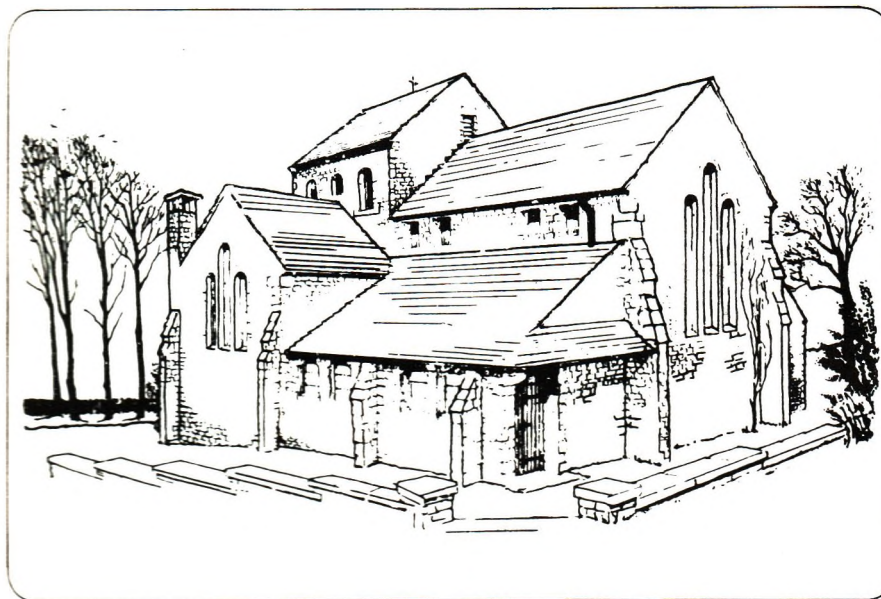
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Two very different dates fall in our calendar this month. There is Remembrance Sunday with its reminder of sacrifice and death, and the purpose and value of life. Then on 22nd there is St. Cecilia's Day, the patron saint of music reminding us of the beauty, variety and harmony of life.

It always amazes me how so many tunes have been composed and no doubt remain to be composed from a musical scale of only seven basic notes. This speaks of all the wonders yet to be revealed in God's Creation.

We can draw a helpful insight from a tune. Suppose we imagine meeting today the reformer and clergyman, John Newton, who wrote 'Amazing Grace' about 200 years ago. We could hand him a piece of paper printed with black lines and dots and after a moment's consideration he'd recognise the music. But if we gave him a black disc with grooves on it, a strip of plastic tape, a box with knobs on it - he would have no idea what they were. The mind of man 200 years ago could not conceive a record player, a cassette, or a radio. Yet switch them on and he would immediately declare - "That's my hymn." A tune is the same tune whether it is played on the bagpipes or a large organ with scores of stops, whether it is written on paper or put onto tape.

We can liken the soul of man to a tune. At the moment we only link our souls to the human body. We are unable to really imagine anything beyond death anymore than John Newton could have imagined his music on disc or tape. But like a tune, the soul can be unique, recognisable and eternal whatever form beyond our present understanding it may take at our earthly death.

If man can do so much with a tune - how much more can God in His infinite love do with the soul and personality of man!

Yours sincerely,



PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

2nd	Mon	7pm	All Saints' School Governors' Meeting.
3rd	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club Mr. Drury 'Car Number Plates'
4th	Wed	10.45am	Monthly Morning Fellowship - 6 Milldale Rd
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
5th	Thu	8.30pm	Standing Committee
6th	Fri	7.15pm	WINE & CHEESE + CHRISTMAS FLORAL DISPLAY in Hall. Admission by Ticket £2 - proceeds to Organ Fund.
10th	Tue	8pm	'Christians in Education' Meeting in Hall
		1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
11th	Wed	2pm	Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 116 Green Oak Road.
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
12th	Thu	8pm	P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
16th	Mon	7.30pm	All Saints' Nursery Playgroup A.G.M.
17th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club - 'Lace Making'
		7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting at St. Gabriels - FULL ATTENDANCE!
18th	Wed	8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
19th	Thu	10am - 12 noon	COFFEE MORNING at 18 Lemont Rd
24th	Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch in Hall
		1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party - in Church Hall
25th	Wed	8pm	Wednesday Fellowships
28th	Sat	2pm	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in Church Hall
29th	Sun	7.15pm	'Advent Praise & Apple Pie' in Hall
1st Dec	Tue	7.30pm	Ladies Club Mrs.E.Adams 'Northern Dialect'

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22	Mrs. Waite	Mrs.Manfredi
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Nov 15	Mrs.Brownhill & Mrs.Wiles	Nov.22	Mrs.Greenhoff & Ruthven
Nov 29	Mrs.Ibbotson & Mrs.Cooke	Dec 6	Mrs Ludlum & Mrs.Lewis

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

- 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY (Patronal Festival & Stewardship Sunday)
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-17 (RSV)
 Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (NEB)
10am Young Saints in Hall
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament: 2 Esdras 2: 42-48 (RSV)
 New Testament: St. Luke 6: 20-23 (NEB)
- 8th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (7 before Christmas)
 (Theme: 'The Election of God's People - Abraham')
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: James 2: 14-24 (NEB)
 Gospel: St. Luke 20: 9-17 (JB)
10.10am Service of Remembrance - proceeding to
11am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament: Genesis 12: 1-9 (TEV)
 New Testament: St. John 8 : 51-59 (NEB)
- 15th 6 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Theme 'The Promise of Redemption - Moses'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle: Exodus 6: 2-8 (NEB)
 Gospel: St. Mark 13: 5-13 (NEB)
10am Family Service (Speaker - Mr. Mike Goater)
12 noon Holy Baptism (Victoria Louise Moore)
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle: Exodus 3: 7-15 (RSV)
 Gospel: St. John 6: 25-35 (RSV)
- 22nd 5 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Theme 'The Remnant of Israel'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle: Isaiah 1: 20-23 (RSV)
 Gospel: St. Mark 13: 14-23 (NEB)
10am Young Saints in Hall
3pm Holy Baptism (Laurence Alan Walker)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament: I Kings 19: 9-18 (RSV)
 New Testament: Romans 11: 13-24 NEB)

- 29th ADVENT SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: Isaiah 51: 4-11 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Matthew 25: 31-46 (NEB)
10am Young Saints in Hall
6.30pm Evensong (BCP - no sermon)
 Old Testament: Isaiah 52: 7-10 (NEB)
 New Testament: I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (NEB)
7.15pm "Advent Praise" in the Church Hall

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

- Sunday 13th Dec. 11am Carol & Nativity in the Hall
 Sunday 20th Dec 11am Christingle Service
6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

2pm Saturday 28th November

Cakes

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ADVENT PRAISE

7.15pm Sunday 29th November

Singing Together Advent Hymns - old and new ~

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with a bite to eat at the end! IN CHURCH HALL

PARISH NOTES

Coffee Morning & Bring-N-Buy on Thursday 19th November at the home of Mrs. J. Watson, 18 Lemont Road. All welcome between 10am and 12noon.

Cheshire Home Autumn Fair will be held at Dronfield Civic Centre on Saturday 14th November 10am to 1pm - Stalls, Crafts, Gifts and Refreshments. The Christmas Coffee Morning will be at the Cheshire Home on Thursday 10th Dec. from 10am to 12 noon.

Harvest Lunch Proceeds of £145 have been sent to the hospital run by the Indian Evangelical Mission in which Theo & Di are involved. Our thanks to all who organised and supported the lunch.

Get it Taped

The talk given by Dr. Chris Atkins at the meeting in the Church Hall last August on 'The Church and Healing' is now available on tape from Mick Woodhead (369572).

Good News to You

A short course on the basics of the Christian Faith is available for any one - enquirers or doubters, young or old - in the comfort of your own home (or elsewhere if you wish). Members of All Saints are willing to come, just once or for as long as you want, to talk about the key issues in the life of Jesus Christ.

There will be no pressure and no continuing obligation, nor is any previous Bible knowledge or Christian practice presumed. It will be an exploring together of the life and teaching of Jesus in which we are all learners.

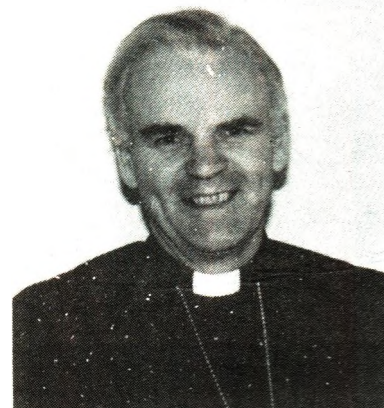
The time and place will be arranged to suit you, and if you want the support of friends, so much the better. For more details contact the Vicar (362322) or Gordon Grayson (360913).

Traidcraft Shop has opened in Sheffield until Christmas at 11 Leopold Street on Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am - 4pm with late night opening to 9pm on Wednesdays.

Sheffield YMCA present Christmas Praise at the Octagon Centre on Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm with Danny Scott, Martyn Joseph and Zero Option. Tickets £3.

Sheffield Diocesan News

NOVEMBER, 1987



From Strength to Strength

writes the Bishop of Doncaster

Eight months from now, bishops from every part of the Anglican Communion will assemble in this country for the twelfth Lambeth Conference. The first Conference, held in 1867, was attended by 76 bishops. The Anglican Communion has grown and bishops have multiplied since then. Several hundred will be putting in an appearance in 1988.

It might well be asked whether the concentration of so much purple is going to achieve very much or do much good; but it would be unwise to underestimate the significance of this coming Conference. It will have to handle the difficult question of the ordination of women to the priesthood - and to the episcopate. That calls for a continued learning within the Communion of the right way to respond to differences of conviction. In the process we may better discover what it actually means to be a worldwide communion of Churches.

The ordination of women to the priesthood is not the only issue, or by any means the most important one. Bishops attending the Conference are being asked to wrestle with, and respond to, a range of questions: how we fulfil God's mission and share the Gospel in a world full of God-given resources that cry out for redemption from man's misuse of them.

We cannot pick up every issue or place every part of the Anglican Communion in detail on our Diocesan agenda; but I believe that we can make ourselves more aware of the importance of some of the issues both for other parts of the Anglican Communion and for ourselves. We may be members of the Church of England, but we are World Anglicans too.

Writing of conferences; the recent Ecumenical Conference at Swanwick at the end of August is also likely to have long term consequences. I am cautious about being euphoric about conferences, but this one should not be underestimated either. It was the most representative gathering from the widest range of Churches that has taken place in Britain. All present made a definite ecumenical commitment. What happened has to be followed up in the Churches themselves, but a genuine desire to work together, coupled with both greater theological and practical realism than has sometimes been shown in the past, has a considerable potential for positive results.

We thank God for the life and ministry of Wilfred Clark. He was a faithful parish priest during his long years as Vicar of St. Peter, Hoyland - devoted both to the parish and to the Lord he served. Two years of illness marred his retirement. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathleen and with his family.

We greatly miss Doris Thompson. All of us who knew her loved her. She took endless trouble over so many of us. Warm-hearted and hospitable, her life at Bishopscoft was a life of practical holiness. Thank God for her, and thank God that we share with her in the continuing Communion of Saints: the Saints on earth rejoicing before their Lord with the Saints in heaven.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Bigger and Better Whirlow

Bigger and better may be overused words in the world of advertising but they seem the best ones to sum up the new-look Whirlow Grange Conference Centre on the outskirts of Sheffield. On Saturday, September 26th Bishop David dedicated and officially opened the new extensions at the Conference Centre which have cost £240,000, of which £50,000 remains to be raised.

An attractive new reception area, a new conference room seating 100, six new double bedrooms and extensive kitchen extensions have all been part of this major scheme at Whirlow Grange. Facilities for the disabled have not been forgotten and one group of conference visitors in wheelchairs have already pronounced the new arrangements as the best they have come across.

While conferences geared to Church needs have a high priority at Whirlow Grange, the Centre is being increasingly used as a venue for national gatherings such as the British Red Cross, NSPCC, Samaritans and Barnardo's and a major concept behind the extension work has been that of enabling the centre to cater for more than one conference group at a time.

The Handsworth, Sheffield, building firm of Ackroyd and Abbot have carried out the work at Whirlow Grange, with Messrs. James Totty & Sons of Sheffield as Architects. The touch of Yorkshire craftsmanship extends even to the bedrooms where the furniture installed was by Ellis of Huddersfield.

Meanwhile there are signs of relief all round for Mr. Lindsay Mitchell, the Warden of Whirlow Grange, and his staff, for whom it has been "business as usual" during the period of this major refurbishment. Maintaining the high standard of catering at Whirlow Grange with building work all around has not been easy but it has been achieved and now the kitchen

staff are more than pleased with their spacious new surroundings. For Mr. Mitchell himself - formerly Headmaster of a Gloucestershire school - the past few months have been a "baptism of fire" as he only took over at Whirlow Grange in January of this year.



Bishop David with Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell and Bishop William at the official opening of Whirlow Grange extensions.



New conference room at Whirlow

Time on your Hands?

Have you got a few hours a week to spare? Could you help in a charity shop, a local luncheon club for the elderly, or help a mentally handicapped person to settle into the community? Or repair a worn out footpath in the countryside.

Voluntary work will give you the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends and can be very rewarding.

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For full details contact Rev. Ken Dagger, 31 Ashwood Grove, Great Houghton, Barnsley. S72 0BB. Tel. Barnsley 758960.

Thanks

Graham and Gill Bewley would like to thank all those who helped and prayed for them as a family during Graham's recent illness. The Vicarage, Kimberworth, Rotherham.

Arksey in the Fast Lane!

Canon Colin Hickling, Vicar of Arksey, near Doncaster, recently joined 360 others, professors from universities in 26 countries, at Göttingen for a conference on the New Testament. Germans, both protestant and Roman Catholic were of course in the majority along with a large American contingent. Most British Universities were represented including Sheffield, and there were scholars from as far apart as Finland and Japan. Canon Hickling, himself a keen scholar of the New Testament, came back from Göttingen having heard lectures from a Japanese Professor, and having discussed the health of Mr. Gorbachev with a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church who teaches in Leningrad!

He makes the observation that Göttingen is a pleasant and welcoming university town, but he was alarmed by the speed at which the Germans drove their cars on the wrong side of the road, and how cyclists have half the pavement allotted to them. Almost, he says, like Station Road at Arksey, where the Vicarage is situated! What Canon Hickling doesn't say is whether he rides a bike himself!



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Carols

"Christmas Memories" is the title of a new cassette tape produced by the choir of St. Mary's, Worsbrough Village. It consists of 23 items, including several local carols. Curiously, all the manuscript and printed sources that can be located slavishly copy a number of oddities in the harmonies, and it is doubtful if they have ever been performed exactly as they appear in these versions. While maintaining as much as possible of the quaint folk idioms of these carols, the more glaring blunders were corrected by organist Michael Stratford, who sadly died in September. The tape also contains traditional carols from around the world and two original items.

Copies may be purchased via Canon R. Thomson (Barnsley 203113) or Keith Burkinshaw (Barnsley 205077), price £2.70 inc. post and packing.

Christmas Fayre

In aid of MARTIN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, on Saturday, 21st November in the Cathedral Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Handicrafts, cakes, preserves, gifts, toys, books - new and secondhand, toiletries, and many other things. Do come and do your Christmas shopping. Any enquiries or contributions to Jill Hastings (Sheffield 363400) or Brenda Myers (Sheffield 748027).

Anvil Comes of Age

Our diocesan magazine, tackling matters of current interest for all Christians has now passed its 21st issue. Written by the people of the diocese for the people of the diocese, recent issues have featured articles with such titles as, "The Charismatic movement - what has it done to the Church of England?", "Worship and work - friend or foe?", "Leslie Hunter (first Bishop of Sheffield) - clear sight in the blackout", and "The resurrection - cornerstone or stumbling block?"

November's edition will take a look at the role of the cathedral through the eyes of a number of contributors and what we can make of the ecumenical movement in 1988.

Letters and contributions are welcomed by the editor (Rev. David Rhodes, 18 St. George's Drive, Brinsworth, Rotherham. S60 5NG) and copies are available at 95p each, or £2.50 for three from Joy Bingley, 457 Handsworth Road, Sheffield. S13 9DD.

"Anvil" is readable and stimulating. "Anvil" is local. "Anvil" is that little bit different. "Anvil" is our magazine - if you've never sampled it, maybe now is the time to do so.

Graphics

Do you know of any Church members engaged - either as a student or a professional - in Graphic Design. If so the Diocesan Communications Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold (St. Oswald's Vicarage, 2 Bannerdale Road, Sheffield. S7 2DL) would be interested in hearing from them. He is hoping to form a small Communications Team and the person, or persons required would be called upon to exercise skills in print design for leaflets and posters. Sorry...but this would be in a voluntary (unpaid) capacity.

Holy Land Vacancies...

Ever fancied a trip to the Holy Land, but never had anyone to go with? After his recent visit there, the Revd. Geoff Hollingsworth of Thorne is to be joined by fourteen others on a 13 day visit from 28th May - 8th June, 1988. They're staying in Jerusalem and visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem, Masada and Capernaum. The group, a mix of Anglicans and Methodists has a few vacancies and if you're interested, contact the Revd. Geoff Hollingsworth, 154 Grampian Way, Thorne, Doncaster. DN8 5YW. Tel.: Thorne 815415.

Appointments

The Revd. Canon Stephen Richard Lowe, at present Rector of East Ham, London, to be the new Archdeacon of Sheffield.

The Revd. M.R. Kemp, Vicar of St. Chad's, Norton Woodseats, to be Team Rector designate of the Nottingham Team in the Diocese of Southwark.

The Revd. Canon Ronald Thomson, Vicar of St. Mary, Worsbrough to retire in the New Year.

Crossing Frontiers

Mr. John Clark, Communications Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, is visiting South Yorkshire on Friday, 13th November and at 7.30 p.m. is to speak at St. James' Church, Cambridge Street, Rotherham. He spent nine years in Iran, first with Operation Mobilisation and then with CMS in publications. Since 1980, he has been on CMS Headquarters Staff, as Regional Secretary for the Middle East and Pakistan before becoming Communications Secretary in 1986. Mr. Alan Isaacson, Diocesan Secretary for CMS writes, "Mr. John Clark is a very good speaker with extensive experience of Iran, Pakistan and the whole of the Middle East. It will be a good evening." This is a meeting open to people in general, as well as for CMS members and supporters.

The Revd. Wilfred Clark

Died on August 31st, aged 67 years. A late ordinand, Fr. Clark spent the whole of his ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield; after a curacy at Aston, he was Vicar of St. Peter's, Hoyland for 24 years, where he is remembered as a devoted priest by a whole generation - the parish was his life. Sadly his latter years were marred by ill-health which worsened after his retirement in 1984. May he rest in peace!

R.T.

New Archdeacon appointed

The new Archdeacon of Sheffield is to be the Revd. Canon Stephen Richard Lowe who is, at present, Rector of East Ham, London. He is to succeed the Venerable Michael Paton who retires at the end of the year.

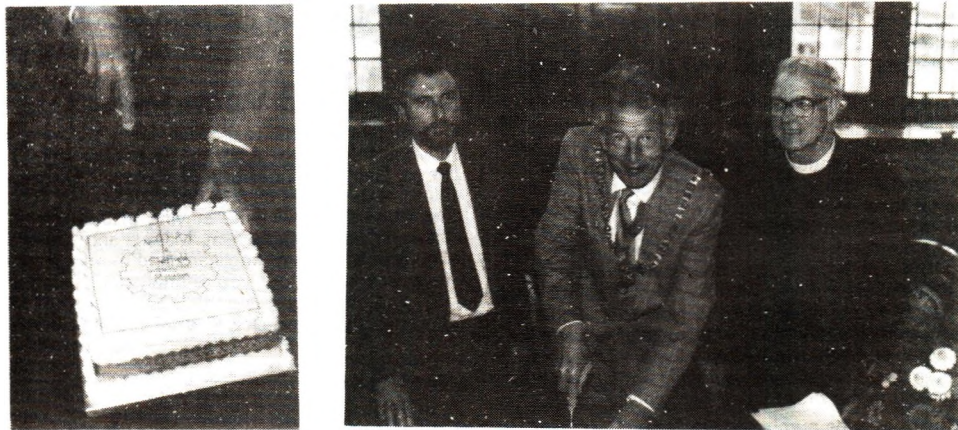
Canon Lowe has been Rector of East Ham since 1975 and during his time there the church has been rebuilt and refurbished as a centre for worship combined with facilities for the elderly, a dining hall and even a doctor's surgery. He is an Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral and has served latterly - in addition to his parochial work - as Urban Priority Area Officer for the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Born in 1944 Canon Lowe gained his B. Sc. (Econ) at London University and studied theology at Ripon Hall, Oxford. He was ordained in 1968 in the Diocese of Birmingham, serving as Curate of St. Michael, Gospel Lane, Birmingham, in charge of the Woodgate Valley area from 1972 until his move to East Ham in 1975.

Canon Lowe is married and he and his wife have a son and a daughter. Although Rector of East Ham, he is said to be a keen follower of West Ham Football Club.

He will officially take up his appointment as Archdeacon of Sheffield on February 27th, 1988.

New Venture of Partnership



The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Peter Horton, cutting the cake, along with the Revd. Sidney Booth, Chairman of Sheffield Methodist District and David Rance of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Job Training Scheme.

During September, the Sheffield Industrial Mission cut the cake and launched the Industrial Mission Membership Scheme. The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Peter Horton did the honours, and in the company of Richard Caborn MP and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Trades Unions, the membership scheme began its official life. There's a great deal of enthusiasm about the programme of events arranged by the Mission specifically for members. If you have a concern for industry, commerce and the unemployed and would like to be linked with the Mission contact: The Membership Secretary, SIM, Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Street, Sheffield S11 8HA. Tel.: Sheffield 755865 (mornings only). Membership is £10 per annum and £2 to the unwaged and those on low incomes.

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals

October 8th Tom Wilfred Short (82) 186 Baslow Road
October 12th Ronald Harry Sanderson (69) 2 Green Oak Crescent
October 15th Violet Johnson (87) 12 Totley Grange Road
Wilf Short had lived on Baslow Road for about 20 years. Following a period as a steelworker he had a business in Hillsborough. Before his recent illness he was familiar in Totley as he exercised his dogs.
Ron Sanderson moved to Totley only three weeks before he died. He had worked for the Gas Board for most of his life. He was well known as a musician playing in a dance band.
Violet Johnson came from Abbeydale to Totley Grange Road nine years ago to live together with her sister. For many years she had worked at Wigfalls.

ON SCIENCE AND RELIGION

I believe that man has a real need to search for a Universal Truth. For some, this means a faith (blind or reasoned) in Almighty God and for others a faith (blind or reasoned) in Science. Unfortunately, I feel, many individuals tend to fall into one category or the other. The two sides logically arguing their vision of reality, perhaps never realising that they are both talking about the same thing - just approaching it from two different directions.

I quote from one of the great Baha'i teachers:-

"Religion and science are the two wings upon which man's intelligence can soar into the heights, with which the human soul can progress. It is not possible to fly with one wing alone! Should a man try to fly with the wing of religion alone he would quickly fall into the quagmire of superstition, whilst on the other hand, with the wing of science alone he would also make no progress, but fall into the despairing slough of materialism."

- Abdul-Baha

Myself, I see no conflict between science and religion - indeed, if there was a conflict, then either one or both of them would be wrong somewhere. They are alternative, yet harmonious, approaches to understanding the great mysteries of, and bringing us closer to, God.

Yours in vitro,
John Sellars

The Role of a Church School

In the October Magazine, Dudley Nixon drew our attention to a meeting which is to take place on Thursday 10th November at which Miss Linda Chambers (Scripture Union Schools Worker) will be speaking, and he made reference to our Church School. This has caused several people to question the role of Church Schools.

I thought you might be interested to read the following extract from a recent Diocesan Schools Handbook.

"The living faith of Christianity must be apparent in a Church School, and an emphasis should be placed on introducing children to religion as it is lived in the school, the parish and the world-wide Christian community. A Church School has the responsibility of providing for its pupils opportunities (a) for religious experience (b) for learning about a living faith (c) for being part of the Body of Christ.

It is essential that a Church School is 'good' by educational standards, but also involves commitment on the part of both Church and School to a close relationship with each other, it entails a commitment on the part of the Vicar, Headteacher, teaching Staff and Governors to work out what it means to be a Christian School in that particular place at that particular time.

The Church School expresses Christianity not only in its curriculum but in its daily life, in the classroom and school organisation, in its meetings, in its rules and pastoral care etc. Decision making will ideally involve the question "what is a Christian response to this?"

Both the school and the Incumbent offer a Ministry to the parish. The relationship between them is an important and special one; each can be a source of help, encouragement and enrichment to the other.

The part played by the Incumbent in the life of the Church School is an aspect of his professional work in the parish and falls into two overlapping areas -

- (i) having a pastoral responsibility for the School.
- (ii) being a resource for the School.

The role of pastor is an important one for the Incumbent, and involves a responsibility towards the School and all those concerned with it. His ex-officio membership of the governing body recognises this responsibility.

As an Incumbent he will have a general interest in the School and its nature as a Christian School, and also in creating relationships between himself and the School, Staff, children, and parents. In this respect time spent with the children, on school journeys, or at social events, with the staff, or in discussion with the Head Teacher is very important. The positions of Head Teacher and Incumbent are isolated ones at times and the relationship between them can be of mutual benefit by ensuring good communications and by being a source of care and encouragement.

The appropriate involvement of the Incumbent in R.E. teaching in school is for each school to discover. This use of the clergyman's valuable time is often dependent upon his skills and must be within the context of the School's scheme of work."

(Derby Diocesan Handbook)

Joan Stratford

WHEN THE MINISTER enquired whether the removal firm had any experience of moving the contents of a vicarage he received back a letter assuring him that "in the past two years we have removed thirty clergymen to the satisfaction of all concerned."

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE that the love of God should grow in us without an evident increase in love towards our neighbour as both are from the same source and are like two branches growing out of the same trunk.

LUIS de GRANADA

OUR THANKS

FOR THE REDECORATION OF THE CHURCH

We wish to record our appreciation of the work of the team from Community Industry led by Brian Cheshire who have been repainting the interior of All Saints Church during this last month.

Community Industry was formed about 20 years ago by the National Association of Boy's Clubs to provide a year's training in practical skills for 17-19 years-olds who were then having difficulty in finding work with a view to placing them in suitable jobs. Since then the unemployment explosion has created many new schemes similar to that pioneered by Community Industry.

The team of trainees working at All Saints included Paul Harrop and Scott Wade (both from Totley) and Paul Brown, Paul Cade, Gilbert Green, Roger Nassau, Gary White and Andrew Whiteley from various parts of Sheffield. We are very grateful to these young men for their handiwork.

Filed away in the Church records is the receipt for the last redecoration 22 years ago at a cost of £700. Thanks to Community Industry the bill for repainting is likely to be much less than the 1965 price.

OUR THANKS ALSO TO THE ENGLISH MARTYRS R.C.CHURCH

for readily agreeing to our use of their church for midweek services during the redecorating. It will be the first time Anglican Communion has been celebrated there - something about which there would have been an outcry not many years ago. It is a matter for rejoicing at the continual growing together of the Christian Churches.

"FAITH IN PRINT"

One of the books recently presented to Totley Library is "Into the City" by John Vincent. The book describes the work of the Sheffield Inner City Ecumenical Mission and the success and failures of a group of churches and their members who actually live in the inner city, continuing a Christian witness in old and unsuitable buildings and working alongside the underprivileged, immigrants and the unemployed in areas whose needs have been ignored and forgotten.



An OPEN LETTER OF THANKS to the Church of All Saints Totley - for the Glory of God 3rd October, 1987

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22)

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up." (James 5: 14-15)

Saturday, September 5th was a special day in our lives and, we believe, for the church.

Our God-son Steven had been given only weeks to live, suffering from an acute form of Leukaemia. All medical treatment had been ruled out, because of his age (18 months) and condition, by the specialists at Gt.Ormond Street hospital.

As a Christian family, and as Steven's God-Parents, the circumstances of this horrifying illness were no less harrowing. We are sure many of you have been through similar tests of faith and character. We don't mind admitting that our initial reactions were a mixture of shock, anger, disbelief, fear and overbearing sorrow. Yet it was out of these darkest moments that our Lord made His presence most obvious. Amidst the suffering He gave strength and love and, most practically, offered untiring shoulders ready to bear any burden we lay before Him.

It is a privilege to be called to pray for people, but is particularly special to be the ones who are prayed for. In house groups and in private, the power of consistent obedient prayer continues to uphold us.

We want to encourage the church body and particular those who took part in the Day of Prayer. When a church is moved, and is one about how to pray, then the experience of God's love and Glory is magnified.

The last four weeks have seen a dramatic improvement in the quality of Steven's life. Having not walked for some weeks before, he now wanders around the house. His skin, which was previously so spotty and irritating, has almost completely cleared. Steven's immediate family have hope now. We know that the Lord has heard our prayers, and has made it known that "my miracle has already begun". Steven is in Jesus' hands and still needs our prayers for strengthening. We know that our family in Christ, here in Totley, will continue to uphold him and we truly thank the Lord for you all.

In Love and Faith,

John and Lynne Marshall

ON HYMNS AND OCCASIONS

Etched in my memory are two hymns. The first at Cardiff Arms Park where Wales were playing the All Blacks. The crowd is 40,000 plus, the military band marches to its position where the men of the valleys are strategically placed in the enclosure and stand. Everyone stops talking, smoking or chewing chocolate as the first notes of Wales very own hymn waft over the stadium. It is 'Guide me, O thou great redeemer'. The air is vibrant, everyone is singing, truly a memorable occasion.

The second occasion is in Durham Cathedral, at the end of a Durham Miners' Gala Service, with a brass band leading three miners' lodges, each with its banner held aloft, out of the huge doors of the solid, majestic, comforting Cathedral (freely acknowledged to be one of the wonders of the world) bravely and boldly into the outside world to the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" supported by the voices of 2000 or so congregation.

I mused how they, the miners, always had an extra foe to fight, the coal masters, as every reader of mining history will know.

As a boy I thought Baring Gould's hymn was the preserve of the Salvation Army. It must have been the flags, bands and uniform and their stark motto that coloured my views. Perhaps at All Saints' we do not consider ourselves as soldiers, but many hymn writers do, just go through the hymn books. Maybe we should think of ourselves as a sort of 'plain clothes' soldier, being none the less effective for that in all we think and do.

Rex B.

END QUOTES

I have laboured carefully when faced with human actions, not to mock, not to lament, not to execrate, but to understand.

Spinoza

The Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under their skins.

Old saying.

Charm: something people have until they begin relying upon it.

Kenneth Krichbaum

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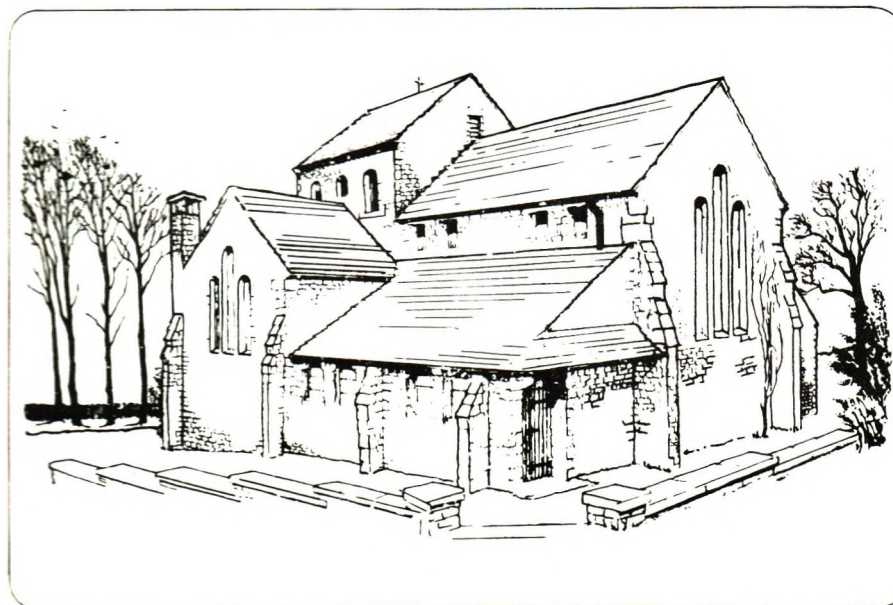
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I often wonder when I baptise children about the names they are given and why parents chose those particular names. Some people dislike their Christian names and suggest another name for friends to call them by. It is not usually known that, if wished, Christian names can be legally changed at Confirmation. I wonder if we found ourselves called by another name whether we would feel differently about ourselves?

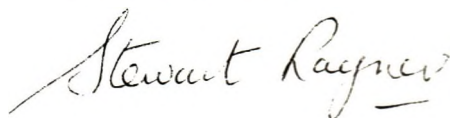
In the Bible the name of a person had a deeper significance. It was believed that the name revealed something of the character of a person and the significance of his life. On occasions when a man's character changed or a new aspect of it was revealed, his name was changed too. Jacob (= the supplanter) became Israel (= one who strives with God). Naomi (= the pleasant one) through her grief changed her name to Mara (= the bitter one).

At Christmas we recall the familiar words of the Angel to Mary - "You shall call his name JESUS". The meaning of Jesus is "GOD SAVES". It implies that the one who has this name will be one by whom the saving power of God will come to man. To believe in the name of Jesus means we accept Him as our Saviour, the one who saves from all the evils which afflict the life of man.

He gives increase of strength by His living presence. He sets His people free from anxiety by assuring them of the ever-active care and power of God. He teaches of God's forgiveness of ourselves when we turn to Him. He gives us eternal hope by His victory over death.

In all the happiness and good cheer of Christmastide let us also find true joy as ponder for ourselves and our lives the meaning of the name given to the Child in the manger.

With every blessing for a Happy and Joyful Christmas,
Yours sincerely,



CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS-TIDE

Tuesday 1st at 7.00 p.m.

Carols and Coffee and social evening in the Scout HQ off Aldam Road. All welcome.

Tuesday 8th 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.

Thursday 10th at 11.30am

Totley College Carol Service at All Saints Church. All welcome.

Sunday 13th at 11am

Following a shortened 10am Holy Communion the 'Young Saints' invite you all to join them in the Church Hall for Coffee, Carols and Nativity.

Friday 18th at 9.30am

All Saints' School Carol Service in Church. Everybody welcome. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards in school.

Saturday 19th from 10am to 11.30am

United Church Carol Singing on Totley Rise. Please come and join in as you are able.

Sunday 20th at 11am

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints' Church - with its traditional candle-bedecked oranges given in exchange for a Children's Society purse.

Sunday 20th at 6.30pm

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS at All Saints' Church. The congregation and choir combine to offer a Service of praise and joy as we retell the Christmas Story.

Tuesday 22nd from 7pm

Carol Singing around the Parish. Meet the Vicarage to leave for 7pm. All in good heart and voice welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

24th	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas
25th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Christmas Praise - a short Family Carol Service for Christmas morning concluding with an opportunity for Holy Communion.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- 6th ADVENT 2
 Theme 'The Word of God'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: Romans 15: 4-13 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 4: 14-21 (NEB)
10am 'Young Saints'
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Isaiah 55: 1-11 (NEB)
 New Testament : Timothy 3: 14-4:5 (TEV)
- 13th ADVENT 3
 Theme 'The Forerunner' - John the Baptist'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP - no sermon)
 Epistle : Malachi 3: 1-5 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Matthew 11: 2-15 (NEB)
11am Carols & Nativity in the Church Hall
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Isaiah 40:1-11 (RSV)
 New Testament : St. John 1: 19-28 (JB)
- 20th ADVENT 4
 Theme 'The Annunciation'
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
6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas
 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 and 3:3-7 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. John 1: 11-14 (RSV)
10am Family Carol Service - with shortened
 Holy Communion (ASB)

- 27th CHRISTMAS 1 (St. John the Evangelist)
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Romans 12 : 1-8 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 2: 22-40 (JB)
12noon Holy Baptism (Thomas John Priestley)
 (Jonathan Steven Parkin)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Isaiah 7: 10-14 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. John 1: 14-18 (RSV)

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ROUND THE TREE?

For many years it has been the custom to leave a wrapped present for a child in the care of the Children's Society by the Christmas Tree in church on Christmas morning.

However with the changing work of the Society giving greater emphasis at protecting children and teenagers at risk, handicapped youngsters, families in need - and changes in the structure of the Children's Society - it would now be more helpful to the Society to give extra at the Chrstingle Service than leave presents in Church.

FLOWER ROTA

<u>December</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
6	Miss Taylor	Mrs.Cooke
13	Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. Bedford
20)		Mrs. Bramall
27)	Ladies Working Party	Mrs. Heap
Jan 3)		Mrs. Parsons
<u>Silver Cleaning</u>		
Dec 6	Mrs.Simons	Dec 20 Mrs. White

PARISH BREAKFAST

Dec 6	Mrs. Ludlam & Mrs. Lewis
Dec 13	Mrs. D. Firth and Mrs. L. Marshall
Dec 20	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite
Dec 27	Mrs. J. Woodhead and Mrs. Brown
Jan 3	Mrs. B. Waite & Miss Taylor

PARISH REGISTER

<u>Holy Baptism</u>	
November 15th	Victoria Louise Moore
November 22nd	Laurence Alan Walker

PARISH REGISTER continued:

Confirmation (at St. Aidan's, Manor)

November 22nd Darren Whitehead

Funerals

Oct. 23rd Dorothy Boothby Jones (80) 138 Baslow Road

Oct. 29th Jack Hague (60) 50 Aldam Road

Nov 5th Thomas Bailey (73) 46 Mickley Lane

Nov. 11th Winifred Twigg (84) St. George's Farm

Nov. 11th Harry Bramald (72) 64 Aldam Road

Nov. 23rd Kate Webster (93) 6 Green Oak Avenue (late of
The Grove)

Dorothy Jones came with her parents to Baslow Road about 40 years ago when she worked in the locality as a chiropodist. After retirement she continued voluntary work at St. Luke's Nursing Home. She was an accomplished piano-player (LRAM) particularly enjoying religious music. A regular attender at All Saints we shall miss her faithful support and friendship.

Jack Hague was a chargehand with British Steel having been in various sections of the steel industry throughout his working life, living in Heeley and Ecclesall Road before coming to Totley 3 years ago. He had a friendly, outgoing personality, and cared about the happiness of others. He was an active committee member of the Smithywood Road WMC and for years organised outings and treats for children.

Tom Bailey had come to live in a flat in Green Oak Road from Ecclesall Road 12 years ago before moving to Mickley Lane last year. Born in Dinnington he had worked as a miner but after a pit accident had to change his occupation to HGV driver.

Winnie Twigg spent most of her life at Hillsborough. She was a pastrycook and was involved at different times in catering for the staff at Batchelors, Fletchers & Bassets. She worked until she was 75 and came to Totley to be with her daughter as her mobility declined.

Harry Bramald moved to Totley 11 years ago from Nether Edge. For over 30 years he had been a fork-lift truck driver at Laycocks.

Kit Webster impressed all who knew her by her remarkable Christian faith and spirit, and lack of bitterness, in the face of repeated family tragedies. Becoming a widow at 30, she lost her daughter through sickness, and then her two sons were killed in the War.

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A December Thought

from the Bishop of Sheffield

OUR NEED OF ADVENT

'Maranatha' (like Alleluia) is a word that through Scripture and the prayers of the Church, has come to us in the actual Aramaic language that Jesus and his first Disciples spoke. 'Maranatha' is both a prayer and a creed and its double meaning ties together Advent and Christmas. For when we pray Maranatha - Come Lord, come - we long in faith for the triumph of God's purposes in the Second Coming of his Son. And when we proclaim Maranatha - The Lord is Come, we rejoice that God showed his love "when he made the Virgin Mary, Mother of his only Son". We need both truths.

For more than a thousand years Christian wisdom has taught us to look to Christmas, the feast of Christ's birth, through Advent eyes. In this way we are able to grasp something of the scale, the mystery, the grandeur, and the relevance for us today of God's love for humankind. Yet today - perhaps in the search for popularity - we shrink from the solemn awe of the Advent Season. Even in our Churches we permit a sentimentalised Christmas to swallow up two or three (or even all four) of the Advent Sundays. Christmas Day this year falls on a Friday. So we have an opportunity of keeping a four-Sunday Advent, of singing the Advent hymns often enough to get to know them and to hear sermons on the Last Things and the Advent of our God designed to help us to grow in understanding of the Advent Scriptures and so of Advent truth.

I bring you a little-sung Advent Hymn as an Advent present (E.H. 13 and sadly shortened in A.M.R. 56).

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| 1 When came in flesh the incarnate Word,
The heedless world slept on,
And only simple shepherds heard
That God had sent his Son. | 4 As mild to meek-eyed love and faith,
Only more strong to save;
Strengthened by having bowed to death,
By having burst the grave. |
| 2 When comes the Saviour at the last,
From east to west shall shine
The awful pomp, and earth aghast
Shall tremble at the sign. | 5 Lord, who could dare see thee descend
In state, unless he knew
Thou art the sorrowing sinner's friend,
The gracious and the true? |
| 3 Then shall the pure of heart be blest;
As mild he comes to them,
As when upon the Virgin's breast
He lay at Bethlehem: | 6 Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest;
So shall thine advent's dawn
'Twixt us and thee, our bosom-guest,
Be but the veil withdrawn." |

Through a determined and obedient observance of this solemn season of Advent may you be helped to come with the Shepherds to Bethlehem this Christmas and to know as you worship the Lord Jesus in the stable that he is your Lord and your God.

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

Book Money

The SPCK Worldwide Book Fair held in Sheffield during September raised £565, a new record, for the provision of Christian literature worldwide.

Best wishes to the Revd. Ernest Eccles on his retirement as Rector of Braithwell and thanks to him for all the work he has done as Honorary Diocesan Representative for SPCK Worldwide over many years.

Sheffield University Southern Africa Scholarship Fund

The present tide of events in South Africa and Namibia leaves many of us feeling helpless: often we wish there was something we could do. One of the worst aspects of life for non-white people in these countries is their limited access to higher education, and the quality of such education as is available to them. In South Africa if black students manage to gain access to a university they are mainly confined to isolated and ill-equipped 'tribal colleges'; while successive legislation has made serious inroads on academic freedom and hundreds of staff and students have been arrested. The cycle of violence and repression has forced many to flee their country to continue their education abroad. We should not forget that it was government controls imposed on press and television coverage which took the pictures of disorder and official brutality out of our sitting-rooms and newspapers: We have no reason to believe that inside the country all is now well.

At many universities in this country, campus scholarships have been established to enable suitably qualified students from southern Africa to read for degrees in this country. The hope is that they will not only receive a better education than would otherwise have been possible, but as soon as it can be managed, return home to use their new skills for the benefit of their compatriots. At Sheffield, the University has agreed to waive fees for students on such scholarships while this Scholarship Fund puts together from various sources money for their maintenance. This Fund's committee is particularly grateful to students who, through this year's Union Registration Levy, have contributed over half of what is required each year for one student. Another significant proportion is donated by local churches, who see this Fund's work as a small but significant gesture of Christian concern towards our brothers and sisters in southern Africa.

Last July Vitura Kavari, a Namibian scholarship-holder reading single Politics, successfully graduated with a lower second: we have a second-year Law Student presently on course and our new arrival (an SCM stalwart) is now starting in Anatomy.

For further details of the Fund, or if you wish to make a donation, contact Dr. Linda Kirk, The University of Sheffield Department of History, S10 2TN. Tel.: Sheffield 78555 ext. 6359.

1987 Crisis at Christmas Campaign

Crisis at Christmas will again be providing thousands of single homeless people with a roof over their heads and food during the Festive Season. It will also raise money to fund projects throughout the country which help the homeless all the year round.

The charity started 20 years ago when the late Iain Macleod called upon people of all denominations to come together to do something for the homeless at Christmas.

This year the voluntary organisers are hoping to raise half a million pounds. As part of that fund raising there will be a pilgrimage from Canterbury Cathedral to Southwark, London, in which over 500 people usually take part.

212 Whitechapel Road, London. E1 1BJ.



Switched on

St. Wilfrid's, Cantley, Doncaster, is a small attractive church, famous for its 1894 restoration by John Ninian Comper, who wrote that his purpose in the restoration was "to move us to worship, to bring a man to his knees, to refresh his soul in a weary land." The church is too small for the parish which it serves, and is more often that not bulging at the seams. An extension is planned. The cost - around £200,000, is stretching generosity and imaginations at Cantley, and as part of their publicity and fund raising campaign, they recently had a stand at Miller Brothers Electro Show '87 at Doncaster Racecourse Exhibition Centre (the space kindly donated by Miller Brothers). Seen here on the stand at the show is Mrs. Linda Rawson, Mrs. Liz Wilson and the Revd. Tony Delves, Assistant Priest at Cantley.

New Look Year Book

The Sheffield Diocesan Directory for the coming year has a new look. Renamed the Year Book for 1988, it contains as well as the usual directory of clergy and lay ministers, a Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, service times at churches, financial statistics and topical articles with recently taken photographs. Mr. Tony Beck, Diocesan Secretary is sure that the new Year Book will be more popular than its predecessor, and that church members will want a copy. They are available through the parishes, or the Diocesan Office (whilst stocks last) priced £2.50. (St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FT. Tel.: Sheffield 726528).

Appointments

The Revd. Stuart Brindley, Vicar of Stocksbridge and Rural Dean of Tankersley, to be Vicar of All Saints, Rotherham.

The Revd. James K. Moore, Team Rector of Frecheville and Hackenthorpe, to be Vicar of the Parishes of Brodsworth, Hooton Pagnell, Marr, and Frickley with Clayton.

The Revd. Michael Jarrett to succeed the Revd. Harry Cole as Rural Dean of Hallam.

The Revd. Ernest P. Eccles, Rector of St. James, Braithwell to retire in the New Year.

The Revd. Gavin J. McGrath from America, to be Curate of Christ Church, Fulwood.

Inner City work by the Church...

The Diocese has appointed a Methodist to be the new Development Worker to work in and with and for the Inner City parishes of the Diocese. He is Dr. Ian McCollough who, in his earlier career, worked in the Sheffield Steel Industry.

His appointment is part of the response by the Diocese to the major report "Faith in the City" which highlighted the desperate needs of Urban Priority Areas in the inner city, on the huge postwar and prewar housing estates and, in the Diocese of Sheffield, in many mining villages so seriously hit by cutbacks in the Coal Industry.

His job as Development Worker will be to work with these parishes in such areas and to help them realise their own potentials. He will also be aiming to help other Churchfolk in more suburban or well-to-do parishes to understand the needs of Urban Priority parishes. National financial resources are to be available eventually for such parishes and - with the Diocesan committee responsible - Dr. McCollough will see that some of these national funds are channelled towards the Diocese of Sheffield.

Dr. McCollough hails from Devon and he later studied at Leeds University. In his earlier career he worked with Firth Brown Steel Ltd. at their Atlas Works as a Metallurgical Supervisor, becoming a Manager for Metallurgical Services. Eventually he was seconded to the Personnel Department where he helped with the arrangement of redundancy and the closing down of a steel plant involving the loss of 1,000 jobs. Then he was to experience unemployment himself from 1981 to 1983. Latterly he has served as General Manager of the Sheffield Churches Community Programme Agency Ltd. in Burngreave Road, Sheffield 3.

His working base will be in an Urban Priority Area in the Diocese in inner city Sheffield.

Broken Rites

Broken Rites is a self-help group formed in 1983 out of the need of separated and divorced clergy wives. The organisation exists to help and comfort its members - both Anglican and others - in nine regional groups of neighbouring dioceses, to be of as much help as it can be to women who are suffering now, and to draw the attention of church authorities to the problems that exist in clergy marriages. Frank Field MP (who addressed the last clergy conference at Swanwick) has been among those helping this organisation and he was instrumental in persuading the General Synod to call a working party to look into the problems in this area of social concern. Visitors have now been appointed in each Diocese to help separated wives following a marriage breakdown, to make funds available where necessary and to check on housing. The existence of the possibility of clergy marriage breakdown is now fully realised. Meanwhile the role of the parish is stressed as well in helping to alleviate the workload of their incumbent, thus giving him more time with his wife, thus helping to lessen the very real stress that is often felt. The Hon. Secretary of Broken Rites is Jill Hasted, 8 Abbey Square, Chester. CH1 2HU. Phone Chester (0244) 42526 evenings and weekends.

Building a new Bridge...

While preparatory work begins for the financing and building of the new Channel Tunnel - pushing more funds and work into the South East corner of England - Church men and women from South Yorkshire and Surrey began during October to build a new bridge between the North and South of England.

Christian people from South Yorkshire, from Surrey and other parts of the South East met in conference at Sheffield and explored together the nature of unemployment especially as it is still being experienced in South Yorkshire.

Conference members - mainly from the Diocese of Sheffield and the Diocese of Guildford - visited areas of high unemployment and listened to the experience of unemployed people. They also received up-to-date information of what local authorities, communities and churches are providing to tackle the problem. Realising that much remains to be done they resolved to build a new bridge between North and South to maintain contact between the two on a regular and professional basis.

They return to their respective Church groups with a commitment to establish a new unit linking Surrey and South Yorkshire. The new unit will help in specific ways with help in Church projects among the unemployed in South Yorkshire and in pressing - in the South East - for a fair share of new industries for South Yorkshire. The lobbying of MP's and specific moves to change Social Security regulations.

"The new bridge we hope to build will make real the vision of the Faith in the City Report on the work of the Church in the Inner Cities" said Conference Chairman, the Revd. Raymond Draper. The conference was organised by the Christian Unemployment Group for South Yorkshire, the Social Responsibility Committee of the Diocese of Sheffield, the Sheffield Industrial Mission and the Guildford Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility.

Well Done

Well done Hallam Deanery in Sheffield. They have just produced a super new publication called "Deanery Digest". It is bright, clear and very readable and ideal for giving the Deanery a sense of aim and common purpose. It's professional appearance is thanks to having a professional as Editor in the person of the Revd. William Mather, of Netherthorpe, who - before ordination - was a journalist with the Sheffield Star. How many other Deaneries in the Diocese have their own publications?

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Copy for February issue to the Editor by 20th December, please.

Partner in Mission

Edwin Ward, Area Secretary for our Diocese for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, has joined three other representatives from the Church of England at the Council of the Church in East Asia Regional Partners in Mission Consultation.

The Council brings together the Anglican Church in Australia, Burma, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore, and the external partners in the Consultation are from Japan, Canada, U.S.A., New Zealand and England.

Before the Consultation itself begins in Sabah, Malaysia, each external partner has been invited to spend a short time on visits to some of the East Asian dioceses. Edwin goes to the Diocese of Hong Kong and Taiwan before going onto the Philippines, where he will spend a longer time with the Philippine Independent Church, made up of 33 dioceses with a membership of over 3 million people, and in full communion with the Anglican Church.

After these diocesan visits, the external partners together with representatives from each member diocese will assemble in Kota Kinabalu Cathedral for the Consultation Opening Service and then go into the cool of the high mountains behind the city for four days of meetings. During this time a lot of hard work will be done in an attempt to set goals and priorities in mission in East Asia for the next four years or so.



A substantial part of USPG's budget is made available each year to fund the priorities which are agreed at Regional Consultations in seven areas of the world. A block grant will be made available to East Asia, which is used entirely at their discretion, according to the priorities which are set in Sabah.

Edwin served with USPG in the Dioceses of Malaysia and Singapore some years ago, and on his journey home, he hopes to pause and renew some old friendships and look at some USPG supported church projects.

He'll have a lot to say on his return home this month, and if you want to know more about his travels, and what he has experienced, contact him at 3 The Paddocks, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts. NG25 0NR. Tel.: Southwell (0636) 812890.

Edwin is also Secretary for USPG for the Dioceses of Southwell and Derby.



Just some of those who attended the video presentation in Doncaster, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Edenthorpe

Look at Video

A very high percentage of the population has access to a video recorder, and within the life of the church there is tremendous potential for the use of video.

The Diocesan Video Group, made up of representatives from Communications, Lay Training, Adult Education, Social Responsibility, Stewardship and others, invited the Revd. Geoff Crago, the Church of England's Video Officer to the Diocese during the autumn to present the wealth of ready made video material suitable for use in parishes. A good number of people from the parishes who are interested in the use of video with large groups, house groups, youth groups and children's groups, came to the presentations which were held in both Doncaster and Sheffield. There was a great deal of interest and discussion about the wide variety of material available, showing just what a stimulus video can be if it is used as an aid to communication. The Diocese does have some material available for parish use and it can be obtained from: The Revd. Grant MacIntosh, St. Timothy's Vicarage, 152 Slinn Street, Sheffield. S10 1NZ. Tel.: Sheffield 661745. The Y.M.C.A. in Sheffield also has an extensive library of Christian video's, and details are available from them.

League Tables

An unofficial "league table" of increases in payments to central Church of England funding called for 1987-88, shows the Diocese of Sheffield just above the half-way mark. The table is of percentage increases called for in 1988 in financial apportionments to the Central Board of Finance, in other words to the central kitty of money used for the central administration of the Church of England. In 1987 this apportionment for the Diocese of Sheffield was £109,720 increasing next year to £122,680. This shows an increase of 11.81%. Highest increase called for (16.62%) is from the Diocese of Ripon and the lowest (4.75%) from the Diocese of Oxford. Out of the 44 Dioceses of the Church of England, Sheffield lies 19th in this league table of apportionments, compiled by the Diocese of Birmingham.

Computing

If you should be thinking of how a computer might help you in your parish there is a new British Council of Churches leaflet just for you. It is a survey and analysis of effective computing for churches and it can be obtained by writing to the British Council of Churches, 2 Eaton Gate, London. SW1W 9BL.

SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY



THE WORDS that King George the Sixth made famous in a Christmas Day broadcast are reputed to have been found among the papers of a Baptist minister, twenty years after he himself had noted them down at a poetry reading.

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

(80 words)

THE QUESTION

A FORMER ARCHBISHOP used to say to young men about to be ordained: "Tomorrow, you will stand before me and I shall ask you 'Will you?... will you?...will you?' But one day you will stand before the Lord who will ask: 'Have you? ...have you? ...have you.'"

WORD PERFECT

IT COULD NOT have been a freudian slip, for the congregation are known to hang on every word of his sermons, but Howard Garside (not a million miles from Ripon Diocese) made a slight error when drafting the letter for his church magazine. He found he had typed the opening as "My DEAF Friends".

ONE ALSO WONDERS, was it a careful choice of words which led the Keep Sunday Special Campaign to consider the Bill which allows betting shops to open on Sundays and describe it 'as a Trojan Horse for Sunday Shopping.'

A TIME TO CHANGE



OUR MUCH LOVED PARISH CHURCHES are very different from those our ancestors knew.

Once, churches had no seats, everyone stood during the service, apart from the old and weak who sat on the ledge round the walls. Business was carried on in church. Social events took place there. It was the hub; the very heart of the community. Walls were covered in paintings. There were statues in niches. All services and readings were in Latin. If we were transported back in time, we would not recognise our own church!

Slowly there were changes. The Bible was translated into English, pulpits introduced, and pews. Paintings were covered over, statues destroyed, carvings smashed. The communion table, once the centre of the church, was moved to a place under the East window, and railed off. Rood screens were erected, further to make a division between the clergy and the congregation.

Surely, none of these changes were made without uproar and opposition from people who saw their way of life changing before their eyes; and didn't like it one bit!

Today we are more likely to find the communion table being brought back into the centre of the church to be close to the congregation. And once again there is opposition, people violently rejecting any talk of change.

When Jesus came into the world, the 'established church' was soon in uproar about His teaching and His way of life.

But if he did not fear change; neither must we.

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU

The "Wine, Cheese & Flowers" Evening was a very enjoyable and interesting occasion. We appreciated the skill and the wit of the demonstrator and her colourful and artistic arrangements. Our thanks to those who arranged and supported the event which raised £105 for the Organ Fund.

The Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs. Joan Watson on that very wild and wet day raised £48 and we are grateful to all who supported her.

Pauline Parkinton would like to thank those who took part in the National Sponsored Knit for the Children's Society. The total raised was £130. Both money and knitting have now been forwarded to the Society.

LADIES WORKING PARTY will meet this month on Tuesday 1st at 38 The Quadrant at 2.15pm.

LADIES CLUB meet on the 1st December for a talk about "Northern Dialects" and reassemble for their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 15th.

CHESHIRE HOME CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING is to be held at Mickley Hall on Thursday 10th December from 10am to 12 noon. Stalls include - Home Made Produce, Crafts from the Activity Centre, Cards and Gifts, Nearly New.

JOBS FOR THE BOYS!

If you see the Vicar adopting a sombre look at times it is because the Bishop has asked him to take over organising the clergy coverage of the city's crematoria and liaison with the Sheffield undertakers. Actually once you get to know them undertakers are a very cheerful set.

PILGRIMAGE 1988

The Diocesan Pilgrimage on 7th May 1988 will be to Canterbury Cathedral. Travel will be by special train from Sheffield at a cost of £20 adults - £5 children. Please see booking forms at the back of Church.

THANKS FROM OLWEN

"It was mentioned by a professional helper who visited me recently that she had never visited anyone with so much support. In the last few difficult weeks I will never forget all the love, support and prayers that have upheld me, as well as the sure knowledge of the presence of God. Thank you to all who have helped in any way".

A RED INDIAN PRAYER

O Great Spirit
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to the world.
Hear me! I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes
Ever behold the red and purple sunsets.

Make my hands respect the things you have made
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise, so that I may understand
The things you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
In every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
But to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

Make me always ready to come to you
With clean hands and straight eyes.

And when life fades, as the fading sunset,
May my spirit come to you without shame.

Amen

MOTHER TERESA and her sisters, working among the heat and dust of Calcutta have caught the imagination of the world. But that's far from the whole story: her Missionaries of Charity already work in cities in 77 countries, including New York, London and Rome.

Now the Chernobyl area of the USSR could be next. Mother Teresa, on a visit to Moscow, has said she hopes the Soviet government will

**MOTHER
TERESA
THINKS
ABOUT
CHERNOBYL**



allow her to set up a mission near the site of last year's nuclear disaster. And a government spokesman said they were interested in the idea of 'joint projects, with Mother Teresa.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

At the end of this term we shall be saying goodbye to Mr. Michael Tempan. Michael has been the Deputy-Headteacher at our school since January 1984. Over the last four years many children have benefitted from his teaching and his involvement in out-of-school activities. Michael has very happily taken children to Thornbridge Hall for a week during the last three years and prior to that on walking holidays in North Yorkshire.

His enthusiasm for sport has certainly benefitted the children. He has run football and cricket teams, and although they have not been the top team in any competitions for which they have entered - they have always entered (unlike some schools in Sheffield, who only enter when they have a winning team) and have learned an important lesson, that it is taking part that really matters. It is because Michael has the right attitude that we have children who do too.

Michael and his family are known to you at All Saints' Church because he has been a regular member of the congregation. We at the school thank him for all he has done for the school and I am grateful for the support which he has given me. We wish him well in his new post as Deputy Headteacher of Carleton C.E. Primary School at Poulton-le-Fylde in Lancashire, and we wish him, Norma and Emma much happiness in their new home.

Our new Deputy Headteacher is Mr. Tony Collins at present a Scale 3 Teacher at Shooters Grove Junior School. He lives at North Anston and has three sons. I am sure our sporting tradition will continue as Tony is very interested in soccer and has officiated a schoolboy International at Wembley Stadium. We look forward to welcoming him to the Staff in the New Year.

Joan Stratford

Members of All Saints' Church are very welcome to attend the following events :-

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - in the School Hall
7.15pm Tuesday 15th December

CAROL SERVICE - in All Saints' Church
9.30am Friday 18th December
followed by Coffee and mince pies
in school.

FOR THEIR WORK ON OUR BEHALF

The policy of All Saints' Church Council is to give away 10% of its income to mission and charitable causes - so reflecting the Biblical practice of tithing. This year that amounts to £1900.

From PCC Funds the following donations were made. For Overseas work - Church Missionary Society £347; Leprosy Mission £85; Bible Society £75; Indian Evan. Mission £50; T.E.A.R. Fund £40; Mozambique (Christian Aid) £50; Bangladesh Reconstruction Appeal £50; Ethiopia (Farm against Famine) £50; Keston College (Russian Christians) £40.

For national organisations - C of E Children's Society £200; MIND £100; Church Army £50; NSPCC £50; Corymeela Link (Northern Ireland) £50.

For local support - Cheshire Home £75; Christian Unemployment Group £80; Scripture Union (Sheffield Schools) £50 and King Egcbert's Christian Union £25; Home Farm Trust (Dore) £50; Sheffield Christian Council for Community Care £50; Mission Sheffield £50; S.H.A.R.E. £60; "Yours" Newspaper free distribution £183.

In addition substantial amounts are raised by Church organisations and individuals and donated direct such as the Harvest Lunch (£145) to the Indian Mission and the money raised in Christingle Purses for the Children's Society. Don't forget to collect your Christingle purse from Church and fill it for the Christingle Service on Sunday 20th December at 11am.

RAISED BY THE GUIDES

The All Saints' Guides recently held a 'Sponsored Knot' - all those different ones we forget how to do - and raised £86 for the Ethiopian Farm against Famine Appeal. Well done Guides and all concerned for your good effort.

The Guides also collect silver foil in aid of Guide Dog for the Blind. Clean milk bottle tops, pie cases, etc. can be given to Guides, left in the Church Hall kitchen, or on the doorstep of 4, The Crescent.

RAISED BY 'YOUNG SAINTS'

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Young Saints Jumble Sale a successful occasion. Some excellent jumble was donated and a profit of about £95 recorded.

The Salvation Army kindly removed the surplus material - some of which will go directly to needy families and the rest sold towards obtaining a mini-bus. Thank you

A SPECIAL SENSE OF GOD

"You are nearer to God in a garden,
Than anywhere else on earth."

So ends a poem, which to me seems a glib statement,
possibly a prejudicial view of a dedicated gardener. It
is rather a bleak outlook for us flat-dwellers, especially
high-rise! I always thought high-rise flats were the
devil's work.

However horticulture has altered considerably with man's
ingenuity, and with cross-fertilization and experiment-
ation, somehow it does not seem to be all HIS work.

Nevertheless there are occasions when we all at some
time have experienced a happening that at least has
made us think more deeply. Certainly there are occasions
(as it appears to me) when the surrounding atmosphere
is different and unknowing, beautiful, comforting, loving
and pleasant.

It happens to me at Baptisms, especially the moment
when the priest gently prints the sign of the Cross on
the baby's forehead and utters the words - "I sign you
with the Cross, the sign of Christ". Of course it could
just be my paternal instinct and I am happy to be so blest,
if that is what it is.

On another occasion at a midweek evening service the
congregation was so small we were invited to occupy the
Choir stalls. Then the atmosphere seemed to change, our
singing appeared to me more significant, our voices
seeming to rise, soar, to the roof with a stronger message.

I believe that God will reveal Himself to us all in
His own good time, until then we have to trust, believe
and carry out His commandments with the memory of these
special moments to support us all.

Rex B.

END QUOTES

Religion is as dead, without its political expression,
as politics is dangerous without the discipline of
spiritual principles.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

We can see through others - only when we can see
through ourselves.

Eric Hoffer.

Cherish all your happy moments, they make a fine
cushion for old age.

Booth Tarkington.

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