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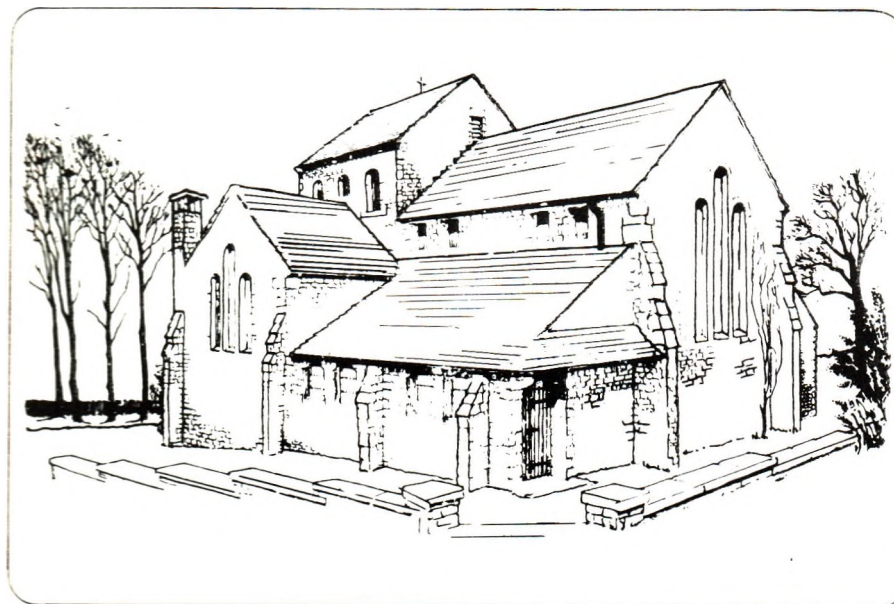
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Over recent weeks the Bishop of Sheffield has been addressing Church Councils throughout the Diocese. He has asked them to look ahead to the year 2000 AD and to use the twelve years leading up to the new millenium as a time of renewed - Confidence - Commitment - Conversion. Confidence in the Christian Faith and the Church - Commitment of our time, talents and treasure - Conversion, namely our mission and concern to extend the kingdom of God.

We shall be thinking in more detail about the Bishop's Call to the Diocese. It however, seems appropriate in this month in which we commemorate the Conversion of St. Paul to think of the example of that enthusiastic leader of the Early Church. St. Paul, whilst admitting his own weaknesses and fears, held firmly on to his confidence in the power and guidance of the risen Christ. He was prepared to endure all manner of hardships and in the end give his life in his commitment to convert the world to the love of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful not only for his impressive life of mission as revealed to us in the "Acts of the Apostles" but for the encouragement and inspiration contained in his letters to the Churches of his time. It is from those letters that I want to offer you three texts for your thoughts as we embark upon a New Year.

Confidence

"For I am certain that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ; neither death nor life, neither angels or other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Romans 8:38 - 39)

Commitment

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

(Philippians 4:8)

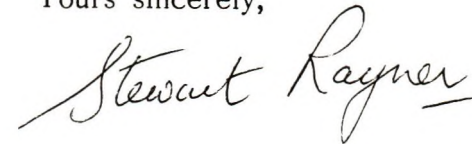
Conversion

"I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love. Yes, may you come to know his love - although it can never be fully known - and so be completely filled with the very nature of God."

(Ephesians 3: 16-19)

With very best wishes for 1988,

Yours sincerely,



LETTERS FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Tony & Pam. We have recently yeard from Tony & Pam Lindsay who were commissioned by C.M.S. at a Service at St.Martin's in the Fields on 12th December for their new work in Sierra Leone. The country of Sierra Leone is divided into two diocese. One is based around the capital, Freetown, and the other centred around the town of Bo about 100 miles to the east and a rural diocese. Tony and Pam will be working in the Bo Diocese. They plan to go this month and will let us know their address on arrival.

Theo and Di, returned in September to the Indian Evang. Mission at Bangalore and they write - "We greatly appreciate the money from the Harvest Lunch. All of our medical work is among the needy tribal people of India, with just a few local townsfolk also coming. Buying new equipment and building new buildings, is of course, very expensive, and we cannot pass on the costs to the patients.

Theo is the Associate co-ordinator for the All India Conference on Missions and Evangelism, held every ten years, and meeting this January (4th - 8th). He would value your prayers."

SERVICES IN JANUARY

- 3rd CHRISTMAS 2
 Theme 'The Light of the World'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: Revelation 21:22 to 22:5 (NEB)
 Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 1-12, 19-23 (RSV)
 Theme 'The Holy Family'
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-7 (JB)
 New Testament: St. Luke 2: 41 - 52 (NEB)
- 10th EPIPHANY I
 Theme 'The Baptism of Jesus'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Ephesians 2: 1-10 (JB)
 Gospel : St. John 1:29-34 (JB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
12 noon Holy Baptism (William Edward Simm)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : I Samuel 16: 1-13 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. Matthew 3: 13-17 (NEB)
- 17th EPIPHANY 2
 Theme 'The First Disciples'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Galatians 1:11-24 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. John 1:35-51 (NEB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Acts 26: 1, 9-20 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Mark 1: 14-20 (NEB)
- 24th EPIPHANY 3
 Theme 'Signs of Glory'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Philippians 4: 10-20 (JB)
 Gospel : St. John 6: 1-14 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Exodus 33: 12-23 (JB)
 New Testament : St. John 2: 1-11 (NEB)

- 31st 9 before EASTER (Septuagesima)
 Theme 'Christ the Teacher'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : 1 Corinthians 2: 1-10 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 8: 4-15 (RSV)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Isaiah 30: 18-21 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (NEB)

Every Wednesday there is a Holy Communion (BCP) at 10am

PARISH NOTES

Ladies Working Party

Our Christmas Bazaar was a successful occasion raising the very useful sum of £518.93. Our thanks to all the members for their hard work, and to all our friends for their support.

This enabled us to send Christmas donations from our overall income to ten charities of our choice and a donation of £500 to the Organ Fund.

The Annual Meeting is on 26th January in the Hall at 2.15pm - and new members are always welcome.

Ladies Club

We begin 1988 with a talk by Glyn Waite "The History of Railway Tickets" on Tuesday 5th at 7.30pm. On 19th January the Vicar will give a talk "The History of Rhodesia from its stamps." - illustrated by slides and postal items.

Choir News

Recently the following presentations were made to Junior Choir members:

Long Service Badge - Helen Job
 Red Ribbon - (Head) Sarah Burke, Fiona Ivison,
 Carolyn Job

Dark Blue Ribbon - Judy Burke, Elizabeth Powell
 Brian Ruthven

Light Blue Ribbon - Andrew Needham, Christina Riley.
 The Junior Choir is looking for new members. If you know of any youngster who might like to join, contact Olwen on 365357.

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY

- 2nd Sat 4pm-7pm Church Family Tea in Hall
 5th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
 7.30pm Ladies Club - 'History of Railway Tickets'
 6th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 2 Main Avenue
 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
 7th Thu 8pm Standing Committee
 11th Mon 7.30pm GARDEN PARTY Preparation Meeting - all
 ideas and participants welcome - at the
 Vicarage.
 12th Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
 13th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 66 Rowan
 Tree Dell
 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
 14th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
 19th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
 7.30pm Ladies Club - 'Story of Rhodesia from Stamps'
 20th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships
 26th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
 2.15pm Ladies Working Party AGM in Church Hall
 27th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships

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January	Altar	Memory Table
3	Ladies Working	Mrs.Parsons
10	Party	Mrs.Turner
17	Mrs.Manterfield	Mrs.Simons
24	The Guides	Mrs. Hardy
31	Mrs.Beeley	Mrs. Bramall
7 Feb	Mrs. Hossett	Mrs. Heap

Silver Cleaning

Jan 3	Mrs.Kirton	Jan 17 Mrs.J.Woodhead
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Jan 3	Mrs.B.Waite & Miss Taylor
Jan 10	Mrs. Ivison & Mrs.S.Cook
Jan 17	Mr.Marshall & Mrs.A. Powell
Jan 24	Mrs.Smith & Mrs. Davis
Jan 31	Mrs. Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft
Feb 7	Mr & Mrs. Filleul

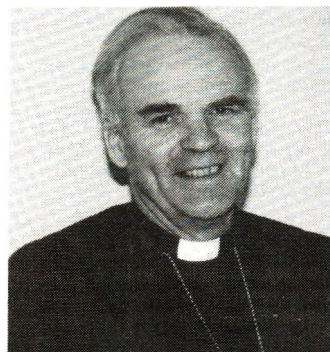
A QUIET DAY is planned for the first Saturday in Lent -
 20th February - more details next month

THE GUIDES are looking for a new Captain as Catherine
 Robson has moved to Newcastle. Do you know anyone who
 could help?

DO YOU enter your dates in the diary at the back of Church
 to ensure an entry in the All Saints' News Diary?

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IN CHRIST ALL THINGS ARE NEW

The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

No one can accuse the author of Ecclesiastes of being much of an optimist, as he appears to look with a jaundiced eye to the future. What has been is what will be, he says, and what has been done will be done. There is nothing new under the sun. As you get up on a cold January morning, you have a fellow feeling with a man who proclaims all things to be full of weariness.

He is right enough up to a point. Many of the nostrums paraded before us are revamped models of what we have already been offered; and it is plainly true that the future is rooted in the past. What 1988 has in store for us has strong connections with 1987, and more connections than we imagine with 1887. As for being full of weariness that happens even to those who are more athletic than I am.

I have no wish to discredit the author of Ecclesiastes. It is likely he is addressing a general public whose view is largely secular, showing them that on their terms life is empty. For him, horizons go beyond human endeavour, and the activity of God is very much part of his perception.

Yet what a contrast there is between the measured sadness of Ecclesiastes and the affirmations of the New Testament about the saving work of Jesus Christ. The newness Jesus brings is not chronological or comparative. The change that takes place is qualitative, a change in kind. So the New Testament writers tell us of a new covenant, a new creation, a new man and a new name. Nowhere is it more clearly stated than in Paul's comment to the Church in Corinth: 'The old has passed away. The new has come'.

The world goes on, and we are part of it. Miners and solicitors, teachers and steelworkers, employed and unemployed, take into 1988 the inheritance of 1987. But Christians are aware that God has broken into time with eternity; and as part of a new world in Christ a transforming ministry has been committed to us.

I shall not be surprised if clerical pens across the Diocese in a hundred parish magazines have also been writing a letter about newness of some kind. It reminds me of the story told about Charles Spurgeon. As a well-known Victorian preacher, he collected his admirers who followed him round from place to place. One admirer was a little shocked to hear him preach the same sermon twice. When rebuked, he replied that what wasn't worth saying twice wasn't worth saying once!

I have taken some comfort on occasions from that remark. Whether my sermons merit repetition I do not presume to say. What is worth repeating again and again to a tired and jaded world, or to a tired and jaded church is the glorious truth that in Christ all things are new.

WILLIAM
 Bishop of Doncaster

The rain in Spain...

Michael Paton, on his retirement as Archdeacon
 of Sheffield, writes on behalf of himself and Margaret...

"Margaret and I would like to send a very warm
 thank you to all who contributed to the decanter and
 generous cheque which Bishop David gave us on
 your behalf at the November Synod. We have not
 yet decided how to spend the cheque, but will

probably break new ground and travel to Spain,
 where we have never been (Cordoba, Granada and
 Seville for choice). We shall think gratefully of you.

We have much enjoyed our years in Sheffield,
 which is why we are staying here and we shall look
 forward to seeing friends and being of any use we
 can - though emphatically not as archidiaconal, but
 as Michael and Margaret! Thank you."

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If you feel you would like to talk over your problems with Parent Lifeline, a member of our group is available from 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and from 7.30 p.m. through to 7.30 a.m. - please phone 726575.



Royal School of Church Music

On the last Saturday in October a large number of Choristers, young and old, gathered to take part in the first Diocesan Festival held in Sheffield Cathedral for many years. About 170 boys, ladies and men came from churches all over the diocese: from Rotherham, Swinton, Wickersley, Aston and Brampton as well as nearer at home from Frecheville, Totley, Dore, Norton, Ranmoor and Ecclesall as well as the Cathedral. The Festival was organised by the Sheffield and S. Yorks Area Committee of the R.S.C.M. The organist was Graham Matthews, Master of the Music, and the conductor Peter Crowther, Master of the Choir.

After an hour's practice, during which Mr. Crowther put the choristers through their paces, everyone enjoyed tea. Evensong began as the Voluntary from the splendid Mander organ accompanied the choirs as they processed up the Nave into their seats. The Provost began by welcoming the choirs to the Cathedral. The opening Plainsong Responses were effective in their simplicity. Psalm 122 had contrasting verses for high and low voices and the choirs responded to the conductor's requests for light and shade. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Stanford struck a familiar note of praise. The anthem was Joubert's "O Lorde, the maker of al thing": music particularly effective with large numbers of voices. From a very quiet opening it gradually built up a superb climax where the tenor and treble voices soared over the lower tune, the sound ringing round the Cathedral. The Provost then presented the new Provost's Awards to Thomas Armstrong, Jeremy Atherton, James Cooke, Benjamin Jackson, Christopher Jackson, Alexander Jakubowski and Guy Whitehead of the Cathedral choir and to Christopher Hawkins, Simon Cook and Jonathan Hayden of Ecclesall Church. The Bishop of Sheffield presented his Bishop's Award to Christopher Fry of Ecclesall as well as presenting Christopher Hawkins with his R.S.C.M. St. Nicolas Award. The service ended with a thrilling descant to the hymn "Ye Holy Angels Bright". Everyone went home feeling they had been inspired and that they had spent a very worthwhile afternoon in their Mother Church.

Wanted

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, in the Deanery of Rotherham, seeks a new organist and choirmaster. The church has a strong mixed R.S.C.M. affiliated choir and in recent years has established five young peoples music groups. They are looking for a person with a commitment to traditional and modern church music, and responsibilities will include, choir practices, Sunday services and weddings (about 40 a year). The church has an assistant organist, and the other music groups are independent, although they all work in close co-operation with each other. The organist and choirmaster will be a musician who will be happy to work with others to sustain and develop Wickersley's musical traditions. Further details are available from the Revd. R.J. Draper, The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham. S66 0ES. Tel.: Rotherham 543111.

Decisions and debate at the November 7th meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod at Sheffield Cathedral. Report from the Diocesan Communications Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold.



Waiting for the meeting to begin.



The Revd. Roy Arnold

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH was the theme of the Presidential Address by the Bishop of Sheffield at the beginning of the November Diocesan Synod. Keeping a new or refurbished roof over the Vicar's head was item next on the agenda with the Archdeacon of Doncaster (the Ven. Desmond Carnelley) giving details of how the "substantial help" from the Church Commissioners towards the replacement or extensive refurbishment of parsonage houses was going ahead in Sheffield Diocese. Replying later to written questions the Archdeacon said the cost of a new parsonage in South Yorkshire was between £80,000 to £85,000, some £10,000 less than the national average.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS were next on the agenda as first of all Synod gave overwhelming approval to the revised Constitution of the South Yorkshire Ecumenical Sponsoring Group. This is the Group which officially oversees Local Ecumenical Projects and such other ventures in our Diocese. On the wider scene Professor David McClean (Lay Vice President of the Synod) gave a clear report on the "Swanwick Declaration" and the "Inter Church Process". He regretted the ghostly prose of the declaration but urged members not to be put off. The real outcome of the Swanwick Conference he saw as being the ultimate formation of some ecumenical group to replace the British Council of Churches, this group (and ecumenical work at all levels) being strengthened by the declared support of the Roman Catholic Church. The Bishop of Sheffield said it had not appeared clear to him what the Swanwick document was leading to.

COUNTRY AIR was breathed into Synod by the Revd. John Woods, the Bishop's Adviser on Rural Ministry. There were 15 full time clergy in 31 truly rural parishes in Sheffield Diocese he said. Church work in rural areas does have its problems and these are not dissimilar to the problems of the inner cities. He spoke of his work in the setting up of team and group ministries with three major pastoral re-organisations now completed. He felt the next stage of his work was in the training of lay people for work in rural parishes.

TWO PRESENTATIONS took the space just before the extended coffee break. The first was to the Ven. Michael Paton, retiring at the end of this year as Archdeacon of Sheffield. There were warm tributes to him by the Bishop who admitted "If a job is too difficult for the Bishop he usually rings up the Archdeacons". He commended Michael Paton as being a man "from whom the joy and the truth of the Christian Faith has always shone forth". A cheque for £850 and a decanter (bearing the Diocesan coat of arms) formed the gift to the Archdeacon and his wife Margaret. Mr. Leslie Fletcher, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance came next with a presentation to the Revd. Canon Ronald Thompson on his retirement as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Finance. As Chairman of the Stipends Sub Committee (and involved at national level with clergy stipends) Canon Thompson had done a tremendous amount of work over many years. In replying Canon Thompson said he was one of those peculiar people who, in spare moments found great delight in adding up columns of figures. A glass decanter and the Synod's heartfelt thanks were tribute to his arithmetic over the years.



The Revd. Canon Ron Thomson

FINANCE MATTERS. The Diocesan Synod received the Report of the Finance Committee and went on to approve (with little debate) the 1988 Diocesan Budget, authorising the Finance Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend a sum not exceeding £2,331,705 in accordance with the General, Augmentation and Parsonages Funds Budgets as approved. Mr. Leslie Fletcher said that the figures showed a small increase in proportion and in some way this was like living in a fools paradise because the real increase was being masked by the enormous outside support the Diocese was getting through the re-distribution, by the Church Commissioners, of the historic resources of the Church of England.

APPOINTMENTS. The Revd. J.K. Moore was wholeheartedly elected Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, being commended by Mr. Leslie Fletcher as "one of the numerate clergy" (maybe there aren't so many around). The post of Adult Education Officer, it was agreed, should be continued until October 1991 with the job re-titled "Assistant Director of Education (Adult)" to bring it in line with the titles of other members of the Education team. This confirms the Revd. Grant MacIntosh in his post.

GERMAN VISIT. With at least one numerate clergyman in the Diocese, another advantageous qualification seems to be the ability to speak German. Three German-speakers, the Revd. Stuart Brindley, the Revd. Grant MacIntosh and the Revd. Nicholas Jowett performed admirably as a trio to detail their recent visit to Hattingen-Witten, an industrial Church district in Germany.



The Revd. Stuart Brindley, the Revd. Grant MacIntosh and the Revd. Nicholas Jowett.

LAMBETH TRAILER. The Bishop of Doncaster, the Rt. Revd. William Persson, gave a trailer for the forthcoming Lambeth Conference preparatory sessions. These would be on a Deanery level and would not just be talking shops but would have practical implications while, at the same time, allowing the Bishops to "take the Diocese of Sheffield with them" on their Lambeth Conference journey to Canterbury next year.

NUMBERS. The membership of the Diocesan Synod for the period 1988 to 1991 - it was decided - should be reduced from the present 200 to 150 elected members. The method of election - it was decided - should be "First past the post" instead of Proportional Representation.

ONE QUESTION. There was only one question for question time and this was about divisions (official and unofficial) in our Link Diocese of Maseno North. The Provost of Sheffield, the Very Revd. Frank Curtis, said that the Diocese had been officially divided for administrative purposes but there had been conflict over the selection of a new Bishop.

THE NEXT MEETING of the Diocesan Synod will be Saturday, March 5th in Rotherham.

AT THE START OF THE SYNOD the Bishop of Sheffield spoke about the basic Christian understanding that we are justified (put in a right relationship with God) by faith alone, as stated in Article 11 of the 39 Articles. We could not get ourselves right with God by good works, by intellect or even by mysticism (prayer). The simple fact is that it is the Father who comes rushing out to meet us... a fact of unimaginable importance. Our response is to trust this loving father. The Bishop saw dangers in current Church Life on account of those who sought to be more rigorous about Church membership, setting even higher fences (in matters such as Baptism or Tithing) of qualification. A second danger was in asserting Morality as being our way of getting right with God. At the end of the day we are talking about God and the way he accepts us and runs out to meet us, to make us feel welcome and at home with him. Then, as we feel at home (by faith) we feel called to respond to his commands.

Canterbury Bound

The Diocesan Pilgrimage organised by Catholic Renewal is to be to Canterbury on Saturday, 25th June, by special charter train, just a few weeks before the meeting of the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference.

Details are available through the parishes or from Mrs. Rita Hannan, 36 Highbury Crescent, Doncaster DN4 6AL. Tel.: Doncaster 536196.

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Appointments

The Revd. John M. Thompson, Priest in Charge, St. Silas, Sheffield, to become Bishop's Chaplain to Homes for the Elderly and Assistant Curate at Ranmoor, and continuing as Chaplain to Weston Park Hospital.

The Revd. John Yallop, Vicar of St. Peter's, Ellesmere, has resigned.

The Revd. Joan Brown, Deacon at Christ Church, Fullwood, has resigned.

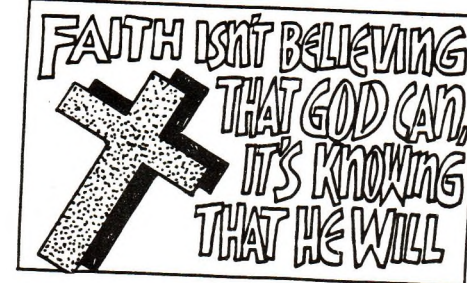
The Revd. Ernest Hume, Team Vicar of St. Paul's, Arbourthorne, to be Vicar of St. Chad's, Woodseats.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

AMID ALL THE excitement and planning for the New Year let us keep our ears open, to hear the voice of the Lord. He speaks very quietly. Set aside a little time in which to be still, to be silent; perhaps to go and kneel in a Church and let God speak to you, to quieten your restlessness, to bring you His peace to comfort and strengthen you. And ask Him to go with you into the coming year, to bless particularly your family and work. If you do, you will find that He will answer your prayer. Invite Him to come into your life, to guide it, to bless it, to use it in His Service. He will.

THE SEVEN YEARS CHANGE

NO PHYSICAL PART of me lasts more than seven years. Within that space of time every molecule of my body wears out and is replaced, and this is a process that continues constantly throughout my body throughout my life. By the time I am fourteen, all of my body has 'died' twice. If I live to the statutory three-score-and-ten, I shall have died physically ten times over. The 'Me' that is me, therefore, cannot be just my body or there would have been ten different people in my body instead of the same continuing person. If the 'Me' can survive ten physical deaths spread over seven-year periods, why shouldn't 'me' survive the same thing just because it comes in one lump?



ANOTHER YEAR OLDER

IF YOU ARE worried about the passing of the years and feeling that you aren't able to cope with things as well as you used to and even have a nasty feeling that you aren't quite so useful - then think of my friend Mrs Cassels.

Mrs Cassels' hands are crippled with arthritis, but that doesn't stop her writing letters. Every day she writes to sick people, missionaries and others who need encouragement. She works with two felt-tipped sticks and a typewriter. Paper, stationery, stamps and greeting cards are given to her by friends.

She sees her letter writing as a ministry for God, and finds it a worthwhile hobby.

She also exercises a second ministry: prayer.

'I am given prayer requests and bring them to God three times a day,' she says.

Mrs Cassels prays for an hour each morning, afternoon and evening, and has done so for many years.

'Each morning I ask God to do His work through me during the day. I depend on the Holy Spirit to help me not to miss my opportunities, for they are easy to miss, and I'm not getting younger.'

Mrs Cassels lives in a nursing home. She is ninety years of age.

PRAYING FOR UNITY

In 1988 the local Christian Council have decided to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the alternative timing between Pentecost and Trinity. This year it also happens to coincide with the 250th Anniversary of the conversion of John Wesley - a significant moment in English Church life.

The earliest proposals for a specified date for common prayer amongst all Christians arose from the Revivalists of the 1740's - and the first Monday of each year was suggested as a time for all Christians to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This developed, a century later, into the Evangelical Alliance's week of 'universal' prayer following the first Sunday of January each year.

The Anglican bishops at their Lambeth Conference in 1878 advocated prayer for unity near Ascension Day, and in 1894 the Archbishop of Canterbury recommended joint prayer for unity on Whitsunday. Pope Leo XIII, in 1897, bearing in mind the scriptural allusion in the first chapter of Acts, selected the Ascensiontide period as best for prayer 'to hasten the work of reconciliation with our separated brethren'.

The initiative which gave rise to the Week of Prayer, as we know it, was that of the Rev. Paul Wattson, an American Episcopalian priest, founder of the religious community of the Atonement, whose life work was centred on his vision of corporate reunion of the Anglican Communion with Rome. His Octave of Prayer ran from the feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome (Jan 18) to that of the Conversation of St. Paul (Jan 25) and was first observed 80 years ago in 1908.

It was on the foundation of Paul Wattson's Octave that Paul Couturier in 1935 built his Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, modifying the old formula so that the prayer be not for 'return' but for the 'unity that Christ wills, through the means that He chooses'.

Meanwhile in 1920 the Faith and Order Commission including Anglicans, Orthodox and Protestant denominations had settled upon a week of prayer for the unity of the Church to be held each year at Whitsuntide. In 1941, as Couturier's Week had grown in popularity, the Faith and Order Commission decided to move their week to the same date.

Since 1966, the material for each successive Week of Prayer has been prepared by a Joint Working Party formed by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches, whose

current procedure is to invite a draft from a different country each year.

Nowadays a number of churches prefer the alternative Week agreed by the World Council of Churches from Pentecost to Trinity. Increasingly, as people come to realise that ecumenism is not an optional extra but is fundamental to Christian Life and Witness, the Week becomes more of a focal point for an all-year activity.

May we suggest that you continue to observe the January Week in your personal prayers and the Pentecost Week will be marked by joint activity of the local Churches.

CONNIE

Connie Stansfield has moved from Totley after giving 52 years of loyal and energetic service to our Church, community and city in war and peace. At a farewell held at All Saints on 6th December, Dorothy Simons made the presentation with these words:

"I can't say that today gives me great pleasure because it is tinged with a little sadness.

What can one say about Connie. She came to live in Totley in 1935 with her charming husband and two little girls. My first real memory of Connie is of a very organised and efficient lady in green W.V.S. uniform - what happened? Then I remember her as the lady who always sat on the back row in church wearing the biggest and best hats!

Over the years she has made a lot of friends and we all value her friendship. She has given all six vicars of this Parish words of wisdom - some have listened, some have not.

There is one night I shall never forget. One hot summer evening we were getting supper ready for a bevy of her men friends who were tidying her garden when the telephone rang. A male voice said, "This is the Bishop of Derby", to which Connie replied, "Don't be a fool, you blithering idiot, hurry back with the beer!" Confusion reigned when she discovered it was the Bishop wishing to speak to a churchwarden.

We shall always think of Connie with great affection. We shall think of her as a lady of great faith, a great sense of humour and a great determination to overcome any adversity".

Connie's new address with her daughter is - 7 Victoria Terrace, Hipperholme, HALIFAX, West Yorks, HX3 8AH (0422-206347).

DAILY NEWS

Preaching recently, Gordon Grayson, gave seven headlines from the Old Testament of God's words about Himself. Gordon suggested we might use them one day for every week of 1988. Space won't permit us to reproduce the whole sermon but we give the HEADLINES and a brief comment.

- 1 THE LORD - OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:6)
As we look at Him we see what righteousness really is and we see also our own need, inadequacy and sin but Jesus Christ has taken our sin upon Himself and we receive the gift of righteousness in the eyes of God.
2. THE LORD - OUR SHEPHERD (Psalm 23:1)
Each of us needs another's care and whoever we are and wherever we are wandering Jesus cares like a good shepherd for each one of us.
3. THE LORD - WHO PROVIDES (Genesis 22:14)
At those times when our lives seem to be up against a wall of problems, we are to trust them to the Lord and He will supply all we need.
4. THE LORD - OUR PEACE (Judges 6:24)
Jesus is the key to peace - the 'shalom' of peace with God, harmony within ourselves and wholeness within society.
5. THE LORD - OUR BANNER (Exodus 17:15)
Though the Lord is our peace, the Christian life is not a deckchair in a garden on a sunny day, but a battle against the powers of evil. However we do not have to fight on our own, we are to rally to Jesus who is our standard and fight close to Him.
6. THE LORD - OUR HEALER (Exodus 15:26)
Whatever our hurts in the battle of life Jesus can bring wholeness, and we are to trust in His strength and healing power.
- 7 THE LORD - IS THERE (Ezekiel 48:35)
Despite our failures, and all the disasters of life, Jesus stands amongst us - wherever we are, the Lord is there.

OUR TRIP TO YORK

Mrs. Holdsworth very kindly organised a trip to York for the J2s and J1s of All Saints' School. We had to get to Dore Station for 8 o'clock because the train left at 8.14am, the train was called the Sprinter.

Mrs. Holdsworth counted us, there was one missing. It was Tim Brown, he was late. At last he came, he had come from Hathersage, that's why he was late.

About five minutes later the train came, we got on and the train started to move. We went past Millhouses Park and then went very fast. We arrived at Sheffield Station at 8.40am, it was very noisy and the loud-speaker was blaring out. The train came, it was an Inter-City 125. It was very smooth, we had reserved seats for our school.

We arrived at York Station and then went to the Jorvik Centre. We went through the museum in a time car. We went backwards in time and saw models of people, soldiers and small children. Then we turned round on a small turntable and found ourselves in the Viking Age. We went under a wooden bridge with dead men on, and past houses, hens and two dogs fighting over some meat.

Then we went through a house which had a thatched roof and a fireplace made from stone, there was a hole in the roof for the smoke to go out. Next we went past some men making a long-boat. Then we came back into the 20th Century where men were digging up the remains from the houses, they found axes and shields. The cars stopped and we got out. I hammered my own coin for 50p.

Next we went to the Railway Museum. We saw the Rocket which is the oldest steam train in the World. We saw lots of other trains including an Inter-City 125. We went into a stage coach to each our lunch. When we went back to the railway station to catch our train we crossed over the road by a long bridge. At last we got to the station, tired we got on the train and went home.

Andrew Savage

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations and best wishes for the future to Darren Whitehead and Tessa Powell on their recent engagement.

ON SHEEP AND GOATS

By the time you receive this magazine you may have made one or more New Year resolutions - and possibly broken them too. New Year resolutions are always a handy standby for newspaper and magazine editors as a 'filler' parading "prominent personalities" (their description) resolutions as if only prominent personalities (usually entertainment stars and politicians) were the only personalities whereas they are to be found in every walk of life.

The old Yorkshire saying, 'There's now't so queer as folk' is a good description of personality. When I was a lad there was at least one personality in every street, some being very endearing, others less so.

But back to resolutions, in this case not just for New Year but for always. The answer is to be found in St. Matthew 25:31-46 the Gospel for Advent Sunday and a most beautiful piece of writing. I paraphrase - "and He will place the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left". Addressing his remarks to those on His right hand, "the King will answer, I tell you this, anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me." Addressing those on His left, "He will answer, I tell you this, anything you did not do for one of these, however humble, you did not do for me".

The resolution ? To order our lives to ensure that we are always on HIS right hand.

Rex B.

END QUOTES

"All who Joy would win -
Must share it -
Happiness was born a twin".

Lord Byron

"If success is getting what you want
Happiness lies in wanting what you get"

"He who considers his work beneath him,
will be above doing it well".

Alexander Chase

"Learn the luxury of doing good"

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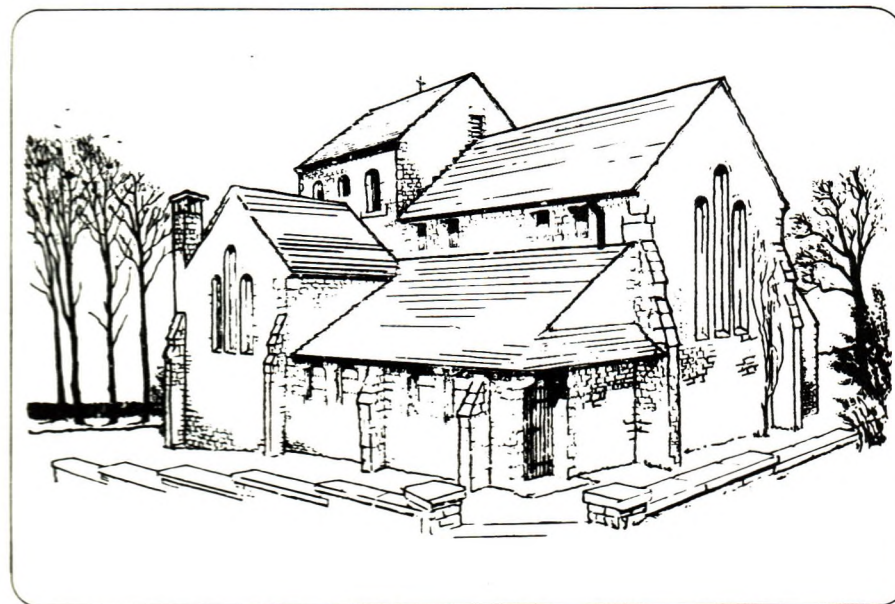
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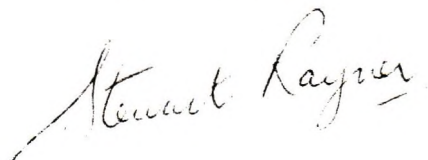
You may recall the song - "Love is a many-splendoured thing." The song speaks of romantic love but its sentiment could equally apply to Christian love. The love we have for God expressed in devotion and worship and our love for others in the name of Christ can be many-splendoured - its many facets bringing colour and enrichment to our lives.

The coming season of Lent will give us a chance to experience what different facets of the Christian tradition have to contribute, as we individually seek to express our love for God in prayer and worship.

On the first Saturday in Lent (20th February) our Quiet Day is to be led by the Rev. Peter Dodson, the Director of the Retreats Promotion Centre at York. A Quiet Day is not so daunting as it sounds, and in its way not so demanding as many of our religious activities. Unlike a discussion group where we sometimes fear we may feel out of our depth, the guided times of inner reflection on a Quiet Day are private and personal. Peter Dodson is gifted in teaching a way of prayer that we can continue to practice in our daily lives. Do make a decision to come, the cost is only £2, transport to Shrewsbury Chapel can be arranged. (Application forms in Church).

In the weeks of Lent that follow we are uniting with other Christians for an act of worship and Bible-based Address in each of our local Churches in turn. This will be every Tuesday evening throughout Lent (leaflets with details available shortly). We shall be following the theme "Journey towards Life".

Yours Sincerely,



SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

- 7th 8 BEFORE EASTER 'Christ the Healer'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion*(ASB)
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 (JB)
Gospel: St.Mark 7:24-37 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (RSV)
New Testament: St. Mark 2: 1-12 (NEB)
- 14th 7 BEFORE EASTER 'Christ the Friend of Sinners'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion(BCP)
Epistle : Colossians 1: 18-23 (NEB)
Gospel : St.John 8:2-11 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
12 noon Holy Baptism (Stephen Cullen & Alexander Van Hoof)
and 4pm (Samuel Michael Cooke)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Hosea 14: 1-7 (JB)
New Testament: St. Mark 2: 13-17 (NEB)
- 17th ASH WEDNESDAY
10am & 8pm Holy Communion
(Isaiah 58: 1-8/Luke 18: 9-14)
- 21st LENT 1 'Temptation'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Hebrews 4: 12-16 (RSV)
Gospel: St.Luke 4:1-13 (RSV)
10am Family Service
6.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle : Hebrews 2: 14-18 (NEB)
Gospel : St. Matthew 4: 1-11 (RSV)
- 28th LENT 2 'Conflict'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle : I John 3 : 1-10 (NEB)
Gospel : St. Matthew 12: 22-32 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament : Genesis 6: 11-22 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Luke 19: 41-48 (NEB)
- Sat 6th Feb. Holy Baptism (Rosalyn Watson)

P A R I S H N O T E S

Ladies Working Party

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd February at 2.15 pm at 220 Baslow Road. We intend to discuss our various events for the year and our part in the life of the Church. New members will be welcome.

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club meet on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month, and welcome you to their meetings. On February 2nd they are having a Beetle Drive, and on February 16th a talk about "Walking" from Charles Wildgoose of the Ramblers Association.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The annual Service this year is to be on Friday 4th March at 10.30am at Tootley Rise United Reformed Church. The speaker will be Jenny Carpenter. All ladies are invited.

Men's Fellowship

A men's fellowship, how chauvinistic! - well not really. This is just an opportunity for men within the Church (or from anywhere else) to meet together for an evening and discuss our faith . . . or lack of it. Over the next few months we shall be taking a look at the basics of the Christian faith and how Christianity affects us as men in today's world - at work, out of work, in our families etc The meetings will be on the second Tuesday of every month at 113 Green Oak Road - the Waite residence - starting at 8pm and finishing about 10pm. Don't bother to bring a flask - tea, coffee and biscuits are provided!

Next meeting - Tuesday 9th February.

For further information contact any of the following
Glyn Waite (364728) Eric Simons (364937) Vicar (362322).

Thank You, Christopher

Christopher Needham has just 'retired' after giving many years of loyal service as a chorister at All Saints, for the past three years as Head Boy. The offering of a treble voice is a special gift a boy can only offer for a limited time of his life and is a reminder to us always to make the best of the gifts we have.. We are grateful to the contribution the junior choir members make to our worship and new recruits are always welcome.

Magazine Meeting

The annual meeting for the distributors of All Saints News will be held on Monday 15th February in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm. It is a chance to review the rounds and iron out any difficulties. Some of our distributors have done sterling service for many years in all weathers and we are most grateful to them. We are always on the look-out for new helpers ready to take on a round during someone's holiday or perhaps share a round with another distributor. Enquiries to Dorothy Firth (364190) or the Vicar.

Christingle Service

The gifts for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service amounted to £361.52p. Our thanks to all who gave. The 1988 Christingle Service may take place at Advent rather than Christmas.



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READERS TO BE ADMITTED

Gordon Grayson, Dudley Nixon and James Powell are to be admitted to the Office of Diocesan Reader at the Readers' Service, 3pm, Saturday 19th March at St. Laurence's Adwick-le-Street. All are welcome to this Service. They will be licensed to All Saints' the following evening at the 6.30pm Holy Communion.

With the Vicar our Readers are planning a series of sermons for Lent Sunday evenings based on Fr. Gerard Hughes latest book "God of Surprises". More details in the weekly notices.

PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

2nd Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - Beetle Drive
3rd Wed	10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship -6 Milldale 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close -113 Green Oak Road
4th Thu	8pm Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road
9th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
9th Tue	8pm Men's Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
10th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowships-43 Vernon Road -57 Sunnyvale Road
11th Thu	8pm PCC Meeting - Vicarage
15th Mon	7.30pm Magazine Distributors Meeting in Hall
16th Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club "Talking on Walking"
17th Wed	2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 8pm ASH WEDNESDAY - Holy Communion
20th Sat	QUIET DAY at Shrewsbury Chapel & Centre
23rd Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 2.15pm Ladies Working Party - in Hall
24th Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close - 113 Green Oak Road

FLOWER ROTA

February	Altar	Memory Table
7	Mrs. Hossent	Mrs.Heap
14	Mrs.Billard	Mrs.Coates

LENT - NO FLOWERS

Silver Cleaning

Feb 7	Mrs. Johnston
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Feb 7	Mr & Mrs. Filleul
Feb 14	Mrs.P.Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
Feb 21	Mrs.T. Woodhead & Miss R.Swift
Feb 28	Mrs.E. Powell & Miss Bird
Mar 6	Mrs.M.Wiggett & Miss P. Lee

UNEMPLOYMENT SUNDAY

Unemployment Sunday falls this year on 14th February. At a time when news reports are focussing on the slight fall in those unemployed it is important to remember that in parts of South Yorks it is 20-25% - 90,000 people in our area without work!

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FIGHTING THE DARKNESS

Bishop David writes:

"The light shines in the darkness" says St. John "and the darkness overcame it not". The battle is eternal and in that word "overcame" we can see a blanket of darkness or a flood of water or an army of fiends all fighting against the light - yet the light still shines!

I write in December 1987 what you will read in February 1988. More than once in 1987 the darkness has seemed to be winning. In our troubles we have learnt something of the cunning of an enemy who can turn our own weapons against us. For the well-meant campaign to strengthen Christian morality's main achievement was to convince the people of England (utterly unjustly) that the Church was awash with immorality and the Bishop's didn't mind. Again, the Crockford Preface's attempt to lead the Church in the traditional paths of holiness and truth resulted only in an unlovely display of disloyalty, malice and bitterness. Similarly, the Bishop of Durham's passionate concern for truth has had its most obvious fruit in a widely held belief that the Church is staffed by hypocritical unbelievers who recite creeds in which they no longer believe to make sure of their pay.

In 1988 we must learn from these disasters and fight the darkness in better ways.

For the victory over darkness derives from the continued shining of the light. The light is Christ and it is the miracle of God's loving and gracious purposes that the Light of the Christ still shines in His people. We must be a holy Church with holy priests and holy people. Our light must so shine that people do glorify our heavenly Father. The fight against darkness is about Saints and Holiness.

So we need new visions of holy living. Scripture and the life and tradition of the Church - and not least the lives of the saints - give us guidelines. But our world is different from that of the Middle Ages or the New Testament or the Old Testament. Those ancient guidelines need to be fleshed out with a variety of patterns of holy living that speak to the needs and ideals of Twentieth Century Sinners. In the 'Christian Family' we have one such pattern. We need though other ways in which the single and the young, the divorced and the elderly can find the joy that comes from a heroic, disciplined, and life-changing following in the way made for us by the all-holy Christ.

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

The sound of church bells pealing over English towns and countryside is a common experience of us all, and is justly celebrated in our literature. Bells are not peculiar to England, of course, nor to its established church, but the way in which they are rung is. Traditionally bells were associated with time-keeping, and with announcing a wide range of church and other activities. Today, the need for people to be 'summoned by bells' has diminished almost to zero, with the almost universal ownership of clocks and watches. But bells still ring out from church towers and steeples before the major services each Sunday, and to celebrate many specific events.

It is partly tradition and canon law (which requires one bell in every Church of England church) that have kept the bells ringing. More importantly, however, it is the procedures of ringing itself. Over the last four centuries the art of campanology has been developed by English bellringers and bellfounders; they have produced a way of ringing bells, and of producing musical sequences of sounds from them, that is unique to England (though exported to a small number of other countries). The art of ringing bells, English-fashion, involves skilled coordination of memory, eyesight, and muscles, in a technique whose output when well done is a glorious sequence of cadences of sound, but when badly done can produce an unholy clangour.

At the present time, some 30,000 people are involved in producing the sound of the bells from about 5000 churches each week. The bells announce church services on Sundays, celebrate marriages and other festivals and, with their clappers muffled, mourn and remember the dead. Little is known by those not involved of what the ringers do, for in most churches they are hidden away in relatively inaccessible belfries. If more people appreciated the call of the bells, and its great fascination for those involved, then perhaps more ringers would be recruited; there is always a need for more, to ensure that all bells are rung.

The Division of Continuing Education at Sheffield University has offered a short course for adults which began on Tuesday 12th January and lasts for eight weekly meetings, when tutors Ron Johnston and Arnold J. Smith will introduce participants to the mysteries of bellfounding and of ringing Grandsire Triples, as well as visiting local churches. All details about the course which has already begun, and possible further courses, are available from the Division of Continuing Education, 85 Wilkinson Street, Sheffield. S10 2GJ. Tel.: Sheffield 768555 (ext 4920/1).

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING: THE ENGLISH ART



APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. Trevor Hudson, Vicar of St. John's, Abbeydale, to be Vicar of St. Mary's, Worsbrough.

The Revd. John Pinder-Packard, Curate at St. James', Norton, to be Vicar of St. Barnabas, New Whittington, Chesterfield.

The Revd. Paul Smith, Assistant Curate, St. Cyprians, Frecheville, to be Assistant Curate in the Parish of St. Mary with St. Nicolas, Rawmarsh.

The Revd. Harry Cole, Vicar of Wadsley, to retire after Easter.

The Revd. Adrian Alker, Diocesan Youth Officer in the Diocese of Carlisle to be Vicar of St. Mark, Broomhill.

Robert Whitehouse to be licensed to Woodlands Parish as Evangelist.

The Revd. Mike Gillingham, Team Vicar, Sheffield Manor Team Ministry, to be Vicar of Frecheville.

The Revd. Derek Gibbs to be made a Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Revd. Dr. Noel Harrison to be made a Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Revd. Canon Ron Thomson to be made Canon Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Ven. Michael J.M. Paton to be made Archdeacon Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Revd. Robert Ivell, Assistant Curate, Wadsley Parish Church, to be Vicar of Laughton-en-le-Morthen.

An Echo of Deaf Awareness Week

The Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf, the Revd. Michael Sabell, hit the headlines at the end of last year with his reading and talking from Sheffield Town Hall steps to passers-by, in sign language. He completed a marathon 12 hours just talking with his hands as part of Deaf Awareness Week. Perhaps by now he has a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

Reg Tyrrell from St. Mary's, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, writes in Sprotbrough's Ecumenical Magazine about his reactions to Michael Sabell's visit to St. Mary's along with his friend David Broom who has been totally blind and deaf from birth...

"Michael has a marvellous gift in being able to communicate with the deaf, but the most moving experience I have had for a long time was when he brought his friend who is both blind and deaf, to church with him. To be so afflicted must be very devastating but to see Michael and his friend communicating by palm pressures was a remarkable and moving experience..."

*When we went into Church that Sunday morning
How could we know what we would see?
The red prayer books were stacked
Ready for worshippers.
The lights glistened against the grey morning,
Reflected from candlestick and crucifix.
The massed flowers shone in pink and white splendour,
Reminding us of happy celebrations.
The chancel doors were open
To welcome us to the Lord's Table.
The Bible rested on the lectern,
Ready for the Reader.*

*And there, seated by the lectern,
Sat the Stranger.
All we saw were carefully brushed hair
And shoulders in neat dark suiting.
How could we know that he would speak to us
So profoundly and so eloquently*

*Our Rector welcomed the Stranger
And the service began.
We said the prayers and heard Epistle and Gospel.
Then the Stranger's Friend spoke to us.*

*We had seen the books, the lights, the flowers.
We had heard the older familiar words.*

*The Stranger could not. His link with us
Were the fingers of his friend in the palm of his hand.*

*We shared the Eucharist at the Lord's Table,
The dozen or so of us, each known to other.
Without sight or hearing, the stranger could share it too
And this enriched our feast.*

*But in the closing moments of the Service
The Stranger led us in the Family Prayer.
When we went into Church that Sunday morning
How could we know that we would perceive a miracle?*

USPG helps train more workers from other churches

Another group of men and women, sponsored by their own churches for United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel grants, has arrived in Britain.

USPG is helping several churches in other countries to train workers for various ministries - 30 are receiving assistance from USPG this year. Those in Britain come from such countries as Ghana, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Tanzania. One of them, Mrs. Maud Celtel, who comes from the Seychelles, is studying at the College of the Ascension in Birmingham to prepare for a new job as director of the education programme run by Anglican dioceses in the Indian Ocean.

Not all bursars assisted by USPG come to Britain and the Society wants to encourage other churches to make use of institutions outside Britain where bursars might go and learn as well as to contribute to local church life. The USPG also wants to encourage churches to sponsor more women in ministry.

Bursars in Britain sponsored by USPG are linked to parish churches around the country while they are studying.

Edwin Ward, USPG Area Secretary, can talk about this area of the Society's work, and many others if you contact him at: 3, The Paddocks, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts. NG25 0NR. Tel.: (0636) 812890.

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Wickersley at War...

A Postal Order for 50 pence (ten shillings to be exact) and a Christmas cake: if you come from Wickersley near Rotherham and served in the Armed Forces during World War 2 perhaps you will remember this gift from the people of Wickersley.

It is one of many memories of those wartime days in the area brought to light recently by a batch of Parish Magazines at St. Alban's, Wickersley. The present Rector, the Revd. Raymond Draper has been looking through them and uncovering the story of Wickersley at War as depicted by the then Rector the Revd. Harry Lee.

Despite the War it was very much "business as usual" at the parish church. A major restoration programme was completed just as the War began. A Girl Guide Company was founded in 1941 and a regular Parade Service for Uniformed organisations began in 1942. Meanwhile the Rector kept a keen eye on the warfront and expressed anxiety about the strains and stresses of Warwork. In August 1945 he wrote "There have been many illnesses and not a few deaths that have been caused by the enormous number of hours that people have been called upon to put in since the beginning of the War".

The magazines make passing references to the troops billeted in Wickersley and to the children who came as evacuees. The Rector even found time to praise the way in which Food Rationing was organised.

Even now these Magazines make fascinating reading and, as the Revd. Raymond Draper writes: "In the pages of these Magazines we have an archive of tremendous value for historians of the future".

Additional Curates Society

The Revd. Canon Derek Gibbs, Diocesan Secretary for the Society has reported for the first time in ten years in the Diocese, a drop of £300 in the giving to the Society in 1986/87. In his letter to parishes, he urges continued prayer and support for the work of the Society, which helps to provide priestly ministry throughout the Church of England. He writes:

"ACS provides one of the most important ways in which parishes of every description can assist each other. It is perhaps most important that those parishes which do not need a curate support the work of the Church in those areas where there is a need, and it is sometimes sad to discover the attitude, 'We don't need a curate, so why should we give anything'. However, there is also a need for those parishes which do have grants to develop the relationship with and giving to the Society, and it is not good enough for any parish to remain a 'perpetual taker'".

ACS is, I believe, one of the greatest helps to home mission in the Church of England. It cares about our Church, it cares about our nation, and it wants to claim both for God. Please do what you can in this coming year to see that ACS is supported in your parish, maybe by taking Lent boxes, retiring collections etc., or by organising a few events, but above all by giving to the Society of your normal weekly income."

The Revd. Canon Derek Gibbs can be contacted at St. Wilfrid's Vicarage, 200 Cantley Lane, Doncaster DN4 6PA. Tel.: Doncaster (0302) 535133.

Deanery Lenten Get-together

There are many ways in which parishes and deaneries can study and pray together during Lent, but the Deanery of Doncaster has found over a number of years that parishes in the Deanery greatly enjoy the opportunity to meet together in each other's churches for a Lenten Course. It has been particularly suitable in the past for adults who are preparing for confirmation, and this year it is even more appropriate for the Deanery is to have one Deanery Confirmation Service at a central church. On each of five midweek nights during Lent, at five different churches in the Deanery, there is worship, study and refreshment. An example worth following?

Easter School of Biblical Studies

The Department of Biblical Studies and the Centre for Continuing Vocational Education at Sheffield University are holding their fourth Biblical Studies School from Friday 15th April to Sunday 17th April, and the theme will be "Reading the Bible as literature." Further information about the School is available from Miss Angela Johnson, Senior Secretary, CCVE, The University of Sheffield, 65 Wilkinson Street, Sheffield. S10 2GJ. Tel.: Sheffield 768653.

Addenda to Calendar of Intercession in Diocesan Year Book

Please pray for the following on the dates mentioned:

February 12th: Industrial Mission

April 5th: University Chaplain

April 22nd: Unemployment Officer

June 9th: Chaplain to the Deaf

June 28th: Diocesan Director of Ordinands

July 19th: Education Team

September 27th: Diocesan Secretary for Lay Ministry and the Lay Training Officer

Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

VOICE TRIALS will be held on Saturday 5th March for boys between seven and eight and a half to sing in the Cathedral Choir.

Choristers receive boarding preparatory education at the Cathedral School with a Scholarship of £2140-£2254 per annum.

Please write to: The Headmaster, Christ Church Cathedral School, 3 Brewer Street, Oxford. OX1 1QW.

MOZAMBIQUE

SKELETONS OF CHILDREN

found in the wards of the burnt-out hospital, the factory, power plant and many homes destroyed. The scenes of devastation in one town, Luabo, in Mozambique have been horrific, following rebel activity by the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance, reports Christian Aid.

But the long process of regeneration has begun, with the Christian Council of Mozambique, the Government and others working together. Christian Aid made a grant last autumn to help a large farming project get back on its feet; locals have been asking for seeds and agricultural tools rather than food aid, to get people traumatised by war back to self-reliance and normal farming.

CONCERN FOR "BLESSING" OR CONCERN FOR PEOPLE?

'UNEMPLOYMENT...engenders little emotion and stimulates little response, especially among the comfortable, culture-clad Christians whose prime motivation is an alternative materialism...The lengthy queues at Christian Bible Weeks and Festivals to join healing and gifts workshops contrast with the pitiful numbers who attend seminars on social concerns such as how to reach the disadvantaged' (Michael Hastings of Evangelical Enterprise, writing in 'Prophecy Today' magazine).

GREENBELT ALL YEAR ROUND



FOR THOUSANDS of Christians a most memorable experience of participating in a Christian celebration of the performing arts has been camping over the Summer Bank Holiday at the Greenbelt Festival, when some 20,000 people descent on Castle Ashby Park in Northamptonshire.

Now a year-round Greenbelt resource centre is being planned. The aim is to turn a Victorian church near London's Kings Cross into a base for play rehearsals, dance and music groups and painting exhibitions. The centre would include print and administration rooms.

A PLACE TO LIVE

Growing homelessness of young people is a major concern of The Children's Society. It gets involved in preventing family breakdown; but it can also help when children and young people are left without the shelter of a family.

Some teenagers leave home for the cities, and end up sleeping rough or turning to prostitution or with some of the worst bedsits available. Through the Central London Teenage Project and Youth Link in Birmingham homeless teenagers can get safety, advice and counselling.

WHAT IS CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Prayer can be offered in so many different ways - through dance, words, music, or expressed through work, helping others, organising events and so on. It can take the form of intercession, praise or worship. All of these forms are traditional, if not in one civilisation, then in another, and some are common to all.

There is one form that is equally common to all religious traditions, throughout Christendom and beyond. I mean when prayer stills all words and actions allowing one simply to rest quietly in the knowledge of God's presence. It is a bit like a long-married couple, who do not need to keep saying, "I love you" to each other - they know!

Many people are put off contemplative prayer because it is known that the Eastern religions practice this. It is vaguely 'odd' especially with its talk of mysticism. But, when all is said and done mysticism is quite simply an acknowledgement that the presence and will of God IS mysterious. True He speaks to us in different ways from time to time, but that is precisely where contemplation comes in. One takes time to actually listen and try to sense the presence and understand the will of God. It is worth noting that much devotional literature (including the Bible) was written by contemplatives.

We spend much of our time running around making so much noise continually asking for this and that. We don't give ourselves time to hear, to receive. Much of what we do and practice is emotionally based, and I mean emotional in the baser sense of that word. The contemplative is more able to let God work on his true feelings and on his senses, simply because he is prepared to sit for a little time each day in quiet receptiveness.

Much has been written and said about contemplative prayer - personal experience counts for more. I remember a time when I was deeply troubled and after all the intercessions, services, hymns and what-have-you I had no words or energy left. I happened to be sitting, quietly depressed, in the Chapel of St. Lawrence of Ampleforth. I was alone, it was turning to dusk, the only light came from the near the consecrated elements kept on the high altar. Atmospheric? Yes. My mood? Yes, I know ! But I became conscious of the FACT that my troubles were shared, that all was not lost,

that whatever my problems or my state of sin I would be forgiven; that my isolation was not total.

You know how in certain services the priest turns to the congregation and says, "Lift up your hearts" and the reply comes, "We lift them to the Lord"? That is precisely how I felt at that time. Only in my silent submission had I been able to experience that intimacy with God, that understanding of His love for me. From that I gained the strength and the courage to face my difficulties.

If you have little or no experience of contemplative prayer and would like to understand more I would recommend a simple and very clear book "Contemplating the Word" - A Practical Handbook" written by the Rev. Peter Dodson. It is published by S.P.C.K. and costs £2.50p (and stocked by the Cathedral Bookshop). It cuts through all the humbug and 'theology' to explain in readily understood language.

Peter Dodson is to conduct our Quiet Day on Saturday 20th February, details of which are to be found elsewhere in this magazine and on leaflets available in Church.

Finally, for those who like to share, with others, a quiet time with God, there is a regular prayer group run by Mrs. Rayner and enquiries should be addressed to her.

I often quote Christ Himself on the subject of prayer, "Do not babble like pagans do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard". This is the passage from Matthew (6:7) where He goes on to teach us what we now call the 'Lord's Prayer'. But let me end with a quotation from the Psalms (Psalm 46:10), it is also the title of a gem of a book written by the former Archbishop, Michael Ramsey:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Barrie Briggs

YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME

(reproduced from the Mother's Union Journal)

You think you know me. I'm your neighbour, your colleague at work: I worship beside you at church; I am a fellow-member of your Mother's Union branch. You think you know me, but you don't really know me or the pain I bear.

My son lives with his girl-friend and they have two lovely children. My son isn't married - they don't believe in it. My grandchildren aren't baptised - they don't believe in Christianity. I sit silent when you are so sure that your children's belief is as a result of your example and teaching. "The family that prays together stays together". Was my happy marriage such a dreadful example? It's my grandchildren you condemn to outer darkness as they are not baptised.

You think you know me, but you don't really know me or the pain I bear.

My daughter had an abortion last year. I was wretched when she told me but she made the decision and I still love her dearly. I sit silent when you say all abortion is murder. I shut my eyes and quickly pass on your ghastly photos of early fetuses. They are my grandchildren.

You think you know me but you don't really know me or the pain I bear.

My son is a practising homosexual. He is kind and loving - a son to be proud of. Nobody knows or even suspects what I know about him. I fear for his life but cannot speak about it. Everywhere I go I see Aids posters. I hear Aids on the radio, Aids on television, Aids in the greengrocers, Aids at parties.

I sit silent when you pronounce that Aids is God's judgement, that all homosexuals should be segregated or locked away. That's my son you are talking about.

You think you know me, but you don't really know me or the pain I bear.

JOHN WADE SINGERS - MARCH 18th/19th

The J.W. Singers will give performances of "Cavaleria Rusticana" and Selections from "La Traviata" at St. John's Church, Abbeydale.

LITTLE BOXES

Going into a watch repair supply shop the other day for a replacement watch strap, my attention was drawn to two small cabinets each holding about forty matchbox-size drawers containing minute screws, spindles, springs, watch-faces, glasses, etc. Though unlabelled the proprietor unervingly went to the correct drawer for the correct part as the customer reeled off his requirements.

Our minds I believe are similar to those small chests, opening and closing drawers as our minds dictate. Closure after use is important for if more than one was left open, our minds would be in chaos from the outflow of jumbled information. Perhaps this is what happens when we grow old and we become confused!

As always there is an exception to the rule, it being the drawer containing Christian teaching and living, that must always be open to put the Christian view on secular subjects and every day life. We just cannot open the 'Sunday Drawer' and then close it until the next SUNDAY. The whole idea of SUNDAY worship and teaching is to colour our Christian view of day to day living and all that it implies.

I don't suppose for one moment that our Lord did all his teaching, preaching, good works and guidance on SUNDAYS ONLY. Today's trouble is that too many people never open the 'Sunday drawer' and perhaps others open it and then close it again until the following Sunday.

Rex B.

QUITE SO

A Divinity student named Fiddle
Refused to accept his degree.
It's bad enough being called Fiddle
Without being Fiddle D.D.

'Did you say your prayers last night, dear?'

'Well I started, but then I thought how tired God must be of the same old prayers so I got into bed and told Him the story of the Three Bears instead.'

'Who is that funny lady, mum?'

'Sh-h-h! She's a nun.'

'Why isn't she?'

TRAIDCRAFT UPDATE

Magazine readers - and especially perhaps visitors to the exhibition of Traidcraft merchandise held in the Church Hall in October, may be interested to know that goods to the value of approximately £400 were sold (including £50 for Christian Aid Christmas Cards).

Additionally some readers will have visited the Traidcraft Shop, which opened in the city centre on a temporary arrangement during the pre-Christmas period. This again proved to be a worthwhile venture, and the Company would like to re-open later in the year, if suitable premises can be found. In the meantime limited supplies of tea, coffee and stationery are always available from David Lloyd (362832) or Ken Filleul (360872) and the complete range is available from the Mail Order Catalogue.

We have the opportunity of expressing thanks on behalf of all who have benefitted (in this country as well as the Third World) from the generous support which readers and others have given - a very practical way we feel of demonstrating our love for God and for our less fortunate neighbours.

Ken Filleul

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

For Christian Aid Week in May we are looking for a volunteer to organise the House-to-House collection in part of Totley. Duties involve a) receiving envelopes, leaflets and posters b) distributing these to those collecting in each street c) opening envelopes, counting and banking the income. Enquiries to the Vicar.

END QUOTES

Careless of things which are near, we pursue things which are far away. Pliny the Younger

Shared similarities, should overcome obvious differences.

We are living at a time when the principle of looking after No.1 is widely proclaimed as a respectable principle of personal and public morality - THAT IS NEW.

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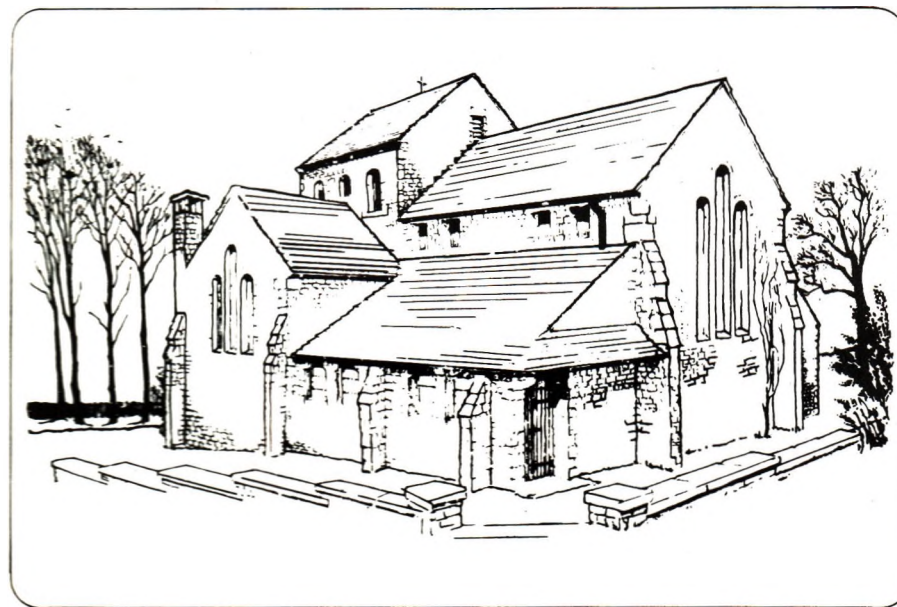
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

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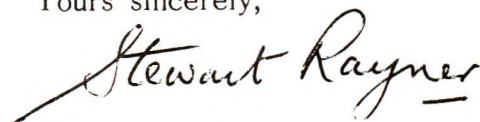
This short letter serves to draw your attention to the Annual Meeting and the services for Holy Week and Easter detailed overleaf.

The Annual Parochial Meeting on Thursday 10th March is an opportunity for all Church members and others to have their say in the life of their Parish Church.

As well as the formal business of elections, accounts and reports, there will be time to raise any relevant topic. We shall also be considering the Bishop's Charge looking to the Year 2000 - "Confidence, Commitment, Conversion". This is included in All Saints' Annual Report which will be available from Church by 6th March for you to read before the meeting.

The seasons of Lent and Easter give us a chance to experience both the solemnity and joy at the heart of our Faith. We are offering different types of services both in Holy Week and at Easter - for we can only fully appreciate the joy of Easter if we have felt something of the sorrow of the Passion.

Yours sincerely,



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PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH

- 1st Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - AGM and Sponsored Knit
8 pm Ecumenical Lent Service - Tootley Rise Meths.
- 2nd Wed 10.45 a.m. Monthly Morning Fellowship - 3 Akley Bank
8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 57 Sunnyvale Road
and 113 Green Oak Road
- 4th Fri 10.30am Women's World Day Service at URC Church
- 7th Mon 7pm All Saints' School Governors' Meeting
- 8th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
8pm Ecumenical Lent Service - Eng. Martyrs RC
- 9th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close
and 43 Vernon Road
- 10th Thu 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 15th Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Church Hall
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Mrs. Walker "Thimbles"
8pm Ecumenical Lent Service - Tootley U.R.C.
- 16th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - Vicarage
8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 57 Sunnyvale Road
and 113 Green Oak Road
- 18th Fri 7.30pm 'Silent Auction' in Church Hall
- 18/19th 7.15pm John Wade Singers at St. John's Abbeydale
- 22nd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - 8 Tootley Grange Dr.
8pm Ecumenical Lent Service - St. John's Abbeydale
- 23rd Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close
and 43 Vernon Road
- 24th Thu 8pm Garden Party Meeting - 220 Baslow Road
- 25th Fri 9.30am Easter Service All Saints' School
- 26th Sat 9.30am onwards Church Spring Cleaning
- 27th Sun 8.15pm Stainer's CRUCIFIXION at St. John's Abbeydale
with the John Wade Singers and local choirs
- 29th Tue 8pm Ecumenical Lent Service - Tootley Poly Hall.
- 30th Wed 3pm Holy Matrimony (Steven Midgley & Fiona Carter)

OPEN EVENING

All Saints' School are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd March from 7.30pm to 9pm for anyone to look around, to see how school has changed from their day, to meet the staff, to have some coffee. Drop in when you like.

SERVICES FOR MARCH, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- 6th LENT 3
Theme 'Suffering'
8am Holy Communion(BCP)
10am Holy Communion(ASB) - preacher Rev.K.Dagger
Epistle: I Peter 2: 19-25 (TEV)
Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-28 (JB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong(BCP)
Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-13 (NEB)
New Testament: St.Luke 9:18-27 (JB)
- 13th LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY
Theme 'The Transfiguration'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP - no sermon)
Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 (NEB)
Gospel: St. matthew 17: 1-13 (NEB)
11am Mothering Sunday Family Service
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Luke 9:28-36 (NEB)
- 20th LENT 5 - PASSION SUNDAY
Theme 'The Victory of the Cross'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 (JB)
Gospel: St. Mark 10: 32-45 (NEB)
10am Family Guest Service- in Hall, speaker David Ward
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) & Licensing of Readers
Epistle: Colossians 2:8-15 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 12: 20-32 (JB)
- 27th PALM SUNDAY (start of British Summer Time)
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 1: 18-25 (RSV)
Gospel: St. Matthew 21: 1-13 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Zechariah 9: 9-12 (RSV)
New Testament: Phillippians 2: 5-11 (NEB)
8.15pm Stainer's CRUCIFIXION at St.John's Abbeydale
Admission by ticket £1 (50p concessionary)

- 28th HOLY MONDAY
7.30pm Evening Service for Holy Week
- 29th HOLY TUESDAY
8pm Ecumenical Service at Totley Poly Hall
- 30th HOLY WEDNESDAY
10am Holy Communion
8pm Service of Fellowship in Church Hall
- 31st MAUNDY THURSDAY
8pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I Corinthians 11: 23-29 (NEB)
Gospel: St. John 13:1-15 (NEB)
- 1st GOOD FRIDAY
11am A time of corporate silence
- anointing of/for the sick on request.
12noon to 3pm Three Hours Devotion
12 noon Mattins, Address and Quiet
1pm Ante-Communion and Litany
2pm Evensong, Address & Watch by the Cross.
A frugal lunch will be available in the Hall
from 1pm to 2pm.
8pm Tenebrae at St.John's Abbeydale
- 2nd HOLY SATURDAY
10.30am Morning Prayer in preparation for Easter
- 3rd 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 shortened Communion
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament : Isaiah 12: 1-6 (RSV)
New Testament: St. John 20: 1-18 RSV)

EVERY WEDNESDAY - 10am Holy communion (BCP)

'SONGS OF PRAISE'

A 'Songs of Praise' Hymn Service is planned for the Sunday Evening after Easter - 6.30pm 10th April.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Annual Service this Year is on Friday 4th March at Totley Rise U.R.C. Church at 10.30 am. The speaker will be Jenny Carpenter. All ladies welcome.

Ladies Working Party

A Silent Auction will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 18th March commencing at 7.30pm. Admittance 50p including refreshments. If you have anything to donate for the auction please contact Mrs. D. Manterfield (367349), Mrs. D. Simons (364937) or Mrs. E. Powell (362516). Proceeds are in aid of the Church of England Children's Society and All Saints Church Funds.

The next meeting will be on March 22nd at 2.15pm at 8 Totley Grange Drive. New members very welcome.

Ladies Club

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Club is to be held on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This will be followed by a sponsored knit on behalf of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council - please support our knitters.

On 16th March the speaker will be Mrs. Walker on "Thimbles"

Choir News

We welcome Guy Davies into full membership of the Choir.

Church Spring Cleaning

After the redecoration of the Church last Autumn we are not expecting the Spring Clean of the church building to be quite as demanding this year - but all help will be greatly appreciated on Saturday morning 26th March. Come along and join in the fun and activity!

Organ Appeal Launched

The Organ Appeal has been launched with a target of £5000 before work starts in August to repair and replace the soundboards and give the organ a clean and overhaul. Full details are given in the appeal letter which is being widely circulated. We hope many will respond generously to the Appeal - by individual donations, by organising a fund-raising activity amongst your friends, by fully supporting fund-raising events at Church such as the Garden Party.

Coffee Morning in aid of the Organ Appeal is being held at the home of Mrs. Joyce Jackson - 17 Church Lane, Dore - on Tuesday 12th April from 10am to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and competitions.

Sheffield Diocesan News

MARCH, 1988

The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

A NEW BEGINNING



Some years ago a friend of mine was going through a very difficult time both in terms of his circumstances and in terms of his inner spiritual life. His circumstances were a situation of conflict and his spiritual life was a desert. He found he was unable to enter responsively into worship. The Bible was a closed book. He did not enjoy the company of fellow Christians. His desire to serve God and others had gone. He could barely pray. All he found himself able to do was to say again and again 'God is my Father'.

All he found himself able to do? On reflection that doesn't describe his experience particularly because the truth of the matter was that in his need he had discovered the heart of prayer. 'When you pray', taught Jesus, 'say Father'.

There is considerable contemporary emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit and rightly so. We must never fail to uplift Christ; in our contemporary pluralist society there is a danger, even for Christians, that he becomes one of several alternatives on offer. It is possible however that it is God the Father who is suffering from our greatest neglect; and sadly there are even some within the Church who find it alien to refer to God as Father at all.

During the course of Lent you may have already given yourself some devotional priorities. I have no desire to distract you from them, but I should like to ask you to undertake one further spiritual exercise. Put this question to yourself: **what does it mean to say that God is my Father?**

It is undoubtedly going to mean that as a prodigal Christian I can return to my Father's house; as an anxious Christian I can trust in my Father's care; as an isolated Christian I can share in the life of my Father's family, one of his sons or daughters. More than this, it will remind me that I do not live simply for myself. I have a Father's love and care to share with my brothers and sisters in Christ and with the world.

To call God Father is not our only mode of address. God is our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Lord. Nor are we attempting to give unwarranted significance to human perceptions of maleness or masculinity. God is Spirit and human personality, male or female, is at best a reflection of divine love and identity. We call him Father because Jesus did, because our relationship with him through our Saviour is deeply personal.

Tom Smal wrote a book a year or two back with the title 'The Forgotten Father'. Remembering is the remedy; and in our remembering we shall make a discovery to fill our minds and hearts with thanksgiving. God our Father has not and will not ever forget us.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Roots and Branches

Deaconess Eve Atherfold, working in the Parishes of Fishlake with Sykehouse, Kirk Bramwith, Fenwick and Moss, and living with her husband John at Padley House at Moss, has always been interested in growing things. Whether it be helping people to grow in faith - or growing geese - or now growing trees on some of the land that surrounds the house. Along with the help of the Woodland Trust, Eve and John are in the process of planting a wood of 900 trees - of which 400 are already planted.

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and pupils from Adwick School and Balby Middle School are helping with the planting and the Central Electricity Generating Board have donated 300 trees from one of their nurseries.

Anyone who wishes to support the planting of the wood can send £1 per tree to the Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL, and also write to Eve Atherfold at 'Padley House', Moss, Doncaster DN6 0DL saying that you have done so, and she will record your gift of trees in the book to be kept at the house. It's all really rather appropriate - especially when you discover that the old name of the field in which the wood is being planted is "Little Vicar's Close"!

Eve is already using a recently renovated barn next to the house to welcome people for quiet days and visits - and when the floods come, and the wood has grown, she'll even be able to build an Ark and take to the water!



Sheffield Victims Support Scheme

Our organisation gives support to people who have been victims of crime. We aim to give a support service throughout the Sheffield area but unfortunately we do not have enough volunteer visitors in all areas.

If you have some spare time and would like to help by visiting victims please contact our office at 69 Division Street, Sheffield, phone 758411, for more information.

Areas we particularly need volunteers are Sheffield 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19 and 30.

Invitations

The Royal School of Church Music in the Diocese has organised two happenings within the Diocese to which interested readers are warmly invited.

There's a "One Day Choir School" for boys, girls and men on Saturday 12th March at Goole Parish Church. For more information contact Peter Crowther at Sheffield Cathedral Tel: Sheffield 753434. Then there's a "Come and have a go day" for young organists at Ecclesall Parish Church on Saturday 19th March. Contact Mrs. M. Cobbold on Sheffield 351550.

Distinguished Speaker

The Open Church Group meets at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, which is on the corner of Beechhill Road and Broomfield Road by the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. The Group has welcomed many distinguished speakers to its meetings and on Thursday 16th June. Bishop Leslie Newbigin will speak on "1984 and beyond", in St. Mark's Upper Room at 2.15 p.m. Further details or queries to Canon John Giles, Tel: Sheffield 670362.

Praise the Lord!

The parishes of Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and Mortomley have joined forces to invite people to "Praise the Lord!" evenings on Saturdays. The evenings include worship, teaching and ministry at the churches. Prominent speakers have been invited and the dates are: 19th March at St. John's Chapeltown; 23rd April at St. Mark's Grenoside; and 21st May at St. Mary's Ecclesfield. The evenings begin at 7.30 p.m. and everyone will be welcome. The evenings have been happening since the beginning of the year and will continue throughout the coming months.

Bible Exhibition at Darfield

A local interdenominational committee is arranging a visit of a Bible Exhibition, entitled "Word Alive - The Bible Today", to South Yorkshire. It is to be at Darfield Church Hall from Tuesday, 15th March until Friday, 18th March. The Exhibition will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. each day.

The Exhibition shows how the Bible was compiled, its history, how archaeology is confirming its truth, and the relevance of its message for today. It comprises of 37 display panels, a number of ancient Bibles, artifacts from the Holy Land and is supplemented with videos and games. The Exhibition has toured the country being displayed in Cathedrals and Town Halls. Many thousands of people have visited it, and it has always been well received.

Admission is free. The Church Hall is situated on Church Street next to the Parish Church in the centre of Darfield. There are good parking facilities. There will be guides to show people round the displays. Refreshments will also be available. Further details can be obtained from the Parish Office, Darfield Rectory, Barnsley. Tel: Barnsley 752236.

Good News Down the Street

Christ Church, Ardsley, is busy with its new year project "Good News down the street", and members of the Church are looking for opportunities to go and share the Good News of Jesus, with people in their own homes. The Revd. Roger Evans, Vicar of Ardsley writes to the people of the parish in the magazine "this is not just another ploy to get you along to church. We want to help you find out for yourself who Jesus was, why he came and why faith in Jesus is relevant for people in the 1980's."

Church members are in groups of three to visit people in their homes, to discuss what Christians believe, and to try and answer questions about the Christian Faith.

Mission Doncaster

Mission Doncaster announces two March events - on Saturday, 5th March on the National Day of Prayer and Repentance, a meeting throughout the day at Priory Methodist Church, Doncaster from 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m., 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., prayer and repentance, and 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Sounding the Alarm to our community. On Saturday 26th March, "Mission Praise", an evangelistic evening with Jim Smith at St. James' Church (by Hexthorpe Bridge) at 7.30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

The Revd. John Bird, Vicar of St. George's, Doncaster is a keen musician and always has his eyes open for new pieces of church music. This year he has not been disappointed, for since he came across Brother Reginald, a Franciscan Lay Brother in Cambridge, he has received new pieces of music written by Brother Reginald especially for use in church.

Some of the new music will be part of the Easter Vigil, with the ceremony of light and baptism, confirmation and eucharist presided over by the Bishop of Doncaster on Saturday, 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. Parishes who wish to know more about the service or the music, should contact: The Revd. John Bird, on Doncaster 68796 (or the Church Office Doncaster 323748).



Julian Hodgson

St. George's Church, Doncaster

Good News on the Move

Davina Cockayne, Hazel Rogers, Susan Bottley and Pat Shanks from St. John the Baptist, Owlerton, Sheffield, have recently been provided with a van to begin a Christian Book Service. They will visit various groups and churches in Sheffield to lend Christian books, including children's books, for a month, and they are prepared to talk about the books they lend. They are sponsored by the Good News Trust from Stamford, who supplied the van, taxed, insured and tested for a year. The team are responsible for the basic running of the service and after a year will have full responsibility for the van. All the books are lent free of charge, and the team are in need of good Christian books from people who are willing to give them to stock the library. If you can help, or want to know more contact: Susan Bottley on Sheffield 343560.

Homes' Chaplain

Alerted to the proliferation of Rest Homes and Nursing Homes for the Elderly in and around the City of Sheffield, Bishop David has made a new pioneering move to ensure that Church of England care for their residents is maintained at the highest possible standard. His move has been to appoint the Revd. John Thompson as Bishop's Chaplain to Homes for the Elderly. The Bishop explains "The way we care for the elderly in going to be one of the key factors in our society in years to come". So he has appointed John Thompson to discover what the Church is already doing, and what needs to be done in the future to care for the elderly who are in residential homes. John Thompson says that he feels that his basic task - on his roving commission - will be one of research because obviously the basic pattern of care must be from within the parishes where Homes are situated.

Rock on Simon Peter

St. Mark's, Grenoside as part of its 'Mission Breakthrough', is staging a performance of 'Rock on Simon Peter' in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March. It's an excellent production, ideal for the few days before Holy Week and is being performed by members of the church congregation who have been working hard and enthusiastically at it for many months. It'll be the ideal for groups to go and see. Jill Moore on Sheffield 460206 can help with enquiries.

Appointments

The Revd. David Warner to succeed the Revd. Stuart Brindley as Rural Dean of Tankersley.

The Very Revd. Frank Curtis, Provost of Sheffield to retire in July this year.

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New Name for Parish Group

When the Revd. Jim Moore, previously Team Rector of Frecheville and Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, moved to his new parish at the end of last year, it took him quite a long time to tell people just the title of his new job. He is the Vicar of St. Michael's, Brodsworth and All Saints', Frickley with Clayton, and All Saints', Hooton Pagnell and St. Helen's, Marr, four country parishes just outside Doncaster. But help is at hand, for a scheme - at present at the Church Commissioners in London - awaits approval to join the four parishes into one and give the new group a much shorter name. Then Jim Moore can simply call himself the Vicar of Bilham.

Various names were originally put up for the new group but Bilham eventually won the day, for the Bilham family seem to have been Squires of the overall area around Brodsworth, Frickley, Clayton, Hooton Pagnell and Marr, and Bilham ancestors seem to be buried at the churches which will form the new united parish.

So if your name is Bilham and you come from the Doncaster area...you've now got a parish to your name. Meanwhile Jim Moore will doubtless, for a while at least, have to go around explaining that Bilham isn't anywhere exactly - apart from the name of a couple of farms - and that as Vicar of Bilham, he's really Vicar of St. Michael's, Brodsworth, and All Saints', Frickley with Clayton, and All Saints', Hooton Pagnell and St. Helen's, Marr...

"AIDS — A Diocesan Response"

"It is easy to say that AIDS is something that happens in London or other big cities...It could be anyone's haemophilic child, anyone's homosexual son, anyone's husband, anyone's daughter who has a drug habit...They could be our neighbours."

This report was written to help Christians in a large southern diocese to respond to such a situation. Acute, yet reflective it will help Christians to discover not only the basic facts about AIDS, but also that awareness of their feelings is the first step towards caring adequately for those who have AIDS. Written for the Diocese of Oxford, it has an application to the wider church, and is available, priced £1.00 per copy post free from: Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford. OX2 0NB.

Single Parent Family Break

Scargill House, at Kettlewell near Skipton, North Yorkshire will welcome single parents and their families from June 20th - 24th. The cost of the family break is £62 for adults with reductions for children, and the guest speaker is Maggie Durran herself a single parent and author. She is working at the moment with the Headstart Unemployment Agency for Women. For booking information, contact: The Bookings Secretary, Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton, North Yorkshire. BD23 5HU or telephone (075676) 234 or 315.



**Whirlow Grange
Conference Centre**

Tell me a story...your story"

is the theme of a weekend at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre sponsored by the Mission and Unity Committee. When someone asks you - "What do you really believe?" or "Why do you go to church?", and if you find these questions difficult to answer, then this weekend could be for you. It's a case of learning to share your faith by telling your story, and it's a weekend especially for those who feel they can't.

For full details contact: The Revd. Graham Bewley (note new address) 331 Kimberworth Road, Rotherham. S61 1HD, or the Revd. David Thomas, Gleadless Rectory, 245 Holinsend Road, Gleadless, Sheffield. S12 2EE. Please send a stamped self addressed envelope.

Young People

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade in the Diocese is having a publicity drive to bring the Brigade to the attention of parishes. The Revd. N.J. Pay, the Sheffield Diocesan Regimental Chaplain has written commending the Brigade to parishes for their consideration when they review and renew their work with young people, as encouraged by Bishop David in his recent Visitation.

Bishop David himself is no stranger to the work of the Brigade and welcomes its growing strength in the Diocese, and knows that the Brigade leads young people into a real Christian Faith. He writes to commend the Brigade;

"It is in every sense of the word a Church Organisation. It is uniformed and disciplined, with a long and remembered history in many of the towns and villages in the Diocese. A youngster need not apologise to his friends (or his parents and grandparents) for wanting to join. And when he has joined he finds himself challenged to a new self respect and finds that the Christian Faith and the life of the Church is neither boring nor limited to the elderly!"

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade is one of the organisations which can be considered by parishes as they explore their work with young people. Contact the Revd. N.J. Pay, St. Hugh's House, Levet Road, Cantley, Doncaster. DN4 6JQ (tel: Doncaster 535739) for more details.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

Dec 20th	Mark Bailey
Dec 27th	Thomas John Priestley; Jonathan Steven Parkin
Jan 10th	William Edward Simm
Feb 6th	Rosalyn Alice Watson
Feb 14th	Stephen William Cullen; Alexander John Van Hoof
Feb 14th	Samuel Michael Cook

Funerals

Jan 19th	Winifred Pearson (79) 2 Lane Head Road
Jan 20th	Ethel Bannister (89) Green Oak View
Jan 26th	Geoffrey Willars (83) 3 Laverdene Road
Jan 26th	Robert Young (97) Green Oak View

Winifred Pearson was born in Totley, where her father was Warden at the Rifle Range. She was married to Willis at All Saints in 1930. They lived at Hollin House Farm for about 25 years from 1936 before moving to Lane Head Road. We are grateful for her life-long contribution to Totley.

Ethel Bannister spent her life at Handsworth before coming to Green Oak View a few months ago.

Geoffrey Willars lived for many years on Cemetery Road and ran a shoe repair business based in Shoreham Street coming to live at a branch at Totley Rise around 1940.

Robert Young was born into a farming family at Foolow, served in both wars and was a chauffeur for Roberts Bros.

A.J. FOULSTONE MEMORIAL

The small commemorative tablet on the screen duplicates the carved inscription covered by the Nave carpet. Mr. Foulstone was a Lay Reader at Dore Church with oversight of the Services held for Totley at All Saints School. He was the prime instigator in the building of Totley Church and in establishing the independent Parish of Totley.

PARISH BREAKFAST

March 6	Mrs. Wiggett and Miss P. Lee
March 13	Mrs. Job and Mrs. Murrell
March 20	Mrs. Catton & Mr. D. Powell
March 27	Mr & Mrs. Norris
April 3	Mrs. Greenhoff and Mrs. Ruthven

Silver Cleaning

6th March	The Brownies	2nd April	Mrs. Noton
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I AM THAT I AM

For I am the frail fragrance of flowers,
Impregnating the air after April-shed showers.
For I am the lonely flight of a bird,
Unnoticed, uncared for, unhurried, unheard.
For I am the verdant voice of the Springtime,
The life-force of living, Nature's rhythm sublime.
For I am the gentle mists of the morning,
Shrouding the headlands at each day's new dawning.
For I am the bemused sounds of the City,
Of sharing, of caring, or a callous unpity.
For I am the voice of another New birth,
Proclaiming aloud the new Heaven and Earth.
For I am the spirit of mankind's new learning,
The gifts of all Knowledge, the unconscious yearning
For a bridge between God, and a bridge between Man —
But man cannot build it, for only I can.
For I am the love of the lovelorn,
And I am the laugh of a fool,
For I am the life that must be reborn
To create a new law, a new rule
That will fashion men's hopes for the future,
That will quench their fears of the 'Now,'
That will stifle the questions, the lies, and the half-truths,
The 'ifs,' and the 'buts,' and the 'how.'
For I am the wind in the heather,
And I am the gorse on the hill,
For I am all ages, all seasons, all weather,
And the end of all things is My will.
For I am the laws of all history,
And I am the experience of all,
For the truth that I am is a mystery,
From Creation — and Satan's great fall.
For I am the calm tranquil ocean,
And I am the moon-caressed sea,
For I have put all things in motion,
And I have said "Let all things be!"
For the sound of Church bells on a Sunday,
The cries of young children at play,
The "blues" of a workaday Monday,
All mirror your thoughts, come what may.
For I am the conscience within you,
And I am the way you should go,
For time is fast-passing, remember,
And there is much for you all to eschew.
For I am the sound and the fury,
For I pronounce judgement to all,
For I am both Judge and both jury,
To stand and be seen — or to fall.

For I have fashioned the evil within you,
The works, and the deeds that you do,
The Light — so extinguished by many,
And the Truth — so enobled by few.
For Mine was the life, Mine the grieving,
For Mine was the suffering too,
But *you* have to choose — twixt believing —
Or not — or that Hell, and not Heaven awaits you.

The above poem was copied from the Porch of a country Church where the Churchwarden who had composed it had placed a handwritten copy.

We have our own literary talent. Rex Beaumont, our Churchwarden, sharpens our thinking with his monthly contribution to All Saints' News - and the contribution below was written by a church member after seeing a TV programme about Ethiopia.

TWO WORLDS AWAY

Weary Workers scheming, scurrying,
Tired Travellers jabbering, jostling,
Busy Bosses grasping, grabbing.
Empty Eyes,
Empty minds,
Empty lives.

Two worlds away.

Living skeletons wasting, wanting,
Desperate mothers pleading, praying,
Sickly children crying, dying,
Empty bowls,
Empty bellies,
Empty words.

Two worlds away.

FLOWER POWER

Despite having no garden my favourite programme is Radio 4's "Gardeners' Question Time". It is knowledgeable, friendly with endearing dialects, all laced with humour. There is a long waiting list - from village groups to the recent broadcast from the Barbican. The Barbican is a luxurious London development of concert hall, art gallery and high-rise flats with gardens on balconies and roofs, most likely in tubs and containers which must pose problems.

A nationwide spectrum of differing surroundings, soil, climate, etc. presents problems in producing diverse vegetables, fruit and flowers to one's satisfaction, despite earnest attention and efforts. Hence societies are keen to take advantage of the panel's almost boundless knowledge.

I liken the gardener to the aspiring Christian endeavouring to get the Christian flower to bloom in himself and in others in a mainly hostile environment. It is no sinecure. As a gardener supports his weak, spindly plants with a cane or stake, so we get support from our faith. Our equivalent to watering and feeding is Bible Study, Prayer and Worship, and Church membership with its fellowship and love - the warmth that plants need to grow and give of their beauty.

At this stage I broke off to read this tribute to a former professor in the 'Guardian' - "he had the gift of knowing that love, knowledge and understanding are within the reach of anyone, but that they grow through cultivation" - which is a more succinct way of saying what I am trying to express.

Rex B.

GARDEN PARTY NEWS

The next Meeting for anyone involved with the Garden Party or who wants to be - is at 8pm on Thursday 24th March at 220 Baslow Road. Coffee for the first 50 to arrive!

Angela Waite is hoping to produce an All Saints' Cookery Book in time for the Garden Party. She would like favourite recipes of any kind (as long as they are tried and tested!) for starters, main meals, puddings, cakes etc. vegetarian - leave the recipes and your name in Church or deliver to 113 Green Oak Road - as soon as you can.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 23rd March, Totley All Saints School is having an "Open Evening". This is not the normal end of term evening for parents - although of course the parents will (hopefully) be present. It is an evening when anyone - grandparents, aunts and uncles, ex-pupils, governors, members of All Saints Church, members of other churches, anybody living in Totley Dore and Bradway (or anywhere else) can visit. The idea is that people look around the classrooms, see what the children have been doing during the term, see displays in the hall, talk to the teachers and generally get to know the school. We will be "open" between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Please do come and join us.

Joan Stratford (Headteacher)

P.S. Members of All Saints Church are also invited to our Easter Service on Friday 25th March at 9.30 a.m. This will be followed by coffee when the judging of the Easter Competitions (decorated eggs for children and Easter cakes for adults) will take place.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF COMIC RELIEF

On Comic Relief Day, Emilie Scholey and Stephanie Herring of All Saints' School thought up their own idea to raise money. They decided to see if they could jump up and down fifty times without their 'noses' falling off - and get others to sponsor them. They raised £16.50p. Well done.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON LENT?

Although Lent has already started, it is still not too late to join in one of the special Lent Courses on offer locally. Full details are given below - to see where they have got up to.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The local ecumenical Lent Course this year is to take the form of a united Devotional Service every Tuesday evening from 8pm to 9pm in our different churches. We shall follow the pilgrim theme "Journey towards Life".

Feb.23rd	All Saints' Totley	"Which Way"
March 1st	Totley Rise Methodist	"New Creation"
March 8th	English Martyrs RC	"Worship"
March 15th	Dore & Totley U.R.C.	"Darkness to Light"

March 22nd	St. John's Abbeydale	"New Life"
March 29th	Dore & Totley Fellowship (at Totley Poly. Hall)	"The Cross"

Sunday Evening Sermon Course

During the Sunday evenings of Lent, the Vicar and Readers will be preaching on themes from the book "God of Surprises" by Fr. Gerard Hughes SJ (published by Darton, Longman and Todd - £4.95).

Fr. Hughes writes "Christ said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field', the book has only one purpose - to suggest ways of detecting the hidden treasure in what you may consider a most unlikely field - - yourself."

Lent 1	Where the Treasure is	(chaps 1-5)
Lent 2	Discovering the Treasure	(chap 6)
Lent 3	Beginning to dig	(chap 7)
Lent 4	Difficulties in digging	(chap 8)
Lent 5	Opening up the treasure	(chap 10)
Palm & Easter	Holding on to the Treasure	(chap 11)

Lent '88 'Who on Earth are you?' Radio Sheffield Course

Although we have not followed this course in groups this year the programmes are useful for those who cannot get elsewhere. The broadcasts are on Mondays at 8pm.

29th Feb	'The generation game'	Luke 15:11-32
7th Mar	'Inside out'	Luke 19:1-10
14th Mar	'Little and large'	Luke 10:25-37
21st Mar	'Be seeing you'	Luke 24:13-35

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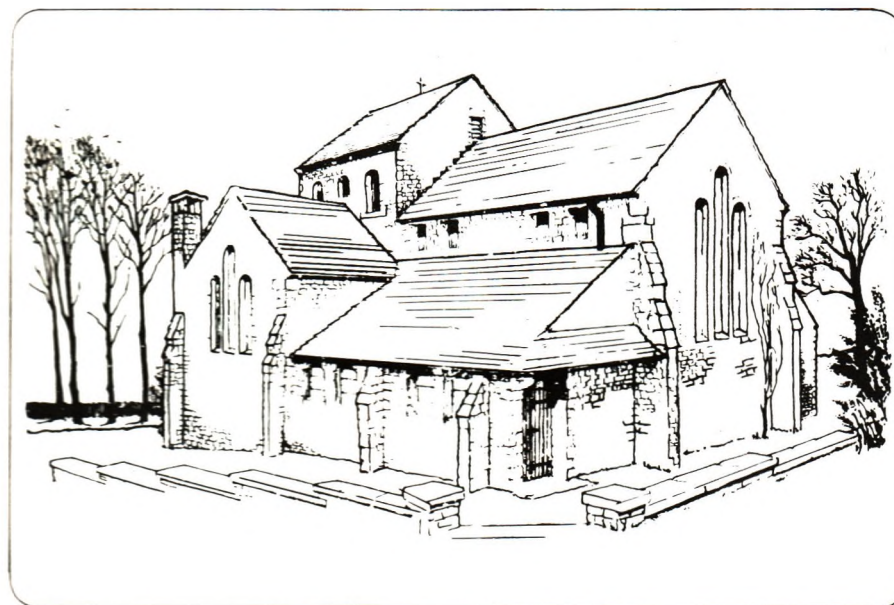
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Festival of Easter is the key to our Christian Faith. The festivities of Christmas and the ministry of Jesus would have little purpose without the mystery and victory of the Resurrection.

During Eastertide let us again ponder on the three significant features of the Resurrection.

1. The Resurrection confirms the truth of all that Jesus taught. It takes the Christian Faith out of the realm of theory and into everyday living. Without the Resurrection, the teaching of Jesus would simply be an interesting collection of stories, or a system of rules that we would find it impossibly hard to keep. Because Jesus rose from death, we are challenged to put his Truth into practice.

2. The Resurrection means death is defeated - and we have the promise of eternal life. Jesus' death was not an isolated incident in history. It was a sign for us all that in Christ death is not the end. If we are certain that Jesus was raised from the dead we can also be certain that he will give us life after our own death. He is Lord over the power of death.

3. The Resurrection means Jesus is alive now. In him we can already experience eternal life. St. Paul talks about Jesus not as a dead teacher but a living person who is alongside us to give us the strength to live our lives according to His purpose. This new quality of life brought by the living Christ is a foretaste of eternal life now.

With best wishes for a Happy Easter,

Yours sincerely,



SERVICES FOR APRIL

3rd 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 shortened Communion

6.430pm Evensong(BCP)

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

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

10th

EASTER 1

Theme 'The Bread of Life'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 53-58 (NEB)

Gospel: St. John 6: 32-40 (JB)

11.45am Holy Baptism (Sophia Jackson)

6.30pm 'Songs of Praise'(request box in Church)

17th

EASTER 2

Theme am 'The Good Shepherd'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : I Peter 5: 1-11 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 10: 7-16 (NEB)

10am Family Service

Theme pm 'The Emmaus Road'

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Old Testament : Isaiah 25 : 6-9 (NEB)

New Testament : St. Luke 24: 13-35 (JB)

24th

EASTER 3

Theme am 'The Resurrection and the Life'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion(BCP) (Canon Clifford Auckland)

Epistle : Colossians 3: 1-11 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 11: 17-27 (NEB)

10am Young Saints & Crypt Club

Theme pm 'The Lakeside'

6.30pm Evensong(ASB)

Old Testament : Isaiah 61: 1-7 (NEB)

New Testament : St. John 21: 1-14 (RSV)

Please note that due to Easter and other arrangements the pattern of the Prayer Book and Alternative Service Book Services has been adjusted this month.

PARISH DIARY FOR APRIL

- 6th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 2 Main Ave
7th Thu 8pm Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue
9th Sat 11am Holy Matrimony(Stephen Johnston &
Clare Edwards
12th Tue 10am-12noon Coffee Morning at 17 Church Lane,Dore
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship -12 Aldam Close
7.45pm Ladies Club Meeting with Christ Church,
Dore
13th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 57 Sunnyvale Road
and - 43 Vernon Road
14th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Communion & Meeting
13th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship -
36 Meadowgrove Rd.
19th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
20th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close
and 113 Green Oak Road
23rd Sat 3pm Holy Matrimony(Antony Thomas &
Alison Byron)
26th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party-46 Lemont Road
27th Wed 10am Dore & Totley Luncheon Club AGM
8pm Open Forum 'Jehovah's Witnesses'

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK PREPARATIONS

House-to-House Collection Marjorie Snowden will be organising the collection for most of Totley and seeks your support in this important act of Christian concern for the poor of the world. If you have not collected before please contact Marjorie (362822) as soon as you can. When we consider the miserable plight of so many any hesitation on our part should fade into insignificance.

Sponsored May Day Trek on Monday 2nd May will pass close by - beginning at Hunters Bar via Porter Clough, Ringinglow, Dore and Ecclesall Woods. 15 miles round trek - Registration forms from Marjorie. The Night Hike will begin on Saturday 25th June.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The next meeting of the Ladies Working Party will be held at 47 Lemont Road on Tuesday 26th April at 2.15pm.

A Coffee Evening with Bring and Buy, will be held at the home of Mrs.E.Powell 74 Main Avenue,Totley at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st April in aid of Church Funds.

A SPRING LUNCHEON is to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 14th May at 12.30pm. Tickets £2.25 including coffee will be available from Mrs.D.Manterfield and members of the Ladies Working Party.

A P R I L A C T I V I T I E S

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club will meet once this month on 12th April when they will be joining the Ladies Group at Christ Church, Dore, at 7.45pm for a Demonstration by British Gas called "Easy Entertaining" by Margaret Pottinger. All ladies are welcome to go along.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ORGAN FUND

This is to be held at the home of Mrs. Joyce Jackson, 17 Church Lane, Dore, on Tuesday 12th April from 10am to 12 noon. Bring & Buy, Competitions. All welcome.

"FAITH AWARE"

On Wednesday 27th April between 8pm and 10pm in the Church Hall, a talk on "Christianity andthe Jehovah's Witnesses" by Howard Woollin - will make the start of an occasional series of talks focussing on topical issues and Christianity.

Howard Woollin has a particular witness to Jehovah's Witnesses, and in turn to Christians who often find them standing on their own doorsteps! He deals sensitively and scripturally with this important subject, and is not to be missed, Everyone is welcome.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Annual Meeting of the Dore & Totley Day Centre and Luncheon Club is at 10am on Wednesday 27th April in the U.R.C. Hall, Totley Brook Road. This club belongs to All Saints Church as much as any other group as it was set up under the umbrella of the Council of Churches - so come and see what happens. All welcome - we do need your support - be it volunteers or prayers.

Vivien Filleul

A CLEAN SHEAF

On Saturday 30th April the 1st Totley Scout Troop is staging a sponsored "clean-up" of the HQ Site off Aldam Road and down the River Sheaf as far as St.John's Church, Abbeydale.

April 23rd-30th is Environmental Week in which many conservation projects will be undertaken in the Sheffield area. Money raised through sponsorship will be used to purchase camping equipment.

John Lawry

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals

Feb 26th Pauline Millington (63) 29 Main Avenue
 March 2nd Kenneth Raymond Jacques (78) 1 Marstone Cres.
 March 4th Sarah Elizabeth Cowley (83) 78 Green Oak Ave.
 March 11th Ernest Hall (84) 30 Chatsworth Road

Pauline Millington lived in Totley for many years. She was on the Transport 17 Committee and had been involved in non-residential care work at Green Oak View.

Ken Jacques came to Totley in 1937 and had worked on the staff of British Rail with responsibility for freight. He had been a member of Abbeydale Golf Club for over 40 years and was a former President.

Betty Cowley moved to Green Oak Avenue 17 years ago from the Cemetery Road area. A widow for over 50 years she had worked all her life as a plater at Viner's cutlery works.

Ernest Hall came as a lad to Totley when his father was the Police Sergeant occupying the police house on Baslow Road. After his father was transferred, he stayed on in Sheffield being a mechanic in the early days of Hatfields and ending his career as Mechanical Supervisor for South Yorkshire Transport at the Queen's Road depot.

Ray Philips(56) of 8 Aldam Road died on 18th February whilst working at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. A former pupil of All Saints School he began work as a joiner before going into civil engineering.

FLOWER ROTA

April	Altar	Memory Table
3	EASTER	Mrs.Parkin
10	Mrs. Edwards	Mr. Coates
17	Mrs.Waite	Mrs. Jones
24	Ladies Club	Mrs. Mayson

Silver Cleaning

April 2 Mrs.Noton April 16th Mrs.Simons

PARISH BREAKFAST

April	3	Mrs. Greenhoff & Mrs.Ruthven
	10	Mr & Mrs. Carter
	17	Mrs.Brownhill & Mrs. Wiles
	24	Mr. & Mrs. Glyn Waite
May	1	Mrs. Ludlam & Mrs. Lewis

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Bishop David writes:

APRIL 1st : this year is GOOD FRIDAY

We cannot speak of "April Fool's Day" for it is our God who in the folly of his love for us enters into the suffering life of our human race. Over and over again we see, in this world of ours, cruelty, suffering, sickness, death - and always in the midst we see too Jesus dying on the Cross.

"Innocent and guilty drown
 In a flood of blood and sweat
 How much darker can it get?

How much darker must it be
 For a God to see and care
 That we perish in despair?

It is God himself who dies!
 God in man shall set us free:
 God as Man - and only He."

APRIL 3rd is Easter Day

The tomb is empty, the Stone rolled away, the crucified Christ, truly alive meets with Mary Magdalene in the Garden. In the teeth of almost all our human experience life triumphs over death, light over darkness, goodness over evil. Hope finds its indestructible foundations in God's raising of Jesus from the dead. On this rock we stand.

Christ is risen, we are risen: Alleluia.

"Not throned above, remotely high
 Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
 But daily, in the midst of life
 Our Saviour with the Father reigns.

Christ is alive! His spirit burns
 Through this and every future age
 Till all creation lives and learns
 His joy, his justice, love and praise.

APRIL 24 sees my launch of Operation Build-Up and the Archbishop of Canterbury's launch of the Church Urban Fund.

In Church that day you will be handed a letter from me explaining why we need a £1,000,000 for the work of our Church in the parishes of this Diocese. Please make sure you are there, and then read carefully and respond heroically to what I ask.

April 24th gives us the chance to show what April 1st and April 3rd really mean to us! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus is asking each of us to proclaim Him, live Him. We do this not on our own but in fellowship with the disciples. My Appeal gives us Easter Christians something positive and practical to do.

"And we, shall we be faithless?
 Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
 Shall we evade the conflict
 And cast away our crown?

Not so : in God's deep counsels
 Some better thing is stored:
 We will maintain, unflinching
 One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Have a great April!

DAVID LUNN
 Bishop of Sheffield

Long Line.....Long Time

Mrs. Joyce Varah, Parochial Church Council Secretary for St. James', Braithwell, Rotherham, has a very good memory, not that it did her any good in remembering the arrival of the Revd. Ernest Eccles as Rector, for she didn't live there at the time. She had to consult her minute books to discover that the Rector, who retires on 30th April, has been Rector of Braithwell and Micklebring for the past thirty two years. That's a long time and Ernest has been the longest serving incumbent in the Parish this century. The Church has lists of incumbents going back to 1238, and Ernest is 39th in line. There must have been some other long serving clergy in the Parish over those past 750 years! Ernest can tell some stories of change within the Church and the community over the last 32 years of that period, and assures his parishioners that there is no special significance in the fact that May Day will be the first day of his retirement - he will neither be in distress, nor dancing round the Maypole.

Along with his wife, Kathleen, Ernest is to retire to Clifton near Maltby, and all hope that he will enjoy a long and happy retirement.



St. Nicholas, High Bradfield is noted for its fine Nave Roof and Tudor glass, as well as for John Morewood and his wife, commemorated in a brass of 1647, showing them with their fifteen children! Almost at the gate of the churchyard is a Watch House built in 1745 to shelter those who were employed to protect the churchyard from body-snatchers.

It's also noted for its Art and Craft Fair, on Easter Monday and Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. each day. Enjoy a day in the countryside at High Bradfield. Excellent refreshments are available. If you want to know more contact: Mrs. S. O'Brien on Sheffield 81435.

The Royal School of Church Music Sheffield & South Yorkshire Area.

All members of church choirs are warmly invited to take part in a One Day School on Saturday, 16th April at Swinton Parish Church from 9.45 until Evensong at 4.00p.m. These One Day Schools, several of which have already been held in different parts of the Diocese, are proving to be very popular. More details are available from Mrs. M. Cobbold on Sheffield 351550. Organists, Choirmasters, Clergy and Congregations are invited to Evensong. The Church is to be found on Church Street, Swinton, near Rotherham, opposite to the Ring o' Bells pub.

Second Coalfield Churches' Day

Social and economic changes are affecting many people and organisations connected with mining. Sheffield Industrial Mission, the Revd. Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain, and the many churches in the coalfield area are grappling with these issues and many others, and are trying to respond with understanding and practical help. A second Coalfield Churches' Day, following last year's very successful gathering, is planned for **SATURDAY, 21st MAY - 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.** at All Saints', Denaby Main. Further information about the Day as well as other things happening in the coalfield is available from: the Revd. Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain, 5 Daw Wood, Bentley, Doncaster. DN5 0PU. Tel: Doncaster 875904.

Brodsworth Easter...

There's an exhibition of paintings by local artists in St. Michael's Church, Brodsworth on Easter Day from 12 noon until 8.00 p.m., and Easter Monday and Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. Visitors can see the Children's Exhibition and purchase home-made refreshments in the village school on Easter Day and Easter Monday. Brodsworth is well worth a visit over Easter and all proceeds go to the Church Fabric Fund. Further details are available from Kitty Thompson on Doncaster (0302) 723318.

Peace Pentecost

The Jubilee Peace Pentecost, promoted by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and other concerned Christians, is on Saturday, 21st May, in Manchester. There's a Eucharist in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m., a Street Procession at noon, and at 1.45 p.m., an Open Meeting in the Sacred Trinity Centre, led by Valerie Flessati and Bishop Colin Scott. All are invited and welcome.

Praise Aid at St. Oswald's.

The Salvation Army Sheffield Citadel Band and the Mission Sheffield Choir (Chesterfield Branch) feature in a **FEAST OF MUSIC AND READINGS** in aid of the Salvation Army and The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, on **Friday, 15th April** at 7.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Church, Millhouses, Sheffield. Admission is by programme £1.00, from Mary and Hugh Ebbins, Tel: Sheffield 552847

John Gilpin, R.I.P.

The Royal Hallamshire Hospital Chapel was full for the Memorial Service for the Reverend John Gilpin early in February. John had left his native Wales when he came to Sheffield in 1964 to be Assistant Chaplain to the United Sheffield Hospitals - and later Chaplain, until his retirement at the end of July 1987. He returned to Wales but his retirement was cut short by his death in January this year. Being as long serving as he was, John was known by, and his ministry appreciated by, thousands of staff and patients who have been connected with Sheffield hospitals over many years. Money collected in John's memory will be used for a memorial to him at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

ALL THE WAY TO EAST ASIA

Edwin Ward writes about his visit at the end of last year.....

The months of October and November were both exciting and exhausting. During that time I visited the Anglican Church in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines as well as the Philippine Independent Church. The primary reason for the visit was to represent USPG (the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel), at the Council of the Church of East Asia's Partners in Mission Consultation in Sabah, Malaysia. Tempting as it is to report on Church life in each of the countries visited I will restrict myself to the Philippines and Malaysia.

UNREST

There are so many things about the Philippines which are so different from the neighbouring countries. Made up of 7,000 islands with a people who speak eighty languages, the Philippines is the only Christian country in Asia. More than 90% of the population claims to be Christian with the vast majority belonging to the Roman Catholic Church. The Philippines economy is so different from her neighbours - while neighbouring countries have been enjoying a high economic growth rate, the Philippines have seen theirs plummet. There is much political and social dissention and much disruption caused by the New People's Army on the left and many private armies on the right. Although President Corazon Aquino appears to enjoy popular support, there is talk of a possible coup d'etat. A coup - from either the left or the right - could occur at any time. Major land reform is essential but any suggestion of reform, however modest, is met with much resistance from the right wing land owning elite.

IN FULL COMMUNION

I spent nine days in the Philippines as a guest of the Philippine Independent Church (P.I.C.). P.I.C. is made up of some 35 dioceses and there are 52 bishops, 510 priests and a membership in excess of 4 million people. P.I.C. is in full communion with the Anglican Church and is the second largest denomination in the country. There is also an Anglican Church - the Philippine Episcopal Church which is much smaller with a membership of 100,000.

A CHURCH OF THE POOR

The origins of P.I.C. lie in the revolutionary struggle against the Spanish in the 19th Century - a struggle for self-determination, nationalistic rather than 'revolutionary' in the modern sense. It is said to be a direct product of the Philippine Revolution of 1896 but the Church would not have come into being if the Vatican had heeded to demands for local leadership. The majority of the membership is drawn from the peasants and labourers and it is very much a church of the poor. Consequently the P.I.C., with no historic links with overseas mission agencies, has very few financial resources.

I visited P.I.C. parishes in both urban and rural situations. One visit took me north along the President Marcos Highway, past Clark Airbase which is the largest American military base outside the USA, to the Province of Pangasinan.



East Asia

SO MUCH WITH SO LITTLE

I stayed for two nights at the seminary at Mabini and attended the graduation ceremony. The seminarians who graduated had completed a four year course of study. The seminary is unique in my experience. It has no books and is very basic. There is very little furniture and the toilet facilities lack a water supply. The staff of four have not received any salary during 1986 and 1987. Regarding text books, the Dean has a personal library which he puts at the disposal of the students. I discovered that each graduating seminarian was taking away only two books (a Bible and a book of church rules and regulations) as he left the seminary.



Smokey Mountain - Manila's garbage dump

FISH DISASTER

I then went to visit a fishing community on the West Coast. Here I met a priest who told me how he is involved in attempting to restock an area which has suffered a complete loss of fish because of unscrupulous interference from outside. Large boats came into the area and, using high explosives, had blown up the coral reefs, killed the fish (which they then took away to sell) and destroyed the spawning grounds. The project involved the use of old car tyres. Dozens of them were fastened together, sunk to the sea bed and used as a substitute coral reef. The fish were starting to return and were laying their eggs among the tyres.

BEYOND DESCRIPTION

In Manila, the capital city of 6 million people, there is much deprivation. P.I.C. has several programmes to aid the poor, many of whom are living in appalling conditions, and are forced into unlawful activities in order to survive. I visited Smokey Mountain, one of the City's garbage dumps on which there lives some 27,000 people - the filth, the smells, everything about the place is beyond description. P.I.C. is very much involved in work among the socially deprived who live in places like Smokey Mountain.



27,000 people live like this

KEY MAN

While in Malaysia I met with several people who have spent some time in Britain having come here on USPG's Bursaries Programme. One of them, the Revd. Dr. S. Batumalai, was supported by many Sheffield parishes through the 'Key Man in West Malaysia' project when he was studying at Birmingham University. Dr. Batumalai is the Academic Dean at the Seminari Theoloji Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. Batu, as he is known to his friends, certainly is a key man in the training of ordinands from the Anglican, Lutheran and Methodist churches. He sends his good wishes to his many friends in the Diocese of Sheffield.



Batu - Key man in West Malaysia

GROWTH

The Church in East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) is growing very rapidly, particularly in the rural areas - in Kuching Diocese (Sarawak) the church membership has increased by 40% over the past two years and there is every indication that the Church will continue to grow just as rapidly in the immediate future. Isobel, my wife, accompanied the Bishop of Kuching on a three day tour during which 1,200 people were confirmed by him.

There are so many things to tell. While I was in the Philippines and Taiwan, Isobel visited Singapore and Sarawak. If you would like to hear more, one of us will be delighted to visit your parish.

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Appointments

The Revd. Charles Grice, MBE, General Secretary of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade, to be Vicar of Braithwell, and continuing as General Secretary of The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade.

The Revd. Joan Brown to be Parish Deacon at Netherthorpe.

The Revd. Claude Guilloteau, Curate at Hatfield to be Assistant Curate at Ecclesall.

The Revd. William Mason, Team Vicar at St. Philip's, Dronfield, to be Vicar of St. Peter's, Ellesmere.

The Revd. Barbara Harrison, Chaplain at York University, to be Parish Deacon (Team Vicar) in the Manor Team Ministry.

The Revd. John Wraw, Assistant Curate at Bromyard in the Diocese of Hereford, to be Team Vicar on the Manor Team.

The Revd Beryl Turner to be Parish Deacon (Part-time) in the Parish of Goole.

The Revd. Arthur Watling, Vicar of St Stephen's, Eastwood to be Vicar of Easington with Skeffling, Kilnsea and Holmpton.

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CHURCH URBAN FUND AIMS TO RAISE

£18M

THIS SPRING SEES a vital new move in the Church of England's efforts to come to grips with the inner city decay and deprivation highlighted two-and-a-half years ago by the report 'Faith in the City'.

On April 20 a massive fundraising campaign is being launched to raise £18 million for the new Church Urban Fund which will provide much-needed money to get a multitude of locally based Christian initiatives off the ground.

Meanwhile Parliament has been asked to approve the transfer of £1 million from the Church Commissioners to the new Fund. And there are expected to be other substantial sums donated from companies, trusts and foundations. The aim is that eventually there will be enough capital to provide £4 million a year to spend on projects.

ARCHBISHOPS LETTER

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York announced the campaign last Autumn, in a letter sent to all the Church's clergy. In particular, many

churches will be marking the start of the campaign on the following Sunday, April 24.

Speaking about the new Fund in Synod last Autumn, Dr Runcie challenged the Church that the Fund would only get large-scale help from industry if it became clear that church members were themselves giving sacrificially.

'MECHANISMS NEEDED'

'The Church of England has no financial mechanisms or legal powers specifically to target financial assistance to the UPAs' [Urban Priority Areas], reported 'Faith in the City' at the end of 1985.

The Report went on to recommend the creation of a new 'Church Urban Fund', in the way that in the 50's New Housing Areas received special help from the then Church assembly. The Fund should 'strengthen the Church's presence and promote the Christian witness in the urban priority areas', said the Report.

BEST WISHES

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Trevor Hudson as he moves from St. John's, Abbeydale to become Vicar of St. Mary's, Worsborough. His induction is on the 26th April.

CHURCH OFFICERS following the Annual Meeting

Churchwardens: Eric Simons & Cliff Job

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Deputy Wardens : Elsie Mayson & Stella Jockel

P.C.C. Members : Joan Beeley, Rex Beaumont, Bill Bryer,
Robin Carter, Dorothy Firth, Gordon Grayson,
John Lawrie, David Lloyd, David Mabbott, Dudley Nixon,
Pauline Perkington, Elaine Powell, Irvine Powell,
James Powell, David Snazell, Sally Scaife, Maurice Snowdon,
Angela Waite, Sue Wright.

The Annual Meeting voted in favour of introducing the system of PCC Membership whereby after 3 years in office a councillor may not stand for re-election until a further year has elapsed.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

I have recently placed in the library in the Church Hall a copy of E.F.Schumacher's book "Small is Beautiful". Although written in 1973 this book is as relevant today as it was then and is well worth reading. As the front cover suggests it is 'A study of Economics as if people mattered.' It has been the springing point for all that is included in the terms "appropriate technology" and "Intermediate Technology". I have some small connection with this last organisation and would be very happy to talk with anyone else who has an interest in it.

Maurice Snowdon

Is there a Librarian out there!

Mention of the Church Hall Library prompts an appeal for someone to have the oversight and promotion of the library, and to encourage further gifts of books on Christian topics.

Don't forget as well the 'Faith in Print' titles stocked by Totley Library.

RACISM IN SHEFFIELD - THE CHURCHES' RESPONSE is

the title of a discussion organised by Sheffield Christians for Peace on Monday 11th April at the Victoria Hall, Room 30, at 7.30pm. All very welcome. Speaker - Cynthia Sutherland.

IN WONDER, LOVE AND PRAISE is the theme of a United Service for all churches in the Ecclesall Circuit to celebrate the Conversion of John Wesley, to be held on Friday 22nd April 7.30pm at Psalter Lane.

MEN AND MONASTERIES

"Out of the world, aloof, unhelpful and unkind, the prisoners of the iron mind".

R.L.Stevenson's words inspired by the sight of a monastery in his poem, 'Our Lady of the Snows'. The poem is vivid, exhilarating, and to some, probably perverse. The whole tenor of his poem is that the Lord loves all who do not necessarily lead a life of prayer, but get on with living their daily lives. He never mentions any objection to, or need for prayer.

His words are debatable. Aloof? - only so far as they live in an enclosed order. They lead a life of prayer, not for themselves for their faith is their support and strength, they pray for the whole world. If you believe in prayer, you must accept that it is helpful and certainly not unkind. If you substitute 'dedication' for "prisoners of the iron mind" it is not so emotional. Poetry lends itself to dramatic impact. They toil not neither do they spin to make profit, but to sustain their community to be self-sufficient. The scornful will say the monasteries have 'chickened-out' of the world's problems, temptations and responsibilities. If so, it is at the cost of denying love, fellowship, family life, the beauty and wonder of the world, which we hold dear.

Stevenson's poem ends thus -

"Those He approves that ply the trade,
That rock the child, that wed the maid,
That with weak virtues, weaker hands,
Sow gladness on the peopled lands
And still with laughter, song and shout,
Spin the great wheel of earth about."

Surely it just could be that the prayers of thankfulness for the foregoing are in the monastic's devotions.

Rex B.

DANGEROUS LOVE

The more we reflect on the dangers, the risks and the pain of loving, the more remarkable it appears that you or I or anyone else should dare to love at all. Yet we do. Despite all the dangers, all the risks, all the pain involved, we accept that loving and being loved is the best thing we can imagine - it is our calling and our destiny.

Dr.Robert Runcie,Archibishop of Canterbury

A VISIT TO OUR 'MOTHER CHURCH'

As part of their R.E. Syllabus and also as a preparation for Mothering Sunday, the J3/J4s from All Saints' School visited Sheffield Cathedral. We were given a very informative tour of the Cathedral by the Head Verger, Mr. Alan Cottam. The adults in the party who had known the Cathedral for many years learnt a lot as well.

He told us that there had been a Church on the site since at least 1100 and the oldest part of the present building was the Chancel built in 1430. The newest part was the West End Baptistry and Narthex Tower of 1966.

We saw the Bishop's Throne or Cathedra - which gives rise to the name Cathedral. We inspected the stalls of the Cathedral Canons with their misericords and ornate carving and tried to discover the Bible stories depicted in the stained-glass windows. In the Yorks & Lancashire Regimental Chapel of St. George we looked at the unique screen of swords, the regimental flags and the memorial to the H.M.S. Sheffield sunk in the Falklands War of 1984.

We were particularly interested in the many symbols carved, painted and embroidered in different places in the Cathedral. The shield of the Diocese and the Cathedral which is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, has a key - the symbol of St. Peter and a sword - the symbol of St. Paul. Alongside are the crossed arrows, the symbol of Sheffield. The shield reminds us all of our duty to bring the Good News first preached by Peter and Paul to the people of Sheffield

in our generation today.

On the Communion Silver plate on display we could see some of the symbols for Jesus Christ found in most churches.



The Chi-Rho Sign is made up of the two letters chi- χ and rho- ρ which begin the Greek word $\chi\rho\iota\varsigma$ meaning Christ.



This monogram is made up of the first three letters in Greek Capitals from the name Jesus = IHCOYC . Sometimes the last C is put as an S.

The fish was a secret sign of the early Christians. On meeting it could easily be drawn casually in the sand - one person drawing the first arc, and another completing the fish with a second arc. It was appropriate to the first disciples as fishermen but the initial letters of the Greek word for fish ΙΧΘΥΣ stood for



I = Jesus χ = Christ θ = of God υ = Son ς = Saviour.

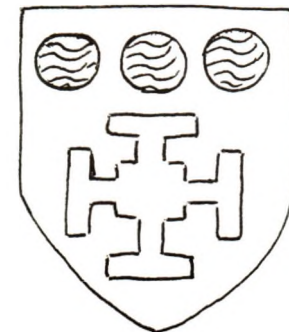
We finished our tour of Sheffield Cathedral with prayers in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, after having looked at the 'Te Deum' Window in the chapel. This depicts Christ in Glory with the prophets of the Old Testament, the Apostles of the New Testament, and Christians through the ages since - such as John Wesley and Archbishop Temple.

Our visit has encouraged us to go back to the Cathedral when we are in town to look more closely at some of the things we were shown. We hope this report of our visit will encourage you to call at the Cathedral in the midst of your shopping - to pause, to pray, and to ponder on some of the many items of beauty and interest.

Joan Stratford

SIGN OF THE PAST

Those of you who are observant will notice that the Bishop's Chair at All Saints' does not have the Sheffield shield because until recent years we were in the Diocese of Derby. Totley was originally part of the kingdom of Mercia first evangelised by St. Chad from Lichfield. The Cross of St. Chad became the symbol of the diocese of Lichfield founded in 664. When the diocese of Southwell was created in 1884 Totley came within that until the diocese of Derby was formed in 1927. So our Derby shield reflects our history - with the Cross of St. Chad of Lichfield and the wells of Southwell.



PLEASE KEEP PRAYING

Thank you, to the saints of this Church, who have maintained a continuing prayer commitment for Steven Edwards, our God son, and his family. A week has not gone by, since we came together in vigil last September when we've not been asked how Steven is doing. This care and concern is very heartening.

At the moment Steven's situation is not good. Physically he is deteriorating, swelling with fluid, suffering with aching limbs and disrupted sleep patterns.

However he is mentally alert and showing every sign that he is a bright two-year-old. His speech is developing well and he does not miss a thing in conversation. We know that according to medical opinion he is living on borrowed time. He was not expected to reach his 2nd Birthday - he did, or Christmas - he did!

Many of you know that we have prayed for Steven to be healed and believe that God is quite capable of miracles and direct interventions in people's lives. We are still waiting on the Lord, and it is very hard not to become negative and despairing. The centurion trusted Jesus to the point that he knew he only had to give the command and his servant would be healed immediately. However the lesson we believe we are being given in this situation - is that God is Sovereign over all things, that only He holds the power over life and death, and we must trust that He knows exactly what He is doing.

We have been encouraged by the love of many in the Church, and strengthening by the pictures and assurances people have received through prayer that Jesus is with Steven in all this, holding him in His arms, bathing Him in light. We are assured that whatever may happen in the next few weeks, Steven has Eternal Life, and we simply ask for your continuing prayers in faith.

Thank you,

John and Lynne Marshall

END QUOTES FROM REX

Everybody thinks of changing humanity
and nobody thinks of changing himself.

Leo Tolstoy

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge
Thomas Carlyle

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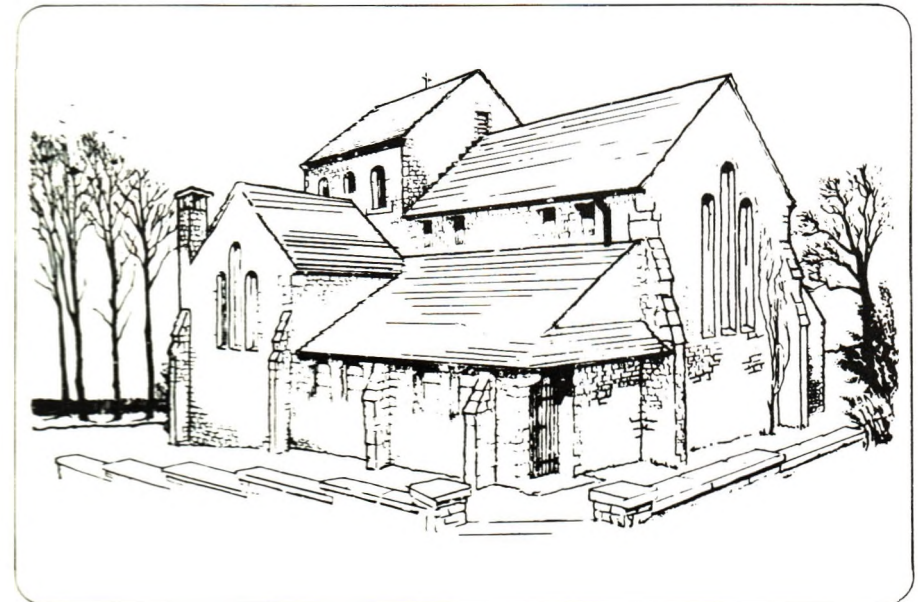
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This month marks the 250th Anniversary of an important turning point in the life of the Church in England and the whole nation.

Always an early riser, on the 24th May 1738, John Wesley opened his Bible at 5am at the words of 2 Peter 1:4 about the 'great and precious gifts God has promised....that we may come to share the divine nature'.

In the evening he went to a meeting in a room in Aldersgate Street in London, where someone was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. Wesley was to write in his journal - "about a quarter before nine, as he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine!"

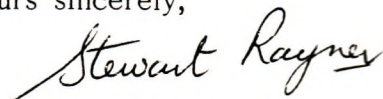
God had been preparing John Wesley for that moment for many years. He had been brought up at Epworth Rectory about 40 miles from Totley and well worth a visit. He was profoundly influenced by his mother and later by Moravian missionaries he met in America.

Following his conversion, and for the next 51 years, he adopted his remarkable life of preaching to the people of England. Travelling on horseback he averaged 5000 miles a year and 15 sermons a week.

Although remaining a Church of England clergyman to his death, we associate John Wesley with the growth of the Methodist Church and we rejoice with them in their celebrations. Many of those Wesley converted and influenced did, however, remain within the Church of England becoming part of an evangelical wing which did great work in the following century both within the Church and the social and moral life of the nation.

Many celebrations are planned for Wesley Day including a Service attended by the Queen at St. Paul's - and all are welcome to Totley Methodist for their outdoor gathering on the evening of 24th May.

Yours sincerely,



PARISH DIARY FOR MAY

- 3rd Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Plant Auction
- 4th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close and
43 Vernon Road
- 5th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
- 9th Mon 7.15pm All Saints Nursery/Playgroup Committee
- 10th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
8pm Christian Council AGM - Dore Methodist
- 11th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 113 Green Oak Rad
and 57 Sunnyvale Road
- 14th Sat 12.30pm Spring Luncheon in the Church Hall
- 17th Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch - Church Hall
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Nearly New & Jumble
- 18th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 43 Vernon Road and
9 Aldam Close
- 19th Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- 23rd Mon 8pm Young Saints Leaders Meeting - 57 Sunnyvale Rd
- 24th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - Church Hall
7.30pm Wesley Day Celebration at Methodist Church
- 25th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 57 Sunnyvale Road
and 113 Green Oak Road
- 26th Thu 7pm All Saints' School Governors' Meeting
8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- 27th Fri 4pm Holy Matrimony (Adrian Hallam &
Michelle Meredith)
- 31st Tue 10am - 12noon Coffee Morning at 8 Totley Grange
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 2nd June Thu. 8pm Garden Party Meeting in Church Hall.

CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL FOR BLUE NILE CHILDREN'S FARM

Thousand of children were orphaned in the Ethiopian Famine of 1984/5. One church programme that caters for about 1000 orphans is planning this year to open a children's farm. At it all the older children will be able to complete their education and learn the techniques of traditional and modern farming before reaching 18. The Vicar as chairman of the local Christian Council, is making the farm the object of this year's appeal for the local churches. Leaflets are available to tell you how you can support it.

SERVICES FOR MAY

- 1st EASTER 4
 Theme am 'The Way, the Truth and the Life'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : 2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:5 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. John 14: 1-11 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
 Theme pm 'The Charge to Peter'
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Isaiah 62 : 1-5 (RSV)
 New Testament: St. John 21:15-22 (RSV)
- 8th EASTER 5 - ROGATION SUNDAY
 Theme 'Going to the Father'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Romans 8:28-39 (RSV)
 Gospel : St. John 16: 12-24 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
12 noon Holy Baptism (Katy Otter)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Hosea 6: 1-6 (NEB)
 New Testament: St. John 16:25-33 (NEB)
- 12th ASCENSION DAY
8pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : Acts 1: 1-11 (TEV)
 Gpsle : St. Matthew 28: 16-20 (JB)
- 15th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
 Theme 'The Ascension of Christ'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Ephesians 4: 1-13 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 24: 45-53 (JB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : Ephesians 1 : 15-23 (TEV)
 Gospel : St. Luke 24 : 45-53 (JB)
- 22nd WHITSUNDAY/PENTECOST
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Acts 2: 1-11 (RSV)
 Gospel : St. John 14: 15-26 (JB)

12noon Holy Baptism (Natalie Collins)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

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

New Testament: Acts 2: 1-21 (RSV)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

- 23rd Mon 7.30am Service at All Saints Church
- 24th Tue 7.30am Service at Dore Methodist Church
 7.30pm Outdoor 'Love-Feast' at Totley Rise
 Methodist Church(Wesley Celebration)
- 25th Wed 7.30am Service at English Martyrs RC Church
- 26th Thu 7.30am Service at Christ Church, Dore.
- 27th Fri 7.30am Service at Dore & Totley URC Church
- 28th Sat 7.30am Service at St. John's Abbeydale
- 29th TRINITY SUNDAY
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : Ephesians 1:3-14 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. John 14:8-17 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 (RSV)
 New Testament : Ephesians 1:3-14

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWERS

<u>May</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
1	Mrs. Carter	Mrs. Wiggett
8	Mrs. Tym	Mrs. Pearce
15	Mrs. Harvatt	Mrs. Harvatt
22	Mrs Jones & Miss Steward	Mrs. Beeley
29	Mrs. Bryer	Mrs. Mason

Silver Cleaning

May 1 Mrs. O. Powell May 15 Mdms. Coates & Bramall

PARISH BREAKFAST

May 1	Mrs. Ludlum and Mrs. Lewis
May 8	Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Warrender
May 15	Mrs. D. Firth & Mrs. L. Marshall
May 22	Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Cooke
May 29	Mrs. Iveson & Mrs. S. Cook
June 5	Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Davis

PARISH NOTES

PRESENTATION

A 'Token' of our appreciation was given to our organist, Alan Haywood, on Easter Day to mark his 25 years of musical service to All Saints' Church. Thank you Alan.

OUR THANKS to Joyce Jackson, and to all who supported her Coffee Morning in aid of the Organ Fund - £100 was raised.

RELAY PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Participants and sponsors are needed for a relay where those taking part never move more than a few inches, if that, and may remain sitting in a chair! Interested?

A sponsored musical relay is being held in the Church and Church hall on Saturday 25th June in aid of the Organ Fund. Would volunteers please enter their names on the lists provided on the notice-boards (church and hall), or phone 360872. Children's musical party pieces included. Those not performing please sponsor those who are.

All welcome on the day - exact details in next magazine.

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning with Bring 'n Buy will be held at the home of Mrs. Doris Manterfield, 8 Totley Grange Drive on 31st May from 10am to 12noon. Proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

A Spring Luncheon is to be held in the Hall on Saturday, 13th May at 12.30pm. Tickets £2.25p are available from Doris Manterfield (367349) Elaine Powell (362516) and Dorothy Simons (364937). All welcome - please get your tickets early.

Thank you to all who supported the Silent Auction in any way, and made it such a successful and pleasant occasion. The next meeting will be on 24th May in the Church Hall.

LADIES CLUB

On May 3rd at 7.30pm the Ladies Club is holding an Auction of both house and garden plants. On May 17th there will be a Nearly-New & Jumble Sale in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Please come along and support both these events. - you will be very welcome.

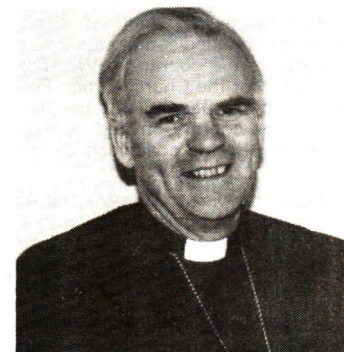
MUMS WITH BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN now meet for coffee and fellowship most Thursday mornings at 10.45am in the Vicarage. Activities for children provided. All welcome - contact 362322 for more details.

Sheffield Diocesan News

MAY, 1988

The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

THE WAY ROUND THE WORLD...



Two months from now, Bishops will assemble from all parts of the Anglican Communion, at Lambeth. Whether they succeed in "bringing their Dioceses with them" remains to be seen. What they will undoubtedly bring with them are serious and acute questions which arise out of the situations in which Christians in their Dioceses find themselves.

It has often been said, and Bishop Skelton reminded us of this in the Diocesan News last Summer, that we in the Church of England sometimes behave as if the rest of the world hardly existed. I confess that in my less worthy moments I am inclined to believe that civilisation stops at the Channel! There will be no escape at Lambeth from facing the truth that the Channel is where the world begins.

English Bishops will listen to their fellow-Bishops from South Africa. We shall share in the anxieties of the church in the Middle East. We shall hear of extreme wealth alongside appalling poverty in South America. Asian Bishops will have something to say about the witness of Christian communities who live in a minority environment. And thank God we shall not only hear of problems. Other provinces of the Anglican Communion have much to teach us in terms of faithfulness and vision. The churches overseas have great spiritual riches to share.

I am glad that in recent weeks a number of Deaneries have been looking at some of the issues with which Lambeth will be concerned. Christ and culture, healing, lay ministry, and what it means to be in Communion are questions which affect Sheffield as much as Singapore. But in the Diocese, as much as at Lambeth itself we want to move on from reflection on our own situation to a greater awareness of what God is doing and calling his people to do in other places. Many of our own challenges affect Singapore as much as Sheffield.

I want to draw your attention particularly to a special pre-Lambeth event taking place in the Diocese to which you will find further reference in this month's Diocesan News. "The Way Round the World" is planned for **Monday, 11th July** at the **Octagon Theatre, Sheffield** at 7.30 p.m. We are expecting as our guests several Bishops from other countries; among them the two Diocesan Bishops from the Church of Sri Lanka, and Bishop James Mundia of Maseno North.

Try and come if you can. The event has eye-opening possibilities for us. More than that, it is an opportunity to show our visitors that Christians over here care deeply about Christian witness across the world.

A reference finally to another pre-Lambeth event: the pilgrimage from the Diocese to Canterbury on June 25th. I cannot give you further encouragement to join in that; the train is full! You can however join the pilgrims in prayer for the Lambeth Conference on that day.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster



From St. Paul's to Westminster Abbey...

Mrs. Jayne Stokoe of St. Paul's, Wheatley Park, Doncaster is used to reading from the Bible to the congregation of 50 or so regularly at church in her Urban Priority Area Parish.

It was very different for her at the end of last month when she read a passage from the "Faith in the City" Report to the crowded congregation from the length and breadth of the country at Westminster Abbey for the launch of the Church Urban Fund. Not only were there more people, but people from every Diocese in the country, invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury by the coachload to represent their dioceses.

For Jayne, the visit to Westminster Abbey for the launch was a real privilege, for both she and her husband have for a long time been fully committed to living and working in their Urban Priority Area Parish, one of 47 in the Diocese. Husband, Stan, has been closely involved with the Community Programme Team which has been working from St. Paul's over the past three years. Changes in the Community Programme this year has meant changes in the work at St. Paul's, but with the help of St. Agatha's Fund it will continue until the end of the year.

St. Paul's and the Revd. Graham Creasey, along with the Diocesan Faith in the City Development Worker, Ian McCullough, are at the moment exploring the situation in the parish and the possible courses of action for the future, and expect to be making an application to the Church Urban Fund. It will be reassuring for St. Paul's to know that they were represented right at the beginning, at the launch by Jayne at Westminster Abbey.



Mrs. Jayne Stokoe and the Revd. Graham Creasey

Appointments

The Revd. Williams Arthur Butt, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Dalton Parva, to be Team Rector of St. John the Baptist, Staveley in the Diocese of Derby.

The Revd. George Grant Macintosh, Vicar of St. Timothy, Crookes, to be Vicar of St. John, Abbeydale.

The Revd. John Newton to succeed the Revd. Ernest Eccles as Diocesan Honorary Secretary for The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Useful to the Clergy and Parishes...

Mr. Colin Donaldson, agent for J. Wippell and Co. Ltd., is able to visit the Clergy by appointment to deal with Cassock and Vestment enquiries, and to discuss Altar Frontals, Choir Robes and Textiles. He has considerable experience in all these matters, having before his retirement been Manager of Wippell's Manchester Shop. Now that the Company no longer has travelling representatives the Clergy and Parishes will find the service that Mr. Donaldson offers particularly useful. He can be contacted at 36 Greenhill Road, Middleton, Near Manchester. M24 2BD. Telephone: 061 643 2796.

Worsbrough Mystery Plays Appointment of Director

The Committee of the Worsbrough Mystery Plays, which are performed in the Old Churchyard of St. Mary's, Worsbrough, with the next production due in July 1989, are on the look out for a new Director. They are looking for someone with ideas and talent who will steer the production to yet another success.

It's a creative and challenging task, and anyone who has ideas regarding the production and who feels that they can contribute to this exciting venture are asked to contact the Secretary in writing. She is Mrs. Cherry Hunter, 81 Manchester Road, Thurlstone, Barnsley.

People Projects The Children's Society Divorce and Children

NEW PACK

The Children's Society has recently published a new resource pack about "Divorce and Children" which offers simple and practical advice to those involved in divorce. The pack is child-focused. One of the leaflets in the pack is written specifically for children and young people. The parents' leaflet offers guidelines for parents on what children need. The leaflet for those working with families experiencing the stress of separation and divorce outlines problems encountered by children and young people and suggests ways in which these may be resolved. All the leaflets contain lists of useful organisations and suggestions for further reading.

Copies are available from The Children's Society, Publications Editor, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL priced £1.30 inc. post and packing.



SYNOD DIGEST

A REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETING held at Wickersley on Saturday, 5th March, 1988 from the Diocesan Communication Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold.

FAITH IN THE CITY, the major report on the life of Church and Nation in Britain's inner-city areas and sprawling council estates, was given its third major airing at Sheffield Diocesan Synod, when the Synod met in March. First off, Frank Field, Labour Member of Parliament for Birkenhead - a Church member and formerly member of the General Synod - paid a return visit to the Diocese and was loud in his praise of what Sheffield Diocese was already attempting and achieving on "Faith in the City" concerns. The situation described in "Faith in the City" had deteriorated even further, he said and, gaps in earnings, in educational achievement between Haves and Have-nots had grown significantly. But he argued against "whingeing and whining" against Government policies. It was best, he said "To pick up the ball and run" ... to co-operate with Government policies to maximum benefit.

He felt, for instance, that the Opting Out procedure proposed in Government Education Plans could give tremendous opportunities for schools to be opted in to Church School status as a genuine alternative to the State System. "Do not ignore the opportunities which this Government is giving us" was his advice. He particularly urged the setting up of Inner-City experience groups for young people, possibly in conjunction with Religious Communities. He argued strongly for Church involvement with Credit Unions as a way of helping those who found personal financial management difficult. And finally he urged an adequate system of support for the clergy working in Urban Priority Areas. "In what non-condescending ways can we support the clergy in UPA parishes?" he asked.

A PRESENTATION of three cameos of Church Life in Urban Priority Areas followed from St. Hilda's, Shiregreen, Sheffield, from St. Bartholomew's, Netherthorpe, Sheffield and from the mining village of Thurnscoe. The clergy and representative lay people of these parishes gave an excellent summary of their parochial situations which, while down-to-earth and realistic, nevertheless were far from hopeless. Dr. Ian McCullough, Sheffield Diocesan Faith in the City Development Worker outlined his work and said three projects had already been accepted for assistance by the Church Urban Aid Fund.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL. Following straight after the presentation from the three Urban Priority parishes, the Bishop of Sheffield's announcement of his Appeal for £1 million from the Diocese, seemed ideally placed to build upon the mood of practical hopefulness which they had given. It was increasingly clear that we needed to take practical steps to help parishes in need. He underlined 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 as a Scriptural base for his thinking with the strong emphasis on the strong helping the weak AND the weak helping the strong. He saw his Appeal as being a Vote of Confidence in the Church of England.



The Revd. Roy Arnold

EARLIER the House of Clergy of the Synod (on behalf of the Bishop's Council) co-opted the Revd. Jim Moore onto the Diocesan Synod, consequent upon his move to another Deanery. Later on Synod received the Report of the Finance Committee and agreed to the setting up of St. Agatha's Trust, with monies from the sale of the former St. Agatha's Mother and Baby Home.

THE CHURCH IN THE MINING COMMUNITIES

came under the spotlight in the afternoon session of the March Diocesan Synod. The Revd. Alan Davis (Maltby) headed up a presentation from various Mining Communities with a particular emphasis on what the Church has done, or had failed to do during the Pit Strike. Canon Mike West of Sheffield Industrial Mission said the Church, during the strike, had been strong on compassion but short of understanding. A booklet on the experiences of parishes in the Diocese of Sheffield during the Mining Dispute of 1984/85 was a focal point of the debate. The views of clergy and lay people from Maltby, Rossington and Cortonwood (where the Strike began) all formed part of a fascinating picture.

The Synod went on to receive the Report and to ask the Diocesan Ministry Committee "to find ways of encouraging training in preaching on community issues"; to encourage the Diocesan Education Committee to provide opportunities for parishes to understand and respond to ethical issues which are emerging in the communities of the Diocese" and finally to encourage the Industrial Mission Team "to continue and extend its work of helping parishes establish good relations with the coal mining industry and promote wider understanding of the issues which the industry faces."

YOUTH AND CHILDREN. The Revd. Alan Griffiths, the Diocesan Assistant Director of Education (Youth and Children) gave a rapid insight into his work which was, he said, basically to support parishes in their youth work by helping them to review their work with young people, by providing parish-based training facilities; by setting up major events to which young people could be invited; by the provision of resources at the Education Office and by the production of a regular issue of "What's On" to keep people in parishes well informed on all these matters. He gave advance notice of Youth Sunday in the Diocese - November 20th - with two preparation days - October 8th in Sheffield and October 15th in Doncaster - for Youth Sunday. Alan ended his presentation with three interesting statistics.

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The Revd. Alan Griffiths

1 From the latest statistics only 1.6 young males per parish are being confirmed into the Church of England each year.

2 The Church loses three quarters of its young people between the ages of 12 and 20.

3 Two thirds of present Church members claim that they were converted to Christ in their teenage years.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD is Thursday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf, Doncaster.

"The Way Round the World"

at the Octagon Theatre, Sheffield University
Monday, 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

Meet with others and Bishops from the Anglican Communion...with Garth Hewitt and Theatre Roundabout...to celebrate the world wide Church.

Tickets £1.50 from: Mrs. B. Thompson, 18 Newhall Road, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster. DN3 1QQ. Money with order please and cheques payable to: Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance.

Celebration

Sheffield Movement for the Ordination of Woman invite anyone who would like to join them **CELEBRATING JULIAN OF NORWICH**, with Evensong at St. Leonard's, Dinnington at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, 8th May, followed by a 'faith tea' at the Rectory, 217 Nursery Road, and at 8.00 p.m. Taize Prayers for Juliantide also at St. Leonard's.

Return Visit

Stuart Brindley, Vicar of Rotherham writes:

This time last year two colleagues and I spent a week in Germany, visiting the Protestant Church in Hattingen, a steel and coal town in the Ruhr District. Our aim was to set in motion a possible 'twinning' of our Diocese and their Church District.

This year our hosts will be paying us a return visit; and they expect to bring some lay people with them.

We hope to show them all sorts of aspects of the life and work of the Church and Community of South Yorkshire. We shall make a special point of introducing them to the areas of concern with which we three are particularly involved - social responsibility, adult education and clergy training.

The clergy will be staying with us; with Grant MacIntosh at Crookes, Nick Jowett at Brampton and myself at Rotherham. The lay folk will be with parishioners of ours.

We have worked out a programme of visits for them which will include meeting Bishop David and the staff of the Diocesan Office. We shall introduce them to the Diocesan Education Team and some of the Industrial Chaplains. We shall take them to Durham for a day to visit a theological college; and we expect to take them to a local coal mine.

There will be a meeting with the Mayor of Rotherham and some of the officials of the Local Authority there, with a view to a possible twinning of the towns of Rotherham and Hattingen. They will show us around the Rotherham area, looking both at some of the things they are proud of and some of the things they are sad about.

The dates of the visit are 30th May - 6th June.

If you see us around your way, give us a 'Guten Tag', will you? Or at least an 'Auf Wiedersehen' to indicate you'd like to see us again. We hope indeed there will be lots of 'agains' as our relationship develops and becomes helpful to both communities in their ministry and work.

Any German speakers in the Diocese who are interested in the visit please contact the Revd. Stuart Brindley, Rotherham Vicarage, 33 Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2AD. Tel: Rotherham 364341.

GARDEN PARTY

All Saints' Church are holding their Annual Garden Party on 18th June in the Church Grounds commencing at 2pm.

A special attraction before the official opening will be a Parade around the parish with the Sunday School Prince and Princess. This will start from Totley Rise at 1.15pm. This Parade will be led by a Marching Band and it is hoped several floats with a general theme of "Nursery Rhymes" will take part. Local shops and traders have sponsored this parade which we hope will be a great success.

Attractions this year in the grounds will be a steam train ride, bouncing castle, pet show, and all the usual book records, bottle, cakes, nearly-new, plants, white elephant etc., stalls for everyone to enjoy.

Live music will be played by the Woodhouse Prize Band who were very good last year.

It is hoped at the end of the afternoon all our effort and hard work will be rewarded by the donations we shall be able to make. Firstly to restore the Church Organ, and secondly to contribute to the fund to finance a multitude of locally-based Christian initiatives in the deprived areas of our nation, including parts of Sheffield, and South Yorkshire, to show that we care about the needs of others in a practical way.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The slogan for this year's Christian Aid Week (16-21 May) is 'The poor haven't a share in the world'. House-to-House collectors are required to assist the work of Christian Aid in helping the poor and hungry get a fairer share of the world's resources - will you help? It isn't much to ask in view of what others have to put up with in life.

This year Christian Aid is suggesting that a moment of dedication and preparation for C.A.W. Collectors be held in Ascension Day Services. All collectors are invited to All Saints' Ascension Day Service at 8pm to recall their solidarity with all others involved in the week nationwide and their commitment to the aims of Christian Aid.

Details about the week from Marjorie Snowdon (362822).



Frau Sobiech, Revd. Nick Jowett, Pastors Sobiech and Sombrowsky, Revd. Grant MacIntosh, Frau Vosswinkel and Pastor Vosswinkel.

TO BE - OR NOT TO BE C.P./A.S.BE!

Recent discussion at the Annual Meeting about the forms of Service - BCP or ASB has prompted church members to offer the three following contributions to All Saints' News.

The first is from another parish magazine (St.Paul's Norton Lees) and the second from a national publication - an indication that discussion about liturgical traditions and preferences is fairly widespread.

A survey carried out of the 8am attenders has revealed that just over half prefer no experimental change to ASB at all 8am Services. However, for an experimental period of six months the P.C.C. have agreed that the sung Evening Communion should alternate between BCP/ASB and the Communion on 15th May will be A.S.B.

"EAT UP YOUR GREENS...!"

We all probably have childhood memories of being encouraged to eat things that we didn't particularly like, because they were good for us. My particular hate was spinach. It was supposed to be so full of iron and that would be good for me. I must confess to a secret sense of self-satisfaction when I was told recently that spinach has no greater iron content than many other green vegetables. And yet that encouragement has proved valuable for us. You can hardly grow up healthy on a diet of chocolate and crisps!

In the practice of our faith, we can still be like children - picking and choosing. We don't like the Alternative Service Book, or we don't like the Book of Common Prayer, and so we only go to services we like, and when it is not to our liking we stay away. By restricting our diet we lose the opportunity to have our faith and our understanding of worship enriched and so our spiritual lives are less healthy and vigorous than they ought to be. Some like the old traditional hymns; others only want modern ones! And it is not long before the word 'boring' comes into the conversation. How sad it is to see this same picking and choosing when people of little spiritual maturity and stability drift from church to church, dipping and tasting but never staying.

One reason for this "go when we feel like it, but only to a service of which we approve" is that we seem to have lost in this generation a sense of discipline and duty in worship. Regular worship is one way we show our thankfulness to God and our obedience in His service. I feel that we have come very close to the danger of thinking that worship is for our benefit - that we come to be entertained, whereas we come to meet with the Living Lord. We come to worship for Him first and foremost, not for ourselves. We come to praise and thank Him for all that He is and for all that He does. To try to put satisfaction in worship for ourselves first will always prove an elusive quest.

IF YOU LOVE JESUS - SHOUT IT OUT !

If you love Jesus, shout it out!

Well, yes, I love him,
but I'm not very good at shouting things.
I could sing it for you, if you like,
my music, of course,
not quite traditional church music
but more complex than a chorus.
Won't that do?
Oh, sorry, I guess that I'd better be quiet, then,
but I do love him, you know.

If you would share God's peace, give me a hug!

Well, yes, I would like to share it,
but I don't often hug people,
only my wife and children,
certainly not strangers.
I could shake your hand,
but why do you keep offering me both of yours?
Must we dance together to share the peace?
Oh, sorry, I guess I'd better be still, then,
but I do want to share it, you know.

If you believe in the Spirit, speak in tongues!

Well, yes, I do believe in him,
but it isn't quite that easy, is it?
Speaking in tongues is a gift, and maybe not given to me.
I don't think that God gives all his gifts to everyone.
Does he? or have I got it wrong?
Perhaps I misunderstood Paul.
I often do, don't you?
I'm never really sure what he believes about the Law.
Oh, sorry, was that a doubt creeping in?—
but I do believe really.

We don't think that you are a Christian at all!

Yes, I can understand that.
I don't go in for wearing badges
or standing on street corners shouting salvation.
I'm a bit busy really.
There's the tramps to be cared for,
the starving to feed
and the dying to nurse.
Then there is a generation to educate
and the church fabric to maintain.
So, I'm sorry, I'll go away and get on with that.
Perhaps I'll meet you somewhere along the way.

HOLY COMMUNION

On the surface All Saints' Church has a controversy between those who favour the Communion Service set out in the Book of Common Prayer and those who favour Rite A. from the Alternative Service Book. In a very real sense these services are the same. They are both a gathering of the faithful to be obedient to our Lord's command - "Do this in remembrance of me." To that end we are all required to join in fellowship and love to worship and be strengthened on a regular basis.

The 1662 Prayer Book was itself an updating of the 1549 book which had been compiled in English from Latin sources. Earlier this century the Church of England wished to revise the form of its official book but Parliament rejected the 1928 Prayer Book which therefore remains "Unofficial". More recently, in post war years, a great deal of effort has gone into the updating processes. Many of us will remember Series 1,2 and 3 and possibly other variants on which there has been experimental use over the last 30 years or so.

Why has this search for change been necessary?

There are several reasons:

1. The Church today has become much more aware that our faith is for seven days of the week - not just Sundays only. It has therefore become important to link the services and their language into every day understanding and experience of life.
2. Education generally has moved away from "learning by rote". There is more emphasis today on understanding meanings and concepts rather than forms.
3. Theological research has suggested that the more recent revisions are closer to the early church practice than was the medieval forms.
4. The Church today is more aware of its vocation to mission (to others in our own community than previously and therefore needed a form of service which was more intelligible and acceptable to those who were not at all familiar with any church service.
5. The Church has felt in recent years that it needed a more flexible form of service which could be moulded to varying needs without destroying the fundamentals.
6. There is a considerable desire within the present day church for more openness and fellowship. This reflection

of biblical practice needs to be incorporated into the prescribed forms.

Of course the 1662 Service has a language that many of us have come to love. Of course we treasure things which are familiar to us and many of us become confused by the increasing rate of change of everything around us. What matters most though, is that we join together in obedience and love - building up and encouraging each other so that we can strive, with God's help, to bring the kingdom of heaven closer. We need each other but we all need, both individually and corporately, the fire of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Maurice Snowdon

ARE YOU COLOUR BLIND ?

Recently a well-known bishop castigated the Government on certain aspects of its policy, to be followed by another supporting him. At times, non-church influential groups of assorted kinds also criticise and attack Government policy but we do not get outraged MPs saying that these groups should not have an opinion. Yet when Church leaders express their views one would think they came from another planet, knowing nothing of everyday affairs.

I would suggest that by the time a Bishop has reached that office, he has a full and thorough knowledge of the outside world - and THERE'S THE RUB! You learn a lot on the long journey from curate to bishop including the seamy side of life. Why only the other day in town I saw a Bishop shopping with a carrier bag. I bet he knew the price of a packet of tea.

After our first bishop's outburst another bishop deplored the aforesaid outburst urging him to cut out some of the purple passages from some of his statements. It is to be regretted - what we want is more 'purple passages' taken from the good book to equate with modern living. There is no shortage. The New Testament is full of them. The majority of people want forthright words, not bland sophistries.

The trouble is we have let the purple fade and is now in many people's minds only a dull grey. Incidentally, why do bishops wear purple?

Rex B.

Fellowship

Our fellowship group is filled with love
And the Holy Spirit, a gift from above,
Reading the scriptures and studying the verses,
Airing the doubts that each of us nurses,
Praying for guidance from the Lord,
His help in comprehending the Word.

Remembering anguish, suffering and pain
And how to bring healing and peace again,
Thanking the Lord for his mercy and grace,
Praying together and trying to make space
For a quiet time with personal prayers,
Offering up our worries and cares.

Soon we know we will be put to the test,
But now we can go out renewed and refreshed,
We know we are weak and lacking in power
But every Tuesday in our special hour
We help one another, and each of us knows
That faith which is fed by the Spirit soon grows.

Sue Wright

END QUOTES

We must all learn to live together like brothers, or
we shall perish together like fools.

Martin Luther King.

Belated Easter thoughts:

Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection,
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

Loveliest of trees the cherry now
is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands along the woodland ride
wearing white for Easter-tide.

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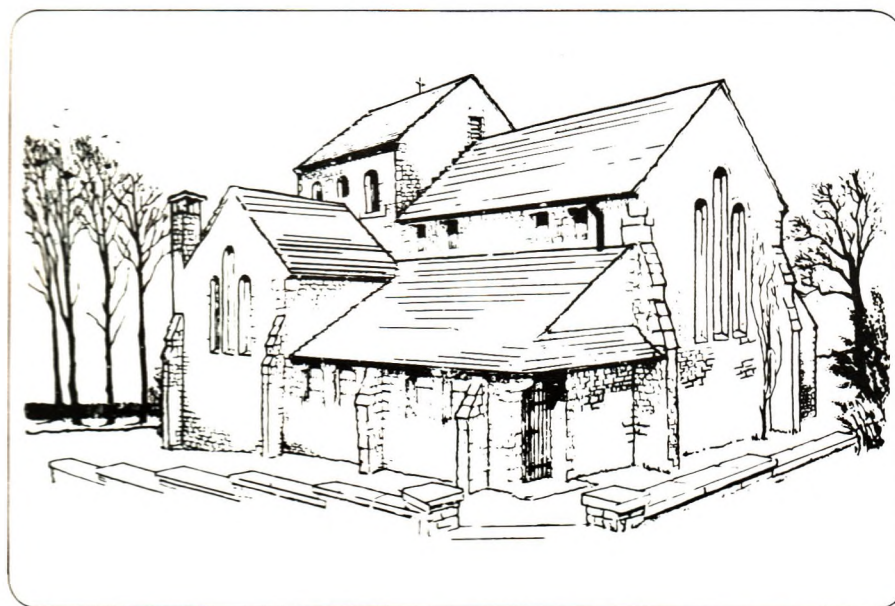
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Many of our young people face examinations this month, either at school or college. Although students tend to feel examiners are trying to find out what they do not know or cannot do, the purpose of a test is really to provide an opportunity to show what they do know and can do. Examinations, therefore, can be approached in a positive or negative spirit.

This is true of the many tests we have to face throughout life with its difficulties and disappointments. It was true of the temptations or tests faced in the wilderness by Jesus at the start of his ministry. Their purpose was to further prepare Jesus in mind and spirit for his life ahead so that he was better equipped for the work he came to do. It is the same with each of us - the things which test us can make us stronger in character, and indeed others can then draw strength from us in turn.

When we enter an examination we aim to reach a certain standard by a certain date. Many of us would admit, I'm sure, that we would never have reached that standard in time if it had not been for the fact that we knew we were to be tested. Some have attained success, others have met with much adversity, others have been cast down by sickness and pain. but all we encounter can be seen as tests by which our characters are developed. It is not so much what happens to us that matters most, but how we meet it and respond to it. We need then to draw upon the strength and resources God supplies to meet each day, trusting Him and learning from Him through every experience of our lives.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

CONGRATULATIONS

Our oldest church member, Mrs. May Bingham, celebrated her 100th Birthday in Green Oak View on 17th May



SERVICES FOR JUNE

- 5th PENTECOST 2
 Theme am "The Church's Unity and Fellowship"
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion(ASB)
 Epistle : Acts 2:37 - 47 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 14:15 - 24 (NEB)
- 12.15pm Holy Baptism (Adam Alan Hawke)
 Theme pm "The People of God"
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Exodus 19:1-6 (RSV)
 New Testament : 1 Peter 2:1-10 (NEB)
- 12th PENTECOST 3
 Theme am "The Church's Confidence in Christ"
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion(BCP)
 Epistle : Acts 4:8-12 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 8: 41-56 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
 Theme pm "The Life of the Baptized"
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Deuteronomy 6: 17-25 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. John 15: 5-11 (JB)
- 19th PENTECOST 4
 Theme am "The Church's Mission to the Individual"
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Acts 8: 26-38 (JB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 15: 1-10 (RSV)
10am Family Service
 Theme pm "The Freedom of the Sons of God"
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Galatians 3:23-4:7 (TEV)
 Gospel : St. John 15:12-17 (JB)
- 26th PENTECOST 5
 Theme am "The Church's Mission to All Men"
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Acts 11:4-18 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 10: 1-12 (NEB)

- 26th 10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
 Theme pm "The New Law"
6.30pm Evensong
 Old Testament : Exodus 20: 1-17 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. Matthew 19:16-26 (NEB)

PARISH ROTAS

PARISH BREAKFAST

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| June 5 | Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Davis |
| 12 | Mr & Mrs Filleul |
| 19 | Mr Marshall and Mrs A. Powell |
| 26 | Mrs Billard and Mrs. Houldcroft |
| July 3 | Mrs P. Marshall & Mrs Kirton |

Silver Cleaning

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| June 5 | Mrs. E. Powell | June 19 | Mrs.D. Firth |
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FLOWERS

- | <u>June</u> | <u>Altar</u> | <u>Memory Table</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 5 | Mrs.Hill-Wilson | Mrs. Wiggett |
| 12 | - | Mrs. Hall |
| 19 | Miss Gillott | Miss Gillott |
| 26 | Mrs Greenhoff | Mrs Parsons |

PARISH NOTES

LADIES CLUB

In May, the Ladies enjoyed a Plant Auction ably conducted by Elsie Coates and Margaret Wiggett, and the Nearly New and Jumble sale raised £90 for Club funds. On June 7, Beryl Rayner, our Chairman, will give a talk on the work of 'Cruse'; and on June 21 all ladies are welcome to come along to an evening with Judy of J & J. Wools. She will be showing her latest wools and patterns with an opportunity to buy at bargain prices.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on Monday 20th June and Monday 18th July, at 113 Green Oak Rd.

JUMBLE SALE arranged by Ladies Working Party on FRIDAY 1st JULY 7pm Offers of jumble to 367349/362516 or bring to the hall from 2pm.
 Cakes & Nearly New needed for our stalls at the Garden Party on 18th June.

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE

1st	Wed	10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship 8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close and 113 Green Oak Road.
2nd	Thu	11.15am Pram Service in Church 8pm Garden Party Meeting in the Church Hall 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
7th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - "Cruse" - Beryl Rayner
8th	Wed	2pm Monthly afternoon Fellowship- 180 Warminster Road 8pm Wednesday Fellowship - 57 Sunnyvale Road and 1 Quarry Road
9th	Thu	10.45am Mums with babies & youngsters- Vicarage 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group 25 Meadow Grove Rd.
11th	Sat	12noon - Holy Matrimony(Jeremy Fry & Amanda Shaw) 1.30pm - Holy Matrimony (Richard Stephenson and Tina Woodhead) 2.45pm - Holy Matrimony(Gary Gray & Anne Pickering)
14th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship-12 Aldam Close
15th	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close and 1 Quarry Road
16th	Thu	10.45am Mums with babies & youngsters - Vicarage 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
18th	Sat	2pm <u>GARDEN PARTY</u>
20th	Mon	8pm Men's Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
21st	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 7.30pm Ladies Club - J & J Wools
22nd	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 57 Sunnyvale Road and 113 Green Oak Road
23rd	Thu	10.45am Mums with babies & youngsters-Vicarage 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
25th	Sat	10.30am onwards - Musical Relay in Church Hall
27th	Mon	7.30pm All Saints' School - Annual Parents' Meeting
28th	Tue	1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close 2.15pm Ladies Working Party - Church Hall
29th	Wed	8pm Wednesday Fellowships - 9 Aldam Close and 113 Green Oak Road.
30th	Thu	10.45pm Mums with babies & youngsters - Vicarage 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
1 JULY	Fri	7pm Ladies Working Party Jumble Sale

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FROM BISHOP DAVID



Dear Friends,

1 The £Million Pound Appeal

I'm writing in April and your letters, cheques and covenants are flooding in. Thank you very much indeed. But when you read this in June we will still be just six weeks into a four-year Appeal and so I'll still be very glad to hear from you.

2 Faith in the City

The Westminster Abbey Service on 20th April for the launch of the Church Urban Fund was a wonderfully moving and exciting occasion. I was glad that there was a bus load of people from Sheffield Diocese sharing in it. But the thought that came to me most strongly was the fact that we all need more thought, more study, more prayer, if we are really going to be able to helpfully share in the life and work of our parishes in the Inner City, the Housing Estates, and the Mining Villages. From time to time in all our parishes I hope there will be opportunity in both Church Services and Study Groups for us to give our hearts and minds to the problems and opportunities that face us. If this happens throughout the parishes of the Church of England nationwide I believe it would be of immense significance.

On such occasions of worship and study I believe that some of the words used in Westminster Abbey could be of continuing helpfulness. They can play a part too in our private prayers.

THE RECOLLECTION

We remember how God's loving purposes are thwarted by our misuse of his gifts and by our neglect of his commands. It is the will of God that we should deal justly with one another and live together in love. For our selfishness in our dealings with one another:

O Lord forgive us.

It is the will of God that we should bear one another's burdens. For our lack of concern for others:

O Lord forgive us.

It is the will of God that we should find purpose in work, peace in our homes, and pleasure in recreation. For our lack of purpose and our feeble sense of duty:

O Lord forgive us.

It is the will of God that we should follow Christ, in every moment of every day. For our failure to acknowledge him as Lord of life and our lack of courage in upholding the right:

O Lord forgive us.

THE DEDICATION

Why has God called us here?

To respond to the Good News of his love for us in Jesus Christ. God's light has come into the world and we rejoice.

What hope has he given us?

The hope of unity in church and nation, as we receive one another's gifts and strengthen one another in worship, mission and service.

What is he sending us to do?

To share our wealth with these in our cities who are poor, powerless or disadvantaged, and to help them to build a new future for themselves and for us all.

3 Happy Birthday, Wakefield

May, 1888 saw both the foundation of the new Diocese of Wakefield to serve parts of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and the coming of Walsham How (writer of the hymn 'For all the Saints') as their first Bishop. Sheffield played the part of the Wicked Godmother at this christening and by her refusal to be part of the new Diocese nearly strangled the infant at birth. But that was a hundred years ago! Today we give thanks for the zeal and popular goodwill for the Church of England that made possible for the founding of the new Diocese, for the continued work and witness and worship that goes on today as in the past century, and for the fact that in the Diocese of Wakefield we have a very good neighbour indeed.

God Bless you all.

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield



The new Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Ven. Stephen Lowe, has been busy during the first few months of his appointment finding his way round the Archdeaconry and indeed the Diocese. He can be contacted at 23, Hill Turrets Close, Sheffield, S11 9RE Tel: Sheffield 350191.

Doncaster Fellowship of Churches

Alive in Mission attractions include:

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- 1.30 p.m. Picnic Lunch on the Cricket Field
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- 4.00 p.m. Picnic Tea on the Cricket Field
There will be a Punch and Judy Show before and during Tea
- 5.00 p.m. Solemn Evensong in the Community Church

Programmes (which are free) are required for admission to the grounds.

Service Sheets for the Solemn Eucharist are available on request at 30p. each.

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Seminar

The proposed legislation to enable the ordination of women to the priesthood will be discussed at next month's meeting of the General Synod. But what is this legislation? What does it mean? Sheffield and Southwell branches of M.O.W. have asked Prof. David McLean, Chairman of the Legislative Group, to be the speaker at a seminar and consultation in Sheffield Cathedral Hall on Friday, June 24th. at 8.00 p.m.

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The Revd. Bernard Holdridge, Rector of Rawmarsh and Rural Dean of Rotherham, to be Vicar of Worksoop Priory.

The Revd. John Corby, Urban Mission Priest, St. Michael's, Sutton, in the Diocese of York, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Dalton Parva.

The Revd. David P. Palmer from Luton in the Diocese of St. Albans to be Vicar of St. Matthias, Stocksbridge.

Captain Alan Turner, Church Army, to serve in the Parish of St. Cecilia, Parson Cross.

The Revd. Brian Hayes, Assistant Curate, St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, to be Assistant Curate at St. Leonard's, Norwood.

The Revd. John Presswell, Curate at Handsworth, to be Curate at Rotherham with responsibility for St. Stephen's, Eastwood.

DRL/B.J./20.04.88
c.c. Revd. Roy Arnold

Please pray for those to be made Priest on 2nd July:
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Alastair Murray Cutting at All Saints, Woodlands
David Ronald Evans at SS. John & Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe.
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Ivan Laurence Mort at All Saints, Aston-cum-Aughton.
Martin Ronald Poole at St. Catherine of Sienna, Richmond Road, Sheffield.
Gary David Simmons at St. Mary, Ecclesfield.

Please pray for those to be made Deacon on 3rd July:
Robert John Hansley Beard of Ripon College, Cuddesdon to The Manor
James Bentley Blackman of Lincoln Theological College to St. Peter, Hoyland.
Jack Davis of Oak Hill Theological College to Owlerton.
John Graham Fairhurst of Lincoln Theological College to Whiston.
Colin Gibson of Oak Hill Theological College to Thrybergh.
Christopher Hughes of Salisbury and Wells Theological College to St. Mary. Handsworth.
David James of The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield to St. Luke, Rossington.
Brian Swindell of St. John's College, Nottingham to Wombwell.

Very Moving

St. Paul's Arbourthorne, Sheffield, celebrates its Golden Jubilee on its present site during this year. St. Paul's was formerly in the Peace Gardens next to Sheffield Town Hall, and in the 1930s decided that they would transfer themselves and their church to help start the church's witness on one of the 'new' housing areas - Arbourthorne. They built on a massive scale and by the 1970s the church was too big for their needs, so it was replaced by an attractive small modern building, and a hostel for the handicapped. It is an inspiring story of service and adaptation and the parish is celebrating with a weekend of thanksgiving this month. On Saturday, June 18th at 3.00 p.m. there is a Festival Eucharist at Hurlfield School, East Bank Road, Sheffield 2 when the Preacher is Father Edmund Wheat, a former curate of St. Paul's. Refreshments follow the service. The Eucharist of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 19th at 10.00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, East Bank Road, has the Bishop of Sheffield as Celebrant and Preacher. Everyone is welcome to this very special occasion.

Choir Courses

A residential course for boy choristers in the age range 8-14 years at Edward King House, Lincoln from 16th-19th August, 1988. The course will have the privilege of singing two services in Lincoln Cathedral.

Cost (including accommodation, food and music) £44.

Further information and entry forms from RONALD PIKE (Secretary) CHOIR COURSES, 26 Roundwood Close, Hitchin, Herts., SG4 0RD (tele: Hitchin (0462) 50338 before 6 June or after 15 June).

Closing date 14 July or earlier if all vacancies taken.

BISHOP'S £MILLION APPEAL 1988 1992

The text of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter read out in churches at the launch of the appeal.

Peace be with you. Alleluia.

Three words can focus my 'Appeal'.

It is about **loyalty**. God - wonderfully and lovingly - makes himself known to me and millions of others in and through the faith, worship, and fellowship of the Church of England. But on every side our Church is slandered and rubbished. Of course we have our faults. How could a Church of which you and I are members be perfect? Yet today, as in the time of St. Aidan and St. Augustine, God is using His Church of England to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every part of our country. My response to this Appeal is a mark of my loyalty to the Church I love.

More importantly, it is about **love** - that love from God that has led us to faith, our love for God, and our love for our neighbour. The Archbishops in their Pastoral Letter remind us of our responsibility "not just to parts of England but to the whole of it". For us this must at least mean that we bring real and useful help to those parishes in the Diocese where it is so urgently needed.

And thirdly, the Appeal must mean **deeds** not words.

The folder that explains it all is being given today to every worshipper in every Church in the Diocese. That is more than 20,000 envelopes! Please read and study it with patient care. Then some action! I ask for a response that is

prayerful - in God's strength and under His guidance

practical - there is work waiting to be done now

sacrificial - loyalty and love are 'tough' words, we must show we mean them and be cheerfully generous - we need the money!

Thank you, and may God keep you all strong in faith and hope and love.

*Takes
Some
Licking!*



The Revd. Roy Arnold sizing up the task.

The Revd. Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communication Officer, knows all about the Bishop's Appeal Leaflet, given to every worshipper in every church in the Diocese at the launch of the appeal. For not only was Roy involved in its production, but he and his family put all 20,000 copies of the leaflet into envelopes in the days before its distribution. Thankfully for the Arnolds the envelopes didn't need sticking up!

Open Meeting

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin will speak at the next meeting of the **Open Church Group on Thursday, 16th June at 2.15 p.m.** at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield (near the Royal Hallamshire Hospital). The meeting will be a stimulating one judging by previous occasions on which the Bishop has spoken and his theme will be "The Gospel in Western Culture". All Diocesan clergy and laity are invited and the meeting will conclude by 4.15 p.m. More details from the Revd. Canon John Giles on Sheffield 557782.

FAMILY WEEKEND

A Family Weekend is planned to take place in All Saints' Church and Hall on 15, 16, 17 July. During the weekend there will be sessions for teaching and discussion for adults and youngsters, time for fellowship and fun together as we explore the theme of being part of God's flock. The weekend will be led by the Rev. Gavin McGrath. Please make a note in your diary now - more details later.

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS TOY LIBRARY

There is now a Toy Library based at All Saints School. The toys are all "educational" - many games and jig-saws from well known educational suppliers such as Galt. There are toys suitable for pre-school children as well as our own pupils. We would like any pre-school children in the area to borrow toys - so please come along, the charge is 20p per week. It is situated in the Home Studies Room, and tea and coffee are available whilst you and your children choose toys.

The opening times are:-

Wednesday 2.45 - 3.45 pm

Thursday 11.30 - 12.15 and 2.45 - 3.45 pm

Fridays 11.30am - 12.15 pm

We would like to make the Thursday afternoon session one where pre-school children and their parents can get together and get to know one another, and develop it as a "Parent and Toddler Group".

Toys are so expensive these days and it is easy to buy ones which are just left in the toy cupboard, because your children don't enjoy them. The toy library gives you the opportunity to try them out - and then if you find one which is a "roaring success" you know that it is worth buying. Different children like different games - they are all individuals - so here is your opportunity to find out which your child likes for only 20p per week.

For more information please contact me or Denise Nettleton (363717).
Joan Stratford

Do join us for the following events:-

Sports Afternoon	Wednesday	22nd June	1.30pm
Summer Concert	Wednesday	13th July	7.15pm
Leavers Assembly	Friday	22nd July	9.30am

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

April 10th Sophia Louise Jackson
May 8th Katy Elizabeth Otter

Holy Matrimony

March 30th Steven Johnathan Midgely & Fiona Nicola Carter
April 9th Stephen Robert David Johnston & Anne-Clare Edwards
April 23rd Antony Noel Thomas & Alison Elizabeth Byron

Funerals

April 21st Martha Ann Godbehere (80) 24 Green Oak Crescent
April 26th Samuel Jepson (66) 20 Laverdene Way
May 4th Henry George Johnson (54) 22 The Grove
May 10th Dorothy Isobel Eleanor Harris (96) The Glen

Pat Godbehere moved to Totley 12 years ago from the house on Broadfield Road where she had been born and spent her life. Despite increasing disability which kept her housebound, she exerted a friendly influence on all around her.

Sam Jepson worked for many years in the S.Y. Ambulance Service with the maintenance of vehicles. Widely respected by his colleagues for his efficiency and skill, they also appreciated his counsel and care in times of stress and difficulty. George Johnson was born in Totley, and moved on from being a chorister at All Saints', through four years as a Kathleen Ferrier scholar at the Royal Academy of Music, to sing in the chorus at Sadlers Wells. Latterly impaired by ill-health, he still maintained his enthusiasm for music and his links with All Saints'.

MISS DOROTHY HARRIS

Dorothy Harris started the Sunday School in the Church School rooms with Mr.A. Foulstone. Later she was joined by Miss Betty Coates, Miss Goldthorpe, Miss Unwin and M.L.Jones. Miss Harris always had charge of the Infant class. When Sunday School services were later held in church at regular intervals, she also played the organ.

The hardest part of Miss Harris' long service was during the war years, but she always carried on, and outings to Derbyshire, Christmas parties and Prizegivings were organised. In spite of rationing there was always a "spread", with the great help of the mothers, a friendly shopkeeper and Mrs.Stubbs (caretaker). After the war, Sunday School classes continued

at the Church School until the Church Hall was built - Miss Harris cut the first turf.

After the Hall was finished, Sunday School classes were given there, plus services in church. Dorothy also played a full part in the life of the church and was a useful member of the Ladies Working Party.

Miss Harris was much loved by all her music and Sunday School pupils, and we are grateful for her long life of faithful service and Christian witness.

Margaret Jones

MOVING ON

Mick Woodhead who has been accepted by A.C.C.M. for ordination will begin his training in September at St.John's College, Nottingham. Mick, Trish and the family have bought a house in Nottingham and will be leaving Totley at the end of July.

We extend to them our prayers and best wishes, and know we shall look forward to keeping in touch and hearing news of their progress and future ministry.

ORGAN FUND MUSIC RELAY - 26th JUNE

This will start at 10.30am and hopes to continue on into the evening. Please come and listen (and join in) to pleasant music - refreshments available. Collecting plate near the door or sponsor a player. More players required so don't be shy - virtuosity not necessary - just easy on the ear music from nursery rhymes through hymns/songs to more technical stuff. More information from church notices and church notice board - sponsor forms available.

OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING - 23rd JUNE

As the business of the Annual Meeting did not allow time for discussion on the Bishop's Visitation document circulated with the Annual Report an Open Meeting is to be held on Thursday 23rd June at 8pm in the Church Hall. The Sheffield Video on Young People and the Church will be shown and an opportunity to consider any ideas arising from the Bishop's Charge.

ST LUKE'S NURSING HOME - SUMMER FAIR 2pm - 11th JUNE

ONE MAN'S VIEW

An opinion of how Anglicanism is likely to develop over the next quarter-century or so, by John Whale, head of religious television at the B.B.C.

The three main tendencies within Anglicanism, which can be called Evangelicalism, Catholicism and the middle way, each of them easily defensible both doctrinally and in terms of Christian lives lived within them, will all survive; and they will refuse synthesis. But Anglicanism will open its arms wider than to enclose just those three.

Because of certain attributes of the parent Church of England, it is already unhostile to departures from doctrinal orthodoxy. Alongside doctrinal orthodoxy it will increasingly accommodate the idea of a God who does not act, and a unitarian God at that. It will be explicitly uncertain about an after-life, and unassertive about the exclusive rightness of Christianity as against other faiths. Indeed, before long, it will enter seriously on dialogue with other faiths.

In the Church of England, at any rate, old forms of worship will continue to lose ground to the new, and perhaps a little faster than is wise. Old churches, meanwhile, will go on being sold for secular uses like garden centres, or demolished or incorporated into secular buildings; but perhaps more slowly than is wise.

The Anglican ministry will alter noticeably. Part-timers will multiply. Divorce in the priesthood will come to be regarded as an aspect of normality. Women priests will fairly rapidly become accepted throughout Anglicanism, and without much further strife or secession.

Women bishops will come, too, and more troublesomely. Bishops, male or female, will gain in importance as representatives of their clergy, even while they decline in formal authority over them. The number of bishops ought not to grow. They will be increasingly chosen as managers, not for scholarship or churchmanship or amiability.

Establishment, though, also unique to England within Anglicanism, will never in so many words be abolished: it will pass imperceptibly away. Church of England provision of the rites of passage to all comers will be gradually curtailed.

The present representation of the Church of England episcopate in the Lords will not last, because it is unfair to other Churches in the United Kingdom. It will be replaced by the only device that can accommodate them, a system of ecclesiastical life peerages.

If Anglicanism can maintain its doctrinal comprehensiveness, as I believe it will, it has a precious future. It can do for Christendom what few other Churches can. Without turning away the orthodox believer, it can give Christian shelter to the unorthodox, to the doubter, to the half-believer, to the striver after fresh understanding.

Remaining faithful to its own past, it can be a dispensary of Christian reassurance and a base for the pursuit of Christian truth. That is a reasonable service.

REPORT ON PCC MEETINGS

The April meeting of the PCC began with Holy Communion. Afterwards, in the Crypt, the Vicar welcomed new members and the following officers were elected:- Vice-Chairman - Eric Simons, Secretary - Angela Waite, Treasurer - Harry Powell, Asst.Treasurer - Cliff Job, PCC elected member to Standing Committee - Dudley Nixon.

We agreed to continue supporting Linda Chambers, the Scripture Union Officer in Sheffield schools; and are hoping to arrange an open forum with a speaker from the Hallam Branch, Christian Constituency Movement later in the year. Eric Simons reported on church heating and the new telephone system in the Hall and arrangements were made for the felling of dead trees in the grounds. A date was provisionally arranged for an open meeting on the follow-up to the Bishop's Report; and it was decided that Evening Communion will alternate BCP & ASB to maintain the balance of services.

At the May meeting in the Vicarage, we agreed to support Jeremy Bezant on a year-long project in Zimbabwe. The Treasurer gave a quarterly financial report, and the Faith in the City Committee reported on its progress in the proposed linking up with an inner city parish. Some time was spent discussing committees and their terms of reference, and further details were given on the Family Weekend to be held in July.

Angela Waite

STEVEN : No longer with uswith Jesus

This was always the letter we hoped we would not have to write. Steven, our precious Godson, is now with Jesus. He died peacefully, in his sleep, on Tuesday, 23 March, aged 2 years 3 months.

The days succeeding his death have not been without pain and difficulty. No matter how strong your faith, the loss of such a small, innocent child is a tremendous challenge to the reality of a loving Lord Jesus. In such circumstances, we have found it is not helpful to trust your feelings - God's Lord is the only consistency when all around you is crumbling.

Jesus said to His disciples - "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

For every loved one we lose, this question arises. The certainty of death, and its frequency, is a continued reminder that we are created beings in a transitory world, through which we pass all too quickly.

Some of you, who may have read the other letters about Steven, may understandably be wondering just what all the prayer achieved. We have one certain answer to that - not eroded by the circumstances - Steven has eternal life in Jesus. The prayers of the many interceded on his behalf, and by God's grace his perishable body "sown in weakness.... (has been) raised in power". (1 Corinthians 15:43)

Lynne and I, and our whole family, cannot adequately express the comfort, support, love and encouragement, the obedient prayer of so many, has given us. Even more hearteningly - the reaction of many, hearing of Steven's death, was to commit themselves to continued prayer for his parents and the rest of the family! How that prayer is needed! We feel we still have much ground to cover in the forthcoming weeks and months.

However, we thank the Lord for the life Steven had, even if we honestly don't understand why it was so short. We are thankful that he was such a loving child, with a character and bravery beyond his years. Thank you for your love and prayers.

We continue, in the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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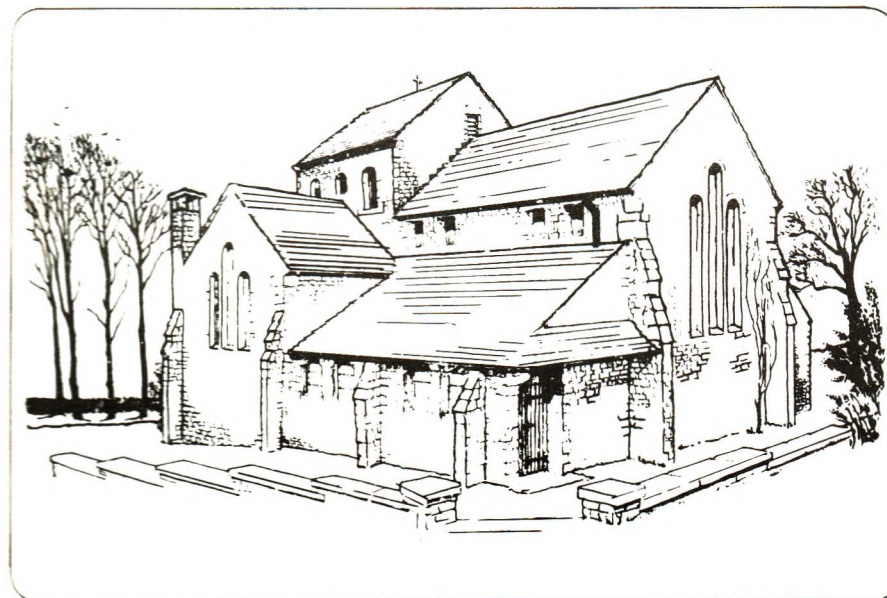
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There are occasions in family life when it is important for us all to come together. Usually they are associated with family events such as baptisms and weddings which bring about a reunion of relatives who have not had an opportunity to talk together for a long time. These events also provide opportunities to catch up on news and get to know one another a little better.

What is true of individual families, is also true of the wider Christian family. As members of All Saints we each have our daily work to do and various tasks to perform both within and outside our Church life. We all have our own individual opinions and preferences, yet we are also linked together as family members because we all share a relationship in Christ. So it is important for us to have special "Christian family" occasions too.

I am hoping that the forthcoming "Parish Weekend" on 15 - 17 July will be one such occasion. The weekend has two main purposes. One is to help us think more deeply together about our Christian faith and our relationship with God, the other is to relax together and grow in our relationship with each other. Our theme of the "Good Shepherd Weekend" is based on these two aspects - we look to Christ our Good Shepherd, and to our relationship with each other as part of His flock.

I appreciate that not everyone will be able to be present all of the time, but I do hope all of you will be able to join in some of the time, and I encourage you to look at the programme for the weekend on page 8. It is intended to cater for all tastes and ages, so do make participation in it a priority and put it in your diaries now.

With best wishes,

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY

1st	Fri	7pm	Ladies Working Party JUMBLE SALE
2nd	Sat	3.30pm	Holy Matrimony(Paul Watts & Michele Lythell)
5th	Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch in Church Hall
		1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club - Summer Outing
6th	Wed	7.30pm	Flower & Craft Festival Preparation Meeting
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowship-113 Green Oak Road & 57 Sunnyvale Road
7th	Thu	11.15am	Pram Service in Church (10.45am Coffee)
		8pm	Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road
		8pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
9th	Sat	3pm	Holy Matrimony (David Cooper & Jacqueline Hallows)
11th	Mon	7.30pm	Lambeth '88 at the Octagon Centre
12th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
13th	Wed	7.15pm	All Saints' School Concert
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road and 9 Aldam Close
14th	Thu	10.45am	Mums and youngsters - Vicarage
		8pm	Parochial Church Council - Vicarage
		8pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 25 Meadow Grove Road
15th	Fri	- 17th	Parish Weekend - see details on Page 8
18th	Mon	8pm	Men's Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
19th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		7.30pm	Ladies Club - Strawberry Evening
20th	Wed	10am -	12 noon Coffee Morning - 220 Baslow Road
		8pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road & 57 Sunnyvale Road
21st	Thu	10.45am	Mums & youngsters - Vicarage
		8pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
22nd	Fri	9.30am	All Saints' School Leavers' Assembly
26th	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party - Church Hall
27th	Wed	8pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road and 9 Aldam Close
28th	Thu	10.45am	Mums & youngsters - Vicarage
		8pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
30th	Sat	11.50am	Service of Blessing (John Casser & Mary Marriott)
		1pm	Holy Matrimony (John Doyle & Kay Watson)

SERVICES FOR JULY

- 3rd PENTECOST 6 - ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE
 Theme 'The New Man'
8am Holy Communion(BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle: Ephesians 4: 17-32 (RSV)
 Gospel: St. Mark 10:46-52 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Exodus 24:3-11 (RSV)
 New Testament: St. Luke 15:11-32 (RSV)
- 10th PENTECOST 7
 Theme 'The More Excellent Way'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : Romans 8: 1-11 (JB)
 Gospel : St. Mark 12:28-34 (NEB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Hosea 11:1-9 (NEB)
 New Testament : St. Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)
- 17th PENTECOST 8 - PARISH WEEKEND
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 6:27-38 (NEB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 Epistle : 1 Peter 5: 1-11 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. John 10:7-16 (NEB)
8.00pm "Praise Together" - in the Church Hall
- 24th PENTECOST 9
 Theme 'The Whole Armour of God'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Epistle : 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Mark 9:14-29 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
 Old Testament : Joshua 1:1-9 (RSV)
 New Testament : Ephesians 6:10-20 (RSV)

- 31st PENTECOST 10
 Theme 'The Mind of Christ'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion(ASB)
 Epistle : Galatians 6:1-10 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Luke 7:36-50 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Job 42:1-6 (TEV)
 New Testament: Philippians 2:1-11 (NEB)

PARISH REGISTERS HELD OVER TO NEXT MONTH

PARISH BREAKFAST

July 3	Mrs. P. Marshall and Mrs. Kirton
10	Mrs. M. Wiggett and Miss P. Lee
17	Mrs. T. Woodhead and Miss R. Swift
24	Mrs. A. Job and Mrs. C. Murrell
31	Mr and Mrs. Norris

SILVER CLEANING

July 3	Mrs. Gray	July 17	Mrs. Brownhill
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FLOWERS

<u>July</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
3	Mrs. O. Powell	Mr.s J. Beeley
10	Mrs. B. Rayner	Mrs. C. Billard
17	Mrs. D. Manterfield	Mrs. E. Partington
24	Miss J. Taylor	Mrs. J. Beeley
31	Mrs. S. Jockel	-

PARISH NOTES

GARDEN PARTY

Our thanks go to all who helped to make the Garden Party on 18 June such a success. We are grateful to those who ran stalls, refreshments, sideshows and attractions and all who contributed to them; to those in the Parade; to those who played to us; to those working beforehand and behind the scenes; to our sponsors and all who came to support the day - and to Cliff Job for his work as Chairman of the Garden Party Committee.

The total income at the time of going to press was £900.

FLOWER & CRAFT FESTIVAL

A preparation meeting for the Flower & Craft Festival to be held at All Saints' on 23rd/25th September is arranged for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6th July at 220 Baslow Road. Have you ideas, skills, helping hands you can contribute to the success of the Festival - then come along! We look on the Festival as a community event and a time when all can be inspired by the simple beauty of All Saints' and the wonder and variety of the flowers of God's creation.

THE LADIES WORKING PARTY will meet in the Church Hall on July 26th at 2.15pm. No meeting in August. Mrs. D. Manterfield wishes to thank those who supported her Coffee Morning on May 31st.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There will be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday July 20th from 10am - 12 noon at 220, Baslow Road. Do come and bring your friends. Bring and Buy.

LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club Summer outing will leave the Cross Scythes at 7pm on 5th July. Our last meeting before the break will be a Strawberry Supper at the Vicarage on 19th July at 7.30pm. We will resume in September with a historical tour of Bakewell on the 6th, led by Lawrence Knighton, the Mayor. New members are very welcome to join us at any of these events.

CHRISTIAN AID

The House-to-house collection in Christian Aid Week by All Saints collectors raised £461.40. Many thanks to all who helped with this collection.

JUNE P.C.C. MEETING

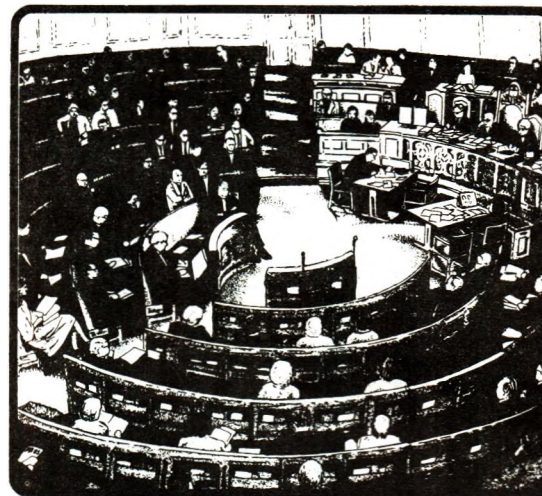
One of the letters received this month was from the Vicar of St. Mary & St. Barnabas, Bramall Lane, asking for donations to enable them to send single parent families away on holiday. It was agreed to send any collections taken at our Family Weekend. In the Financial report it was proposed that we open a fund to help support Mick Woodhead during his time of training for the ministry. It has been arranged that anyone from All Saints wishing to take part in the City March on 9 July may link up with Totley Rise Methodist Church. Terms of reference for the Fabric Committee were agreed on and the Mission committee was asked to prepare similar guidelines for consideration at the next meeting.

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"PRAY FOR THE SYNOD"

says the Bishop of Doncaster



This month the General Synod will vote on legislation which, if finally approved, will lead to the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. July's debate is the first step in the process. If General Approval is given, legislation will move to the Revision Stage, probably in February or July of next year. After that the Dioceses will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed legislation.

When the Dioceses have reported back legislation will come before the General Synod for final drafting. After referral to the House of Bishops, and possible referral to the Convocations and House of Laity, the General Synod will vote on a Motion for Final Approval. The likely date for that debate is July 1991; and in that vote two-thirds majorities in each house will be needed. If those majorities are achieved, the Measure will then be referred to Parliament. With Parliamentary approval, the Royal Assent might be expected in 1992.

I do not intend in this letter to enter into arguments for or against, or to predict the likely course of events. All I wish to say is that it is of the greatest importance that people are prepared to listen to each other and to respect the views and convictions of those with whom they disagree. Please pray that in the July debate and in our subsequent discussion the Church will discover the mind of Christ. Prayer ought to have a higher priority than pamphlets or the activities of pressure groups.

One majority issue of this kind is enough for the Synod's digestion; but it so happens that we shall have a preliminary canter at two other substantial matters. Under the unexciting title of the Infrastructural Review, the Synod will debate a report which has been looking at the structures of the General Synod. I must confess that I am not entirely convinced that it has addressed the basic questions. It is more concerned to ask **how** the Synod does its business than to go further and ask **why** it attempts to cover the range of business it does.

The Synod is also going to have a first look at draft proposals for appropriate 'instruments' for furthering ecumenical co-operation between the Churches in Britain and Ireland. These proposals are a product of the Inter-Church Process and last year's Swanwick Conference; and God willing they will lead to a greater awareness of our common witness.

Even if structural matters are significant it has to be admitted that they don't exactly send the blood coursing through our veins. Whatever the doings of central bodies and Synods, as one goes round the Diocese there is the constant reminder of the life and vitality of the local Christian community in the parish. The good Scotsman's heart may be in the Highlands. The parish is no bad place for the heart of General Synod members to be.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Lindholme Prison Chaplaincy

Lindholme prison, formerly R.A.F. Lindholme, is fortunate in having one of the most updated Chaplaincy Centres. It is staffed by a full-time C of E Chaplain and an assistant who is a Church Army Captain. Chaplains from other denominations visit on a part-time basis, but are equally recognised as part of the Chaplaincy team.

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The centre is manned seven days a week catering for men of differing faiths including Islam and Buddhism, while the Christians are able to attend discussion groups and bible study groups during the day as well as evening activities.

Inmates at Lindholme are able to "drop in" if they wish to see one of the Ministers or simply to pick up a book or magazine for a quiet few minutes. The men spend most of their working week in the various industries including farming and textiles, sharing the working day with other inmates and taking advantage of the rest of their time in P.E., Education, or the Chaplaincy.

SUPPORT

The Chaplains try to bring Christ into the lives of many men who have had little or no contact with the church before. In this respect they are supported and assisted by groups of lay people in a number of areas around Lindholme, who meet together for prayer. These groups are part of the Prison Fellowship organisation and it is from here that the Chaplaincy team draws volunteers to help run part of their programme.



Church Army Captain, Geoff Clarke

MAKING LINKS

Perhaps one of the major problems facing the Chaplaincy is how to maintain the contact already made when men leave the prison. These men, still very young in faith, suddenly find the environment has changed and the church in their old area, being remote and distant. The chaplains endeavour to link them with their own parish church but very often have no way of seeing it through. Again men leaving prison can only be commended by the chaplain to their local parish priest with the consent of the man himself and this is not always given. However the staff at the Chaplaincy continue to bring men to Christ that He may touch them, though evangelism is only part of the greater pastoral ministry of caring and giving spiritual help and comfort to those in need.



The Revd. Roy Rathbone (right) at the bell tower outside the Chaplaincy Centre.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Outside of the parochial ministry, the Prison Chaplaincy could feel quite isolated from the rest of the church. This feeling can be to some degree overcome by maintaining contact with the local Rural Deanery and indeed by inviting folk to join them in worship on Sundays and at other times.

The Chaplain and inmates welcome visitors to their act of worship and are always pleased to invite guest preachers and speakers. The Chaplain is always on the look out for parish musical groups of young people to come to the prison church groups for an evening as well as individuals who would be prepared to take part in discussions or simply to meet and socialise with prisoners.

CHRIST'S WORK

Part of what the Chaplaincy is attempting is to open up the work of the church in prison to the church at large, to show the love of Christ to those who have offended society and to fulfill our Lord's words "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me" Matt. 25. (40)

The Revd. Roy Rathbone is assisted by Geoff Clarke C.A., and they can be contacted at Lindholme Prison on Doncaster 846600 ext. 293/294.

LAMBETH '88

with GARTH HEWITT THEATRE ROUNDABOUT and LAMBETH BISHOPS

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Monday, 11th July - at 7.30 p.m.

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Admission £1.50

Tickets from Mrs. B. Thompson, 18 Newhall Road, Doncaster DN3 1QQ up to 1st July. Payment with orders, cheques payable to Sheffield D.B.F. Mission and Unity Acc: After 1st July Phone The Revd Gordon Taylor on Doncaster (0302) 882861.

The ways rough....

For the first time in living memory, and perhaps for the first time ever since the parish was formed out of its neighbours, part of the congregation of St. James, Woodhouse, Sheffield, beat the bounds of the parish. Almost 40 people began the seven mile walk, and not without difficulty, for some of the boundary is inaccessible to the public.

Much of the groundwork for the walk was done by John Shepherd and local scouts who had a tough time looking at the map, and the lay of the land to find the nearest walk to the actual boundary. The day of the walk came without incident, but it was overcast with a spot or two of rain in the air. That did not put off several of the walkers in their seventies, nor did it put off the people even older than that who joined them for a picnic lunch half way round. Mrs. Nellie Bedford, a mere 94 years old, enjoyed her sandwiches and the company as much as anyone. The walkers were amazed by how much local history came to their attention as they trooped round the bounds, praying for their parish and its people as they went.

Read all about it

The Sheffield star and the Sydney Star are not newspapers - they are the titles of one particular branch of work of the Mothers' Union. Sheffield Diocese's Mothers' Union Temporary Accommodation for Relatives scheme (STAR), for relatives from away visiting patients in Sheffield's hospitals, has been on the go for eight years. During that time over 400 relatives have been accommodated in the homes of Mothers' Union members. Something similar has been happening in Sydney, Australia, and when Sydney M.U. asked if the title STAR could be used for their scheme, Sheffield was delighted.

Mrs. Lily Morris, organiser of the scheme and one of the hostesses herself has recently had guests staying with her from Greece and Australia, not wishing to mention nearer home. All the relatives are thankful for such warm hospitality at such a difficult time for their families. The scheme goes from strength to strength, and is being encouraged in many parts of the world to fill a real need - its another sign of the worldwide nature of the Mothers' Union.

Bumper crop of crafts..... and flowers

St. Helen's Church, Thurnscoe is having its annual Art Exhibition and Working Craft Fair on SATURDAY; 9th JULY from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and SUNDAY 10th JULY from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Admission 10p. refreshments are available and the Rector, the Rev. Hall is giving guided tours of the church. Each year sees an increase in the number of pictures for sale at the art exhibition and this year there have been a bumper crop of crafts. If you're interested in Bobbin Lace, Pressed Flowers, Fishing Flies, Corn Dollies, Pyrography, Quilling, Cone Carving, Mohair Knitting, Decorated Eggs, Clay Dogs and Birds. Resin Castings, Flower Arranging, then St. Helen's Church is the place for you that weekend. Dearne Art Society, Thurnscoe Art and Craft Society and the Heart Foundation all have stalls at the fair.....

While not far away at St. James Church, Braithwell, near Rotherham the FLOWER FESTIVAL is over the same weekend, 8th., 9th., 10th July. All visitors are very welcome, why not combine both Braithwell and Thurnscoe in one visit?

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. Philip R. Townsend, Assistant Curate at St. Andrew's, Kendray, to be Vicar of St. Timothy, Crookes.

The Revd. Matthew F. Holland, Team Rector, Holy Cross, Gleadless Valley, to be Vicar of St. Silas, Gilcar.

Mr. John Kendall Bouch, Tutor-Librarian at Barnsley College of Technology, has been appointed as Training Officer for the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Wilfred Hudson, Vicar of Sharrow, to retire in October.

Sister Margaret Baker, C.A., to serve in the Parish of St. Paul's, Norton Lees.

Take 46

It was just an ordinary school journey with their teachers to the East coast for the oldest two classes of Canon Popham Church of England First and Middle school at Edenthorpe. Five days spent visiting and learning about places of great beauty and interest and historical importance, and a time of learning a great deal about themselves whilst away from home. It all happened on their return journey to Doncaster through Scarborough, where they watched the recovery of the lifeboat after it had been launched to escort fishing boats into the harbour. "Would they" asked the television producer as they walked past the fun fair talking about everything that they had done during the week, "would they like to be extras in an episode of the Flying Lady with Frank Windsor and Anne Staleybrass?" It was too good an opportunity to miss, and within minutes forty six children had acquired all the language of 'rehearsals' and 'takes' that goes with the filming of a T.V. series. Being extras on a fairground brings with it certain advantages - free rides on the big wheel!

It was all summed up, commented Mr. Martin Woodward, the Headmaster, by one small lad who asked the teachers what it was like having been away for a week with television stars! To that there was no answer - but the staff and children wait with eager anticipation for the screening of **their** episode in the Autumn.



Waiting to perform.....

Church Army Family Day

TO CELEBRATE THE SOCIETY'S FOUNDING AND MINISTRY

A Service of Praise and Thanks to be held at St. Michael Le Belfry, York.



Saturday, 24th September. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Children's Activities from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Ring for full details: Bradford 607486 - Leeds 403904

Garden Party

Brodsworth Church of England Controlled First and Middle School, near Doncaster, are having their Garden Party on Saturday, 2nd July in the school and grounds from 2 p.m. onwards. It's well worth visiting the school which dates back to the 1800s, and is now a listed building, especially when there's a chance of cream teas and home made refreshments! There's lots of stalls and the Crowning of the School Rose Queen. Admission is free.

Mums and tots

The Ministry among Women Department of the Church Pastoral Aid Society has just produced a special pack for the leaders of mothers and toddlers groups. Articles include such topics as organising a pram service, looking after other people's children, teaching children to pray, and surviving as a young mum. It is invaluable for those who are thinking about these things and it can be obtained (pack no. 9) from CPAS Sales Dept., Falcon Court, 32, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DB



Keeping in touch

Through clergy letterboxes recently came another form to fill in. This time for the Register of Ministers in the Church of England, giving personal details and previous areas of work. Under the heading entitled 'Publications', a good many of the clergy will have entered 'not yet'. But not the Revd. Simon Bailey, Rector of Dinnington, for he has written a little book entitled 'Still with God'. It gives to young people of the 1980s a starting point for their prayers, attuned to the society in which they live.

It's a very special book of prayers which helps young people to talk to God about what really matters - worries, concerns, joys are all found expressed in its pages. It's a real help to young people, and others, to discover the presence of God and to be still.

"Still with God" by Simon Bailey. Church House Publishing £1.25

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SPUR TO FAITH

IT YOU CATCH sight of footballer Glenn Hoddle on the TV screen, you may not be watching Match of the Day! Ex-Spurs player now living and playing in Monaco, Glenn explains his Christian faith to BBC sports commentator Gerald Williams in a new 40-minute video. It's billed as highly suitable for showing to anyone - believer or not! The video is produced by Christians in Sport and Lamplight Productions.

CHRISTIAN CND

THE CHRISTIAN 'wing' of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament holds that Christians cannot accept the nuclear arms race and Britain's part in it as inevitable. Some CND members are pacifists, while others feel that sometimes nations are compelled to defend themselves through military means. All believe, however, that nuclear (and other) weapons of mass destruction are not defensive because if ever used they would kill and maim millions of innocent people and wreak havoc on the environment.

"To place our faith for peace in such weapons is to worship false idols", said a spokesman.

CHURCHES PLUG IN

CHURCHES ACROSS THE world are aiming to get on-line, in a global computer link-up with each other! Leaders of 29 missionary organisations and denominations have agreed to share what information they have about the millions of people who have not yet heard the Christian message.

One result should be that Christian missionaries are deployed where the need for preachers and teachers is greatest and do not simply duplicate the efforts of others.

ON THE BEACH

SCRIPTURE UNION BEGAN life with beach missions, and these will be in full force through July and August, with hoards of children happily charging up and down the sands, and also hearing the Christian message, having fun in some of the country's most popular resorts, from Cornwall to Northumberland.

Slightly older people will also be having the time of their lives, even if they end up completely exhausted, taking part in leading these beach missions. If you want to be part of that, Scripture Union wants to hear from you!

BOOK AID LAUNCHED



IN THIS COUNTRY there's a huge Christian publishing 'industry', but in many other places you just cannot buy Christian literature. One group of missionary societies believes we are actually in surplus, and has launched Book Aid.

This can send secondhand Christian books to Africa, and make them available to people who want to read them. Bob Hiley (Evangelical Missionary Alliance, 186 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BT) can

give information about local collection points.

He says: 'There is a desperate shortage of Christian materials in Africa, and Book Aid is a First Aid response to that need. There are mountains of Christian books lying unread in British homes. We are hoping to move some of this 'Bible mountain' to the famine areas of West and East Africa.' He adds they can also pass on Ladybird books for use in the schools.

ALL SAINTS PARISH WEEKEND 15th - 17th July 1988
for the whole Christian family

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

FAMILY EVENING

Coffee evenings around the parish to get to know each other better - from 8pm.

SATURDAY

10.30 am Coffee in Church Hall

10.45am Session I for adults on John 10:1-6 "Something more than One Man and his Dog"	Children's Workshop and Activities in the Church Hall until 12 noon
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4.30pm	Reassemble for High Buffet Tea for all
6.00pm	Social Evening & Parish Party for all ages
7.30pm	Coffee Break (and home-time for youngsters)
8.00pm	Session II for adults on John 10:7-10 "Truth or Consequences"

SUNDAY

8am	Holy Communion (said)
10am	Family Service
6.30pm	Parish Communion - the family gather round the Lord's Table.
8pm	"Praise & Fellowship" (with Dave Fenton) in Church Hall.

The Sessions and Sunday morning service will be led by the Rev. Gavin McGrath. Gavin is from the U.S.A. and has just joined the staff of Christ Church, Fulwood.

SHEFFIELD CITY MARCH

The City March involving as many churches and Christians as possible will take place on Saturday 9th July

Marchers will assemble for a time of worship, praise and prayer together before setting off in groups of between 50-100 people. Marchers will have a script to be used on the way with songs, and prayers to be said at key places on the route. The route passes through areas of the Inner City, Shopping precincts, unemployment offices, education centres, finishing outside the City Hall. It will take about 45 minutes to march the length of the route.

Because of the new songs and general procedure - it is felt necessary to have local rehearsal points and those from All Saints going on the march are asked if possible to attend a rehearsal at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm. If you can't attend the rehearsal and obtain all the details about the March keep in contact with someone who can - or else contact Mr. Lashmore (620033 evenings and weekend nearer the date).

The probable time of assembly is about midday - marching off around 1pm. Arrangements to have a bus from Totley have fallen through - but the start of the route is likely to be on the 24 Bus Route (beyond the Wicker).

ORGAN OVERHAUL OVERALL?

The repairs and overhaul of the organ are to start at the beginning of August. This means much of the organ will be dismantled and we expect it to be out of use for about six weeks. The main problem is the cracking of the soundboards after 70 years of use. These will be rebuilt, and we are assured that with the use of modern materials they will last for another 70 years if not longer.

There were questions considered by the Church Council before undertaking such a repair - a) do we need an organ? b) would a modern electronic organ be better? c) can we justify spending £5,000 in the face of so much need in the world?

A) The Council felt that music is an important accompaniment to worship which allows us to express a depth of praise and joy which the spoken word on its own can never do. Whilst an organ isn't the only source of music, and we at times use guitars, clarinets and piano accordion, some form of organ is expected by all worshippers. Brides do not expect to be led in to guitar accompaniment, nor the bereaved follow a coffin to piano accordion.

B) Having accepted that an organ was needed, the Council sought the advice of four independent experts. Whilst one wanted us to consider spending £40,000 on a new pipe organ, the others felt that the £5,000 spent on the present organ would be the most economical way forward, and would outlast £5,000 spent on an electronic organ.

C) The Council felt justified in appealing for £5,000 for the organ on the assurance that the present repairs should last 70 years. On that basis the expenditure now represents a cost of about £1.35 per week spread over the next seventy years - not a high price to pay for the enhancement of music for our worship.

LINK LETTER FROM TONY AND PAM LINDSAY

Dear Friends,

We arrived in Freetown after an uneventful journey in the company of the Mills family who are to work at the Theological College in Freetown as CMS mission partners. We were met at the airport by a CMS colleague from Port Loko and spent one or two days in Freetown and Port Loko before being taken up to Bo.

Bo is approximately four hours journey from Freetown, inland. We then set about settling ourselves into life in Sierra Leone. This involved quite a lot of travelling to and fro to collect items of furniture or deal with immigration formalities. Give thanks to the Lord for we have both now received our residence permits.

We were very kindly received by Bishop Michael Keili and his wife Agnes. They went to a great deal of trouble to see that we were suitably housed. Mrs. Keili took Pam around the market to show her where to buy food and which leaves we could cook; she also came to our rescue when our precarious cooking arrangements failed completely. Kerosene and bottled gas are in short supply (temporarily we hope!) at the moment and the electricity is variable depending on how much fuel the power station has. The most easily available fuel is wood, so now we have a wood fire and some charcoal.

Tony has been into the Bishop's office quite a lot already and is beginning to find out what his work might entail although it is too early to really tell you much about it. The Bishop travels frequently - please pray that he continues to be given the health and stamina to cope with it all.

We had only been there a month when Pam discovered a lump on one breast. This needed investigation and it was decided she needed to come back to England. The results of the mammogram were good - the lump is a benign cyst and needs no further treatment. Praise the Lord! Hopefully by the time this letter is distributed to our link parishes, Pam will have rejoined Tony in Bo. There are always many unanswered questions which occur when this sort of thing happens but we both feel that we have perhaps drawn a bit closer to God and Pam feels she has learned more about the reality of the armour of God, especially in combating fear, and about the reality of God's loving care.

God Bless,

Tony and Pam.

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S.P.

S.P. in horse racing parlance is the abbreviation of STARTING PRICE in betting. Hopefully, in this case, it is more profound, namely SPIRITUALITY AND POLITICS.

My dictionary says SPIRITUALITY: immateriality or unworldly that which belongs to the church or to an ecclesiastic on account of a spiritual office: pertaining to the soul or inner nature.

POLITICS: prudent and sagacious, prudently devised, judicious, expedient: crafty, scheming, artful.

On the face of it SPIRITUALITY has lost the argument of opining on matters secular and politic, but it is the devisive, extreme and debasing politics that offend the soul and inner nature, calling for protest against what politicians advance as prudent and sagacious, often palpably crafty, scheming and artful. It is of little use having a soul or inner nature if they are not exercised ("challenging the state is very much in the tradition of Jesus Christ" - Pope John Paul II), and assuming that most clerics, bishops and archbishops possess spirituality in some degree, one can understand politicians taking exception to their judgements simply and mainly because they, the clerics, stand not to gain - as opposed to politicians who have and do represent secular interests. They feel aggrieved when charged with lack of charity and compassion.

I am not apportioning the faults among the political parties, but would take as my touchstone 1 John 3 'Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?'

TOUCHSTONE: a dark stone usually jasper, schist or basanite, used in conjunction with touch needles for testing the purity of gold: in this case, the touchstone is for testing the purity of political beliefs. 'World's good', I would suggest, means having ability and power to fulfil his brother's needs.

Rex B.

ABBEYDALE HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE

OPEN DAY : Tuesday 12th July 10.30am - 3.00pm
and 7.30 - 9.00 pm

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ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

Four children from the school - Suzanne Ibbotson, Andrew Savage, Tim Brown and Leon Broomhead (all 2nd year Juniors), have been chosen by Mr. G. Mettam, Swimming Instructor at Heeley Baths, to train at the Sheffield Swimming Club. It is good for schools to have one pupil chosen for this special training, so for a school as small as ours to have four children of this standard is excellent. Congratulations to all four of you - we are proud of you, and wish you every success.

Dates for your diary:-
Wednesday 13 July at 7.15pm - Summer Concert
Friday 22 July at 9.30am - Leavers Assembly

Do join us on these occasions.

Joan Stratford

MAGGIE

This is an opportunity for us all to wish Maggie Chadburn, Miss Dorothy Harris' companion for over 50 years, a happy retirement in Green Oak View. "They also serve who stand and wait" - not that Maggie did much standing, she was, as the saying goes, "always on the go", making it much easier for Miss Harris to devote her valued time to Totley All Saints and her music pupils. Maggie found her niche in life as a loyal servant. Her guiding star was, "Whatever thou doest, do it with all thy might." May she be blessed with long and happy years.

Rex B.

END QUOTES

We should never undertake any work which we dare not beg God to prosper.

John Keble

When I give food to the poor, they call me a Saint; when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a Communist.

Archbishop Helder Camera

If you find a perfect church, don't join it. You will corrupt it.

If you wish to be sublime, you must be natural - keep close to the poor.

H.F. Amiel, 1821 - 1881

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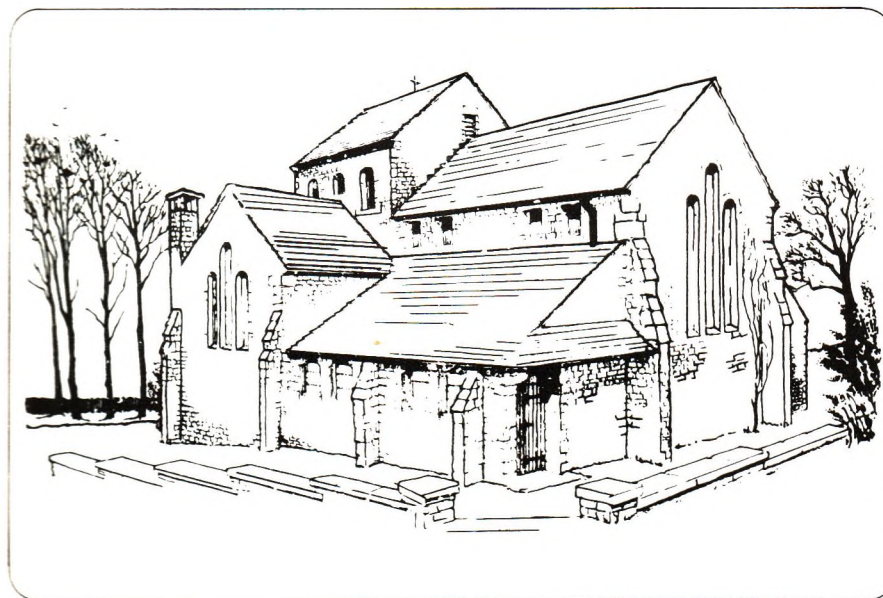
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I have in mind as I write the phrase "Something beautiful for God". I know I am not using it in its original context when I refer to the forthcoming Flower Festival at All Saints on 23rd-25th September, yet I do feel it is important to do something visually beautiful for God. There is a tendency in Christian thinking amidst the harshness and tragedy of modern life to feel that focussing on beauty, artistic ability or idyllic surroundings is to be out of touch with reality.

Yet it is a part of our being in touch with God to reflect on the glory of His creation, to use his gifts in creation to bring pleasure to others and to relax and enjoy the beauty around us to restore and maintain our own peace. I hope you will be able to do that at All Saints during the Flower Festival and Craft Exhibition.

Bill and Joyce Wigg have been doing that in another setting at Hengrave Hall as you will read on page 7. Hengrave Hall is one of two hundred retreat houses listed in a guide book I have to Religious Retreats entitled "Out of this World". Mind you it does say..."if there were to be haloes awarded in a Good Retreats Guide, then Hengrave Hall would deserve a shining cluster of five.".... so Bill and Joyce made a good choice!

I have always found retreats a source of great spiritual renewal and inspiration. If you want to borrow the Retreat Guide from me to find out what to expect at the different houses, please do.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

"SACRAMENTS AND PRAISE"

Flower Festival and Arts and Crafts Exhibition
at All Saints, Totley on September 23rd/24th/25th.
Concert - Saturday 24th - at 7.30 pm

Helpers required for Stewarding & Catering contact 362322

7th PENTECOST 11
Theme: 'The serving Community'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: Philippians 1:1-11 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 20: 1-16 (NEB)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1-7 (RSV)
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10 (NEB)

14th PENTECOST 12
Theme 'The Witnessing Community'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Acts 17:22-34 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 13 - 16 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-6 (NEB)
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6:2(NEB)

21st PENTECOST 13
Theme 'The Suffering Community'
8am Holy Communion 9BCP)
Epistle: Acts 20: 17-35 (TEV)
Gospel : St. Matthew 10: 16-22 (JB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle : Acts 7: 54-8: 1 (RSV)
Gospel : St. John 16:1-11 (TEV)

28th PENTECOST 14
Theme 'The Family'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle : Ephesians 3: 14-21 (RSV)
Gospel : St. Luke 11:1-13 (JB)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament : Proverbs 31: 10-31 (RSV)
New Testament: St. Mark 10: 2-16 (NEB)

The FAMILY SERVICE on 21st August will be for all ages and focus on the worldwide family of the Church.
The PRAM SERVICE will be at 11.15am on Thursday 4th August (coffee at the Vicarage at 10.45am)

PARISH ROTAS

FLOWERS

<u>August</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
7	-	Mrs.D.Smith
14	Mrs.Waite	Mrs.Hardy
21	Mrs.Holding	Mrs. Collison
28	Mrs. Heap	Miss Bird

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Aug 7 Mrs.Billard Aug 21st Mrs. Waite

PARISH BREAKFAST

Aug 7th	Mrs. Greenhoff and Mrs. Ruthven
14th	Mr & Mrs. Carter
21st	Mrs. Catton and Mr.D. Powell
28th	Mrs. E. Powell and Miss Bird
Sept 4th	Mrs.Wright and Mrs. Warrender

JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

After the summer holidays, Junior Choir practice starts again on Monday 5th September. We have decided to try a new format to our choir practices. The younger members will come at 3.30pm and will be free to leave at 4.30pm. The later, older arrivals will continue until 5pm. There will be a main singing time from 4pm to 4.30pm. The remaining time will be split into groups covering theory of music, aural work, churchmanship, singing instruction and breathing exercises. New young members welcome - especially boys.

My grateful thanks to Stella Jockel and Sally Scaife for their continuing help. Congratulations and welcome to Tracy Goodrich on admittance into full membership of the choir. Olwen Powell (365357)

OFF TO NOTTINGHAM

Mick & Trish Woodhead and family bade us farewell on Sunday 24th July prior to their move to Nottingham for Mick to commence ordination training at St.John's College. We are grateful for their contribution to the life of All Saints, for Mick's leadership of house and nurture groups, his musical gifts, his help at Family Services and contribution to the work of the P.C.C. - and to the family for the welcome and hospitality of their home. Their new address is:

36 Weldbank Close, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5FU(254141)

MUSIC RELAY FOR THE ORGAN FUND

May I, through All Saints' News, say a big 'thank you' to all performers who contributed to this event. What talent there is around - from the very young ones and upwards where the parable of the 'talents' was much in evidence. (Cf. St. Matthew 25 and in particular - verses 20, 22 and 28-29).

For the record, 10¼ hours of music was achieved and 250 different pieces played with selections counting as one. Well done! Our thanks go also to all those who supported the performers on the day and those who sponsored the event. At the time of going to print the total so far collected is £329.40p.

Irvine Powell kindly recorded the event on tape and anyone wishing for a copy of this or any part of it please contact Irvine at 46 The Grove (365357).

Many thanks again for such a successful day.
Vivien Filleul

ORGAN APPEAL

The Organ Appeal now stands at £4,248 and we thank those who have contributed in different ways. Work on the Organ commences on 1st August. This will involve some disruption to the South Aisle. We shall be using a replacement organ situated in the Lady Chapel for our services.

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING 'N BUY

There will be something for you to go to in AUGUST! There is to be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Thursday 11th August from 10am to 12noon to help towards the financing of the Flower Festival. It will take place at 80 Abbeydale Park Rise. Help with transport can be arranged.....contact 362322.

THE TWO ANGELAS

Angela Waite and Angela Wright (née Kirton) would both like to thank everyone for their visits, cards, good wishes and prayers during their recent unexpected stays in hospital. At the time of writing they are on the road to recovery but continue to welcome your prayers for their return to full health.

Our prayers and good wishes also to Beatrice Collison. At one stage All Saints' visitors seemed to overload the lifts at the Hallamshire Hospital!

IS IT ALL GREEK TO YOU !

The Gospels and the New Testament were written in Greek. It is sometimes difficult to grasp the whole sense of a word or verse without some knowledge of the original language.

John Wade is starting a course for adult beginners in New Testament Greek at King Ecgbert's School. The purpose of the course is to enable people who have an interest in the Bible to read and enjoy the beautiful language of the New Testament in the original Greek. The course will be based on St. Luke for the first year and St. John for the second year.

No knowledge of foreign languages or any formal qualifications are required, and all are most welcome. The classes will be during the daytime, starting in September - for more details contact John on 360820.

JULY 9th 1988

Twenty members of All Saints' Church joined the City March. There were about four thousand Christians from many different churches all over the city walking in joyful procession for about an hour from Carlisle Street through to Barkers Pool. The day was indeed a great act of witness for the Church and many thousands of people in the city at Saturday lunch-time could not fail to be aware of this. All who wished were invited to join the closing Service in Barkers Pool after the March, or at one or other of three Outreach meetings at key points in the City Centre.

We may never know the impact that this event made on either those who participated or those who witnessed it. Surely however we can confidently believe that God would have used this occasion to build up His Church and encourage all of us to follow more closely so that God will reign in Sheffield.

Maurice Snowdon

QUOTES

We allow ourselves to do collectively what most of us would never dream of doing ourselves.

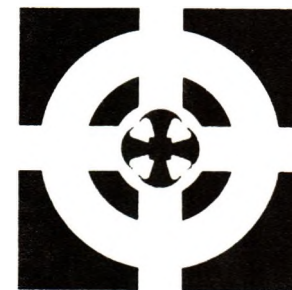
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When a whole town gets together, the time it shares are rich.

(this applies to Church social gatherings also!)

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THE 12th LAMBETH CONFERENCE 1988

A lot can be learnt about a racehorse, I'm told, from its name. As you read this Bishop William and I will be in the middle of the 12th Lambeth Conference. Each bit of the title has some message for us!

Twelfth

The first was in 1867, the second was in 1878, and, wars permitting, there has been one every ten years since then. "In 1867, seventy-six Bishops attended - all with white faces. In 1988 over five hundred Bishops from five continents will be meeting in the little city of Canterbury, England. Most of the faces will not be white. They will be spending three weeks reflecting upon the problems, opportunities and responsibilities of a world wide communion." Thus the American "Anglican Digest".

Lambeth

The early conferences met at Lambeth Palace - the London home of the Archbishops of Canterbury since about 1188. But the significance of the word is episcopal and not geographical. It means that all those Bishops who have a special relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury are invited to a Lambeth Conference. The Anglican Communion is made up of twenty-seven more or less Independent Provinces each with an Archbishop. For the first time the Bishops of the United Churches (North India, South India, etc.) will be attending as full members of Conference. They are a tangible reminder that our flagging hopes of Church Unity in this country could yet revive.

Conference

This is a gathering of Bishops. No doubt this was intended to follow the example of those early centuries of the Church's history when the key decisions about the Church's faith and organisation were taken by Councils of Bishops. But deliberately the word Council was avoided. This was to be a 'conference' in which conferring took place so that the Bishops could learn from each other and take back to their dioceses and provinces something of what they had learnt. Today, with our growing understanding of Synodical government it is even more important to accept that this is a Conference and not a Council nor a Synod. Some still think that the Bishop is the only real authority in the Church but most people now believe that the mind of the Church is best expressed by the Bishops, Clergy and People working together. So there will be no decisions coming from this Conference, though there may be advice to the different Provinces and Dioceses.

1988

And it is a Conference for today and tomorrow - looking forward and not back. Always our task in a multi-cultural and rapidly changing world is to try and make sure that the eternal truth of the Gospel is preserved as a light that shines for each person wherever he might be living. There is a double enemy: the light can be quenched by a too easy acceptance of the fashionable views of today. But it can become hidden too by the wrappings of a dead tradition.

We need your continuing prayers. Synods, Councils and Conferences have a bad reputation. Please pray that this may be a Conference of love in which we are all led by the Holy Spirit into a common mind.

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

A Prayer for the Conference

Grant your blessing, O God to all who are sharing in the work of the Lambeth Conference and guide them along the paths of your will. Give to our Bishops wisdom and courage, patience and love that, in the power of your Holy Spirit, they may go forward with vision enlarged and love rekindled to attempt new and greater things to your glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Appointments

The Revd. Ken Moulder, Curate at St. Michael & All Angels, Darfield, to be Vicar of St. Oswald, Walkergate, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Revd. Don Gilkes, Team Vicar of Great Snaith, to be Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Whittle-le-Woods, in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Miss Maureen Eastwood, Lay Training Officer, Sheffield, has been appointed Secretary for Christian Aid for the Irish Republic, based in Dublin.

The Revd. Geraldine Susan Rose, Parish Deacon at St. Peter, Littleover, in the Diocese of Derby, to be Parish Deacon at Wombwell.

The Revd. Stuart Hacking, Curate at St. Peter, Shipley, in the Diocese of Bradford, to be Ass. Curate at St. Michael and All Angels, Gt. Houghton.

Capt. Clifford Rouse, Church Army Captain, serving in the Parish of Darfield, to serve in the Bradford Diocese.

The Revd. Geoffrey Thomas, Vicar of Mortomley, to be Rector of Middleton Cheney with Chacombe, in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Revd. Alistair Baillie, Ass. Curate at St. Cuthbert, Fir Vale and Chaplain's Assistant at The Northern General Hospital to be full-time Chaplain at Broad Green Hospital, in the Diocese of Liverpool.

The Revd. Richard Newman, Vicar of Christ Church, Stannington, to be Vicar of Mosborough.

The Revd. Matthew Joy to succeed the Revd. Bernard Holdridge as Rural Dean of Rotherham.

The Revd. Colin Horseman, Vicar of Stainforth, to be Vicar of Heeley.

The Revd. Allan Newby Boyd, NSM Watford St. Luke in the Diocese of St. Albans, to be Curate at St. Andrew's, Kendray.

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Maltby Music

Dennis Armstrong of the Church of the Ascension, Maltby, has organised a musical evening with a whole variety of music provided by professional musicians, Jackie and Peter Firmani, from opera to old time music.

Aptly titled "Romance in Song", it's at Maltby Comprehensive School on FRIDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £1.50 and proceeds are for the Rotherham Hospice Appeal. More details from Dennis on Rotherham 814282.

Signs for the times

It was the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe. The church was assembled for Holy Communion and little Zoe Nicole Crossland had come along with her parents, godparents and family for her baptism.



The baptism over, the service continued and strange noises were heard coming from one of the open windows - it was a very hot day.

In flew the bird, fluttered round the church, blew out one of the candles with its flapping wings, and landed and perched on the head of Mr. Harold Mayhall during the singing of the hymn "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost".

Harold did not flinch and kept on singing, until the pigeon, for that is what it was, was caught and safely carried out of the church and flew away.

The mystery of its appearance was solved by one of the junior members of the congregation who announced that it was not a heavenly visitor coming for the occasion, but simply Percy, the pigeon. Now Percy is to be found every playtime waiting for the children to come out to play at Canon Popham School which is right next door to the church. He is quite accustomed to human ways, but obviously had not realised that the Fifth after Pentecost was a Sunday, and therefore no playtime!

As for the unflinching Mr. Harold Mayhall, aged 91 years, it was his last Sunday at the church before moving to live with his family in Hampshire. He assured everyone that Percy landing on his head was nothing to do with his crop of thick white hair - it must have been because when he was a lad, he used to keep pigeons and he's never lost his touch. All of which is very surprising because it's a mere 76 years since a pigeon last landed on his head. Thankfully no messages were left behind on either occasion!



The 1988 Lambeth Conference has its own very special logo. The Conference has four main themes: Mission and Ministry, Dogmatic and Pastoral Issues, Ecumenical Relations, and Social Questions. These are represented in the logo by the four squares. The circle suggests that those involved in the Conference come from all over the world, and it is through the Cross that a world-wide fellowship of Christians is possible. The Canterbury Cross at the centre symbolises the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury as host of the Conference and the focus of unity of the Anglican Communion.

Synod Digest

Reporting the June meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod held at Doncaster on Thursday, June 23rd, 1988. From the Diocesan Communication Officer, the Revd. Roy Arnold.



The Synod received a warm welcome at the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf in Doncaster, and a short Act of Worship, led by the Revd. Michael Sabell, the Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf began what was to be a warm hearted Synod, the last meeting of its present members. Readings, prayers and singing were given and led by members of the Deaf Church in the Diocese. The ladies of St. Stephen's Church Deaf Choir "signed" the singing of the hymns, and two gentlemen who had recently completed a special course were authorised by Bishop David to officiate in the Deaf Church.



The Revd. Michael Sabell with ladies from St. Stephen's Church for the Deaf Choir.

CHURCH SCHOOLS — there are 48 of them in the Diocese of Sheffield - were given a massive vote of confidence at the June meeting of the Diocesan Synod. There were few votes against backing the present system of Church Schools and the hope was expressed that, if at all possible, there might even be an expansion of Church-aided schools in South Yorkshire. Another new venture which gained support was that of developing negotiations with the Roman Catholic Church authorities for partnership proposals especially related to the secondary school sector. A pledge not to withdraw Church Schools from Urban Priority Areas also received strong support.

OUT OF AFRICA to the June Synod came Mr. Ron Stevens of Sheffield, who has spent two years in Maseno North, our link Diocese in Kenya, trying to help them get their book-keeping and accountancy procedures in order. He was welcomed by the Synod and will speak about his experiences at the next Synod.

THE CROWN still owns the patronage of many parishes in various parts of the country: in other words they appoint the Vicar. At the June Synod, on behalf of the Deanery of Attercliffe, the Revd. David Thomas (their Rural Dean) had some harsh and witty words to say about the Crown Patron's delay (18 months) in appointing a new Vicar for Heeley. He wasn't very keen on some of the people the Crown had sent along to look at the parish. The Diocesan Synod agreed to ask the Standing Committee of General Synod to explore the Crown patronage system.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Finance Committee Report and the 1987 Board of Finance Report and Accounts were received at the June meeting of the Diocesan Synod and there were no questions on the Secretary's 1989 Forecast of Diocesan Income and Expenditure.

PLANS to demonstrate the importance of British Food and Farming were unveiled by the Revd. John Woods (Wath), the Bishop's Adviser on Rural Ministry. Next year is to be British Food and Farming Year and various events are to be arranged throughout the Diocese to mark this. Synod voted £2,000 for financial support for this.

COMMUNICATION OFFICER: The Bishop of Doncaster successfully moved, on behalf of the Mission and Unity Committee, that the post of Diocesan Communication Officer be continued for a further five years from July 13th, 1989.

THE PROVOST OF SHEFFIELD, the Very Revd. Frank Curtis reported on the work of the Cathedral Council, and then he, and Mrs. Curtis were warmly thanked for all their work at the Cathedral and in the Diocese, and wished all happiness in their retirement. A cheque and a decanter were presented from the Diocese.



Bishop David with Muriel and Frank Curtis

THE NEXT MEETING of the Diocesan Synod - which will be the first meeting of the newly elected Synod - will be on Saturday, October 15th, 1988 at Sheffield Cathedral.

Down, down and away

Lost for ideas for a cheap but interesting Parish or Sunday School outing? Then why not explore the nethermost region of the Diocese? The MARSHLANDS has beautiful countryside, historic churches, ships, friendly people and facilities.

For £1.20 per head, the Marshlanders will remove their woad for a day and put on a tea, and give you a copy of the new guidebook for the area. Contact Mrs. Emerson on Scunthorpe (0742) 75485 for more details.

Family Fun Day

Following the success of previous years, the Friends of Whirlow Grange are organising another Family Day on AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 29th August at Whirlow Grange.

There'll be lots of fun and fellowship between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., with various stalls, sideshows, teas, and games for children. Why not go to Whirlow and enjoy a good afternoon?



The Revd. Tony Attwood

THE IONA COMMUNITY IN YORKSHIRE



On 9th June, St. Columba's Day, the Iona Community began two months of Jubilee Celebrations. 1988 is the fiftieth anniversary of our founding as an ecumenical movement of christian women and men. There are 180 members and hundreds of associates, and despite our Scottish base, we live and work throughout the UK and overseas.

BEGINNINGS

In 1938 the Community began with a great vision and a common task - to rebuild the ancient Benedictine Abbey on Iona with unemployed craftsmen, assisted by ministers, working, praying and sharing life together. If you've been to the West Coast of Scotland, you may well have visited Iona.

The inspiration for this vision came from a minister in Govan who felt that he had no Good News for the unemployed shipbuilders of Glasgow in the 1930s.

The work he started then is now entering a new era, but our friend and founder, George MacLeod is sharing this with us. In his 94th year he is looking forward to a new Centre opening in his name, on 4th August, the climax of the celebrations.

NEW CENTRE

The MacLeod Centre on Iona is for young people and families, including handicapped people. Visitors will come from all over the world to this centre for reconciliation, for the breaking down of barriers and the building up of community in every place. People are already coming - first as volunteers to complete the fitting out, decorating and landscaping of the building.

YORKSHIRE CELEBRATION

Members and Associates in Yorkshire held a Celebration in St. Andrew's URC Church in Sheffield on Sunday, 19th June. On the previous day, there was an Iona Community Stall and a MacLeod Centre display at the Yorkshire Miners' Gala and Demonstration in Thornes Park, Wakefield.

IONA JUBILEE

For the people of God in the Old Testament, Jubilee meant freedom for slaves, the ending of debt, and the return of land. The New Testament records how Jesus made the Jubilee part of his ministry. In our Jubilee Year, Iona people are resolving once more to seek the release of people from living conditions which imprison them, the opportunity for people to write off the past and make a new beginning, and a sharing of wealth, housing and jobs which is just.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Following the missionary vision of Columba, and of George MacLeod after him, we would like people's life and work to give them an 'Iona' wherever they are. In terms of my own work as Industrial Chaplain in the South Yorkshire Coalfield, this means encouraging the recognition of the contribution of our mining communities to the national wealth. In the face of so much social change the local churches can help all our communities to go on being good places to live because there is a place for everyone.

The Revd. Tony Attwood is Coalfield Chaplain with Sheffield Industrial Mission and can be contacted at: 5 Daw Wood, New Bentley, Doncaster DN5 0PU. Tel: (0302) 875904.

HENGRAVE HALL

Joyce and I recently had the joyful experience of making a short retreat at Hengrave Hall Centre, an ecumenical centre three miles north of Bury St. Edmunds.

Its nucleus is a handful of sisters of the Order of the Assumption, but they are surrounded by a constantly changing group of helpers, lay and other, some permanent and some, including students, who are there for a period, longer or shorter, and in which all denominations are represented.

OIKOUMENE - Ecumeny, Ecumenism ? there seems to be no English equivalent - is in fact the keynote of their work.

It is tempting to get bogged down in a mass of detail, but brevity demands otherwise. Parties of up to 78 in number can be accommodated, but for the private retreatant two is normally the maximum, and even this involves using a bed-settee but an extremely comfortable one. They stay in a self-contained flat (St. Catherine's) fifteen yards from the Hall itself: meals, which we found simple, but wholesome and attractive, can be taken with the community members, or, if privacy is desired, carried across on a tray.

The place itself - where to start? A beautiful C16th hall with numerous historical associations, two imposing frontages and containing, inter alia, a tiny oratory with stained glass contemporary with the hall, a wealth of oak panelling, especially on the first floor, a superb library . . etc. etc. all surrounding a beautiful courtyard of mellow creamy stone.

Set 25 yards away a small church, once the parish church of Hengrave village, with a rare Saxon round tower, now used for some of the services, and the whole in beautiful gardens, large and small, a well-managed and productive kitchen garden, still supplying the Hall, small lakes, which are the remains of a one-time moat, two ducal vistas, very extensive parkland and woodland and you have some idea of the material background.

But in addition to - and far surpassing all this is the spiritual background; the atmosphere of warmth, peace and welcome which from the moment of your arrival enwraps you and makes you one of a big, caring loving family. This defies description and has to be experienced, but, once experienced, could never be forgotten.

Bill Wigg.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

22nd May Katie Louise Joyce Robinson
Natalie Jayne Collins
5th June Adam Alan Hawke
10th July Matthew John Seffers Cross

Holy Matrimony

27th May Adrian Hallam & Michelle Denise Meredith
11th June Jeremy Stephen Fry & Amanda Louise Shaw
Richard Graham Stephenson & Tina Woodhead
Gary Stephen Gray & Ann Pickering
2nd July Paul Roger Watts & Michele Lythell
9th July David Alan Cooper & Jacqueline Melanie Hallows

Funerals

6th June Geoffrey Furness Wrigglesworth(75) 43 Queen Victoria Road
9th June Irene Tilly (80) 102 Baslow Road
20th June Rose Askham (79) 38 Green Oak Road
1st July John Herbert Halliday(69) 42a Marstone Crescent
1st July Lucy Cooper (85) 40 Laverdene Avenue
4th July Gertrude Mary Sharman (78) 22 Laverdene Avenue
5th July Dorothy Eileen Hunter(73) 7 Greek Oak Avenue
19th July Elder Cooper(84) Green Oak View

Geoff Wrigglesworth was born in Woodseats but came to Totley over 60 years ago. He was gardener for a while at Totley Grange before becoming postman for Dore Village giving 43 years of service.

Irene Tilly was born in Handsworth. She came to Totley over 40 years ago and although living in Scarborough for a while prior to her first husband's death, she came back to Baslow Road where she had earlier kept a greengrocers. She was a founder member of Totley Community Association at Abbeydale Hall.

Rose Askham was born in Hillsborough and then lived at Pitsmoor for 35 years before coming to Green Oak Rd. 14 years ago. Her cheerful spirit was an inspiration to all as was her Christian faith and her sincere trust in the promises of God.

John Halliday lived for many years at Heeley before moving to Totley last year. He served in some of the major scenes of conflict in the last war, afterwards becoming a craftsman-joiner, working for much of his life at Finnegans.

Lucy Cooper had lived on Laverdene Avenue for about 50 years. Her active and considerate nature was appreciated by neighbours and friends - her activity extending to redecorating her rooms and ceilings at the age of 85!

Mary Sharman was born in the Bramall Lane area coming to Totley over 50 years ago. Another active lady she tried her hand all round - on the trams, as a cook, in shops and then making scissors until she was nearly 70.

Dot Hunter was born on Shoreham Street, coming to Totley into the prefabs at the end of the War. For many years she was a cook for the student meals at Totley College. Elder Cooper was so named because she was born at "Elder Cottage" on Totley Hall Lane. Her maiden name was Marshall and her father and grandfather had lived in the village. Elder lived in Totley all her life - on Lemont Road Green Oak Crescent and finally in Green Oak View.

TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH

Ted and Dorothy Blackburn of All Saints have had their share of sorrow and anxiety. Their son, Keith, died of cancer 8 years ago, his son, Andrew (aged 17) is severely disabled with cerebral palsy, and another grandchild, Louise, is coping with leukaemia.

However, Andrew has recently been in the newspapers following an all-day marathon wheelchair push which raised £250. Andrew who cannot use any of his limbs or hands, and is unable to speak or feed himself, can communicate using a head pointer with an electronic keyboard, and sends letters to his grandparents in this way. Andrew was pushed round Alcester where he lives by an able-bodied friend, Steve Newby, aged 16.

The money raised will go to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Andrew's mother, Sue, started the Alcester Branch of the Imperial Cancer Fund in 1981 after the death of her husband and the group has raised over £34,000 since then.

ON THE BEACH

Helen & Gillian Job are assisting at a United Beach Mission at St. Ives from 13th-27th August. A weekly prayer letter with up-dates from all resorts is to be found on the Prayer Board in Church. Please remember the missions in your prayers.

FAMILY DAY AT WHIRLOW GRANGE All welcome

Monday 29th August 2pm - 5pm. Offers of cakes appreciated - contact Marjorie Snowdon (362822)

A VISIT TO ROCHE ABBEY AND LAUGHTON CHURCH
BY THE J3/J4s

On Tuesday 28th June we visited Roche Abbey. Roche Abbey was founded in 1147 and was used by monks of the Cisterian Order. It took us 45 minutes to get to the Abbey. Some of us travelled with Mr. Collins in the mini-bus and some went in the Vicar's car.

Although the Abbey is in ruins we could see how big it had been. The chancel arch still stands and we could see how high the church roof must have been - rather like a Cathedral.

Mr. Rayner took us round the ruins. He explained about the different parts and rooms and what they would have looked like and what the monks did.

Next to the Church where Services were held at certain times through the day, was the Chapter House. Here each day a chapter of the Monk's Rule would be read and the work of the abbey discussed. In the Cloisters some of the monks would make copies of the Bible and other religious books.

We saw where the monks slept and ate, the remains of the big fireplace in the kitchen, and the washhouse and toilets built over the stream flowing through the grounds.

After our look round we were given some work to do, measuring and drawing. Then it was time for our picnic lunch and a visit to the small museum and gift shop.

After lunch we walked round the outside of the Abbey grounds to see the fish pond and mill pond, crossing over the mill stream on stepping stones.

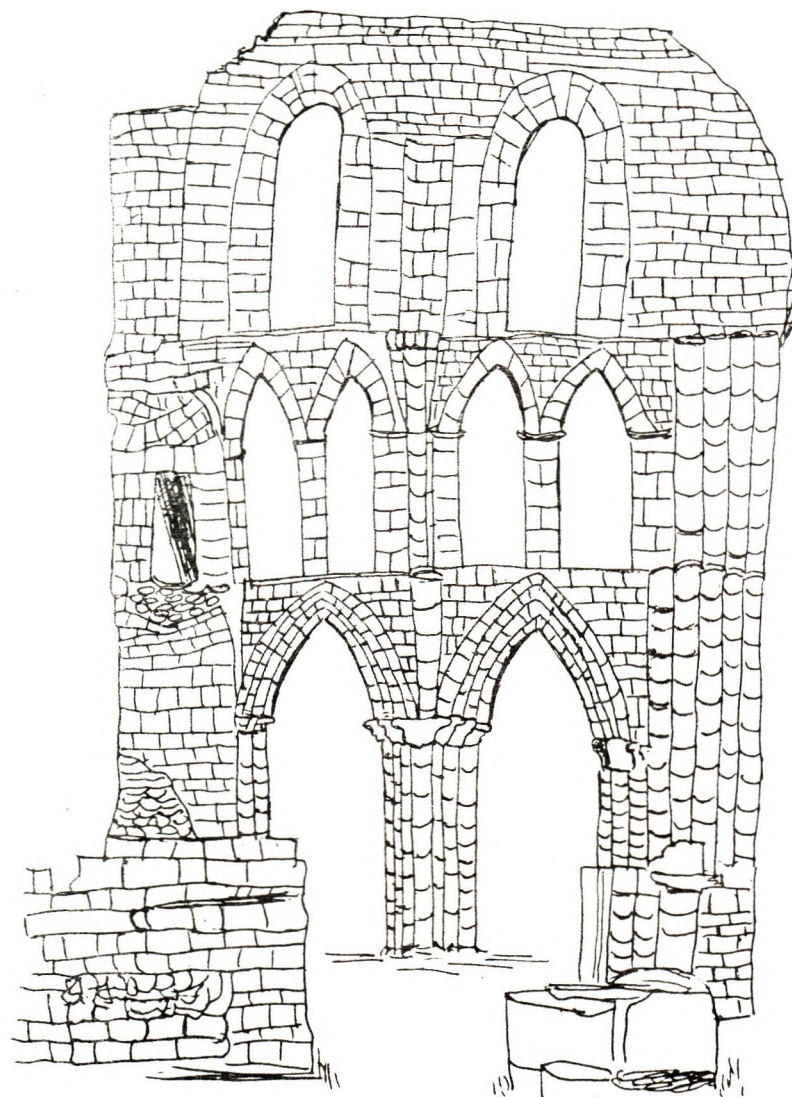
Then we set off in the bus and car the two miles to Laughton Church. We could see it in the distance as the spire is nearly 200 feet high.

In Laughton Church, parts of which date from Saxon times, we looked at the Font which is 600 years old. Then we took rubbings of some of the memorials and carved stonework.

Afterwards we had orange squash and biscuits in the Vicarage Garden with the Vicar, Mr. Ivell, who used to live in Totley, and we played with his Guinea Pig, Guinness.

J3 and J4

ROCHE ABBEY



This is a copy of a drawing that Simon Dorling made at Roche Abbey of the surviving Chancel Arches. Simon also produced a fine drawing of Sheffield Cathedral after our visit there. Perhaps we have a Church architect in the making.

FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRDS

If you, like me, had passed him in the street, anonymous almost in grey sports jacket and grey slacks, you would have had difficulty on Sunday in recognising the Bishop (for he was just that) in his purple and robes as one and the same person, inwardly of course he was the same, and so are we no matter what we wear. (Unless it be the ladies who say a new dress works wonders for them).

May be fine feathers as an adornment are unnecessary, in certain circumstances however the function is to impress and inform. This desire to impress and inform and also to give praise to the Lord is reflected in the building of tall steepled churches and beautiful cathedrals.

In secular circles the almost comic opera clothes affected by the court dress of our admirals, diplomats, judges, etc., in plumed and cockaded hats, kneebreeches and silver-buckled shoes is also to impress, but primarily to inform the outsiders of the positions held by these quaintly garbed people (a kind of satorial public relations exercise).

And yet CHRIST never needed any of these superficial trappings to impress the people. What shone through his drab apparel was his love for us all, his wisdom, knowledge and judgements. Outwardly, clotheswise, he never looked the KING he was, so to conform to the crucifying mob's view of a king, and to mock him, they gave him a purple robe.

Rex B.

THE VICAR COMMENDS

For all car owners there comes a time when another car is needed. In negotiating my recent exchange, I was impressed by Autosave of Sheffield who are motor agents for the Churches Purchasing Scheme now available to all church members. They will give a discount quote on any new or used car you request. Their initial quote for me was £600 lower than the local agent. Moreover for every car ordered they also donate £25 to the church of your choice. It is certainly worth a phone call to Autosave, Lydgate House, Sheffield, S10 5FH (667166) when you are next considering a purchase.

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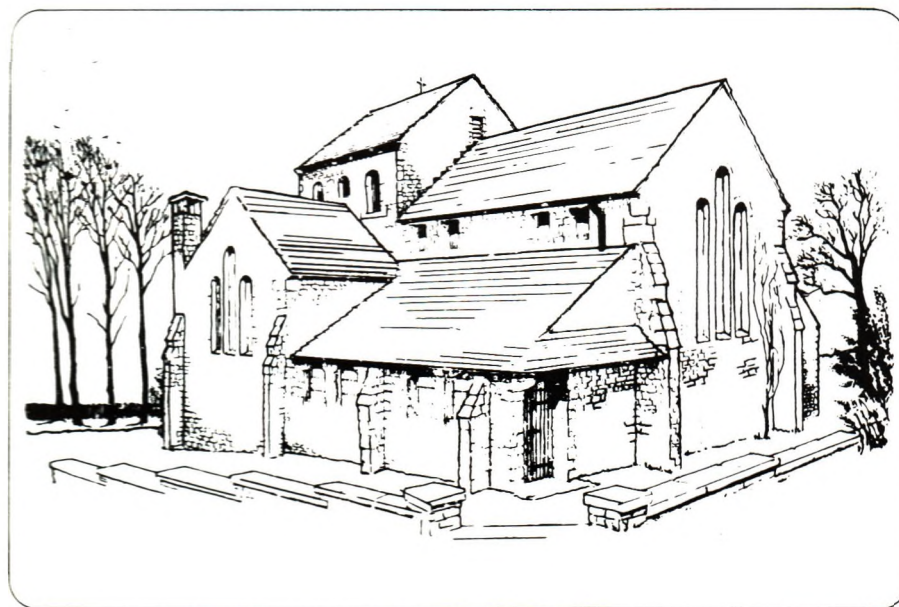
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This month sees the Olympic Games in Seoul. Many of us not otherwise particularly sports orientated, are likely to find ourselves watching more T.V. as some of the more dramatic finals take place. The feats of top athletes with their speed, ability, skill and fitness have a compulsion all of their own. Yet these contestants are often quite ordinary folk from varied backgrounds - returning to their work when the Olympics are over. What has earned them a place in the team is their determination to get to the top and their training.

Over the years I have met several ordinary folk who have done quite remarkable things and overcome difficult handicaps. In one parish I can remember a blind newsagent who covered a five mile newspaper round every morning. He knew the route by the sounds of his walking, and could identify the different papers by their shape and touch. On another occasion I found it moving to watch a thalidomide bride hitch up her dress and sign the registers on the vestry desk with her foot. These and others like them achieve remarkable results with determination and practice.

St. Paul reminded the early Christians (1 Corinth. 1:26) that of those called by God "few were wise, or powerful or of high social standing" but through God's power working in them and their response of determination and commitment, of Christian practice and trust, He was to achieve mighty things.

As we watch the Olympics, let us also be inspired to "run the race that is set before each one of us".

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Rayner

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You are asked to contact John Hill-Wilson, Tel: 366042, or Pip Lee, Tel: 369168, for details on how you can take part, as is anyone willing to help in the running of this exciting venture.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 4th PENTECOST 15
Theme: 'Those in Authority'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: I Timothy 2: 1-7 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 14: 1-12 (NEB)
6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament: Isaiah 45: 1-7 (NEB)
New Testament: Romans 13: 1-7 (JB)
- 11th PENTECOST 16
Theme 'The Neighbour'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: I John 4: 15-23 (JB)
Gospel: St. Luke 16: 19-31 (JB)
10am Young Saints & Crypt Club
12noon Holy Baptism (Nicholas Joe McQueen)
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament: Leviticus 19: 9-18 (NEB)
New Testament: St. Luke 10: 25-37 (RSV)
- 18th PENTECOST 17
Theme 'The Proof of Faith'
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: Galatians 2:15 to 3:9 (RSV)
Gospel: St. Luke 17: 1-10 (JB)
10am Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
Epistle: James 1: 16-27 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Luke 17: 11-19 (JB)
- 25th PENTECOST 18 FLOWER FESTIVAL
Theme 'The Offering of Life'
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle: 1 Peter 4: 7-11 (NEB)
Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 14-30 (JB)
6.30pm Songs of Praise

2nd OCTOBER - - - - - HARVEST FESTIVAL
8am and 10am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

PARISH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Sat. 2.15pm Holy Matrimony (Kevin Clark & Lisa Stacey)
- 6th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.15pm Ladies Club meet at Bakewell Market Place
- 7th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 6 Milldale Rd.
8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 1 Quarry Road and 126 Green Oak Road
- 8th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
8pm Contemplative Prayer Group -
- 10th Sat 3.30pm Holy Matrimony (Paul Shirt & Jayne Burgin)
- 13th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
8pm Christian Council Meeting - Dore Schoolhouse
- 14th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 66 Rowan Tree Dell
8pm Wednesday Fellowships at the Vicarage and 57 Sunnyvale Road
- 15th Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- 17th Sat 4pm Holy Matrimony (Blair Duckenfield & Pat Bird)
- 20th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club 'Journalism' Mrs. D. Leonard
7.30pm All Saints Nursery/Playgroup Committee
- 21st Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships at the Vicarage and 126 Green Oak Road
- 22nd Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- 23rd-25th FLOWER FESTIVAL AND CRAFT EXHIBITION (Details p.3)
- 24th Sat. 10.30am Holy Matrimony (Maurice Musson & Hilary Sargison)
7.30pm Concert by John Wade Singers in Church
- 26th Mon 8pm Young Saints Leaders Meeting
- 27th Tue. 12.15pm Liaison Lunch in Church Hall
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - Hall
8pm Men's Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
- 28th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 1 Quarry Road and 57 Sunnyvale Road
- 29th Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- Confirmation Service for Tootley, Abbeydale and Dore is to be held at St. John's Abbeydale on 13th October.

CAN WE HELP PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS?

YES. But is there very much need? Again the answer is YES. Many countries have harassed and imprisoned Christians, especially those who get involved in work for the Master. In Nepal for example there is 'religious freedom' so long as you stay in the religion of your birth, but if you become a Christian and have not come from a Christian family, you go to jail, and anyone who helped you become a Christian is liable to as well.

There are many Christian missionary organisations helping persecuted Christians of all denominations. Keston College in Kent (which All Saints helps with an annual donation) is the recognised authority and research organisation on up-to-date religious persecution in Communist lands.

Another is C.S.I.(Christian Solidarity International). C.S.I. as the name implies is international. It works through ordinary people being informed who then pray and, where appropriate, write polite letters to embassies, etc., and also letters of encouragement to the victims and their families. C.S.I. also works at high level, through M.P's who sometimes visit the lands concerned, sometimes arranging defence lawyers to represent the accused. It is a proven fact that countries are very sensitive to this kind of publicity and in many cases this has resulted in the shortening of sentences and the relaxing of harsh treatment.

Recent 'successes' include the grand-daughters of ex-President Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, Christian ladies who spent 13 years in prison under very harsh conditions without trial. Valeri Barinov and his family, Janis Rzalvis and his family, both of the U.S.S.R. have had their sentences cut and allowed to emigrate to this land. Others include Irina Ratushinskaya, the Russian poetess imprisoned for her Christian writings, and Anna Chertkova, a Russian Baptist held in psychiatric confinement for 14 years. She was told 'Deny God and you will be home tomorrow'. Now she is home without denying God, thanks to many people's prayers and action co-ordinated by C.S.I.

It is suggested that we form a C.S.I. Action Group - so watch out for future developments. The group could possibly take the form of a monthly meeting to share information and pray, but it could also be incorporated into existing meetings. What do you think? Let the Vicar know. We can do something here - please help.

Dudley Nixon

Sheffield Diocesan News

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Three Considerations...

The Bishop of Doncaster Writes

Now that the Synod has given general approval to the Priest's (Ordination of Women) Measure, debate on the question will soon move to the Dioceses. The Measure must go through its Revision Stage first; but once that is completed, we shall be discussing the matter ourselves later next year.

As we do so it seems to me that there are some important considerations to bear in mind. The first is that we take the trouble to give the theological issues our own serious reflection. The House of Bishops' Report on the theological issues will be of some help in this connection. I was relieved to observe in the Synod debate that it received more bouquets than brickbats! It draws our attention to some of the questions that need to be explored and states the arguments fairly.

The second consideration is that we do not forget a concern for the well-being of the Church. Whatever our own convictions, we need to be a church that is spiritually healthy and equipped to be an effective instrument in God's purpose.

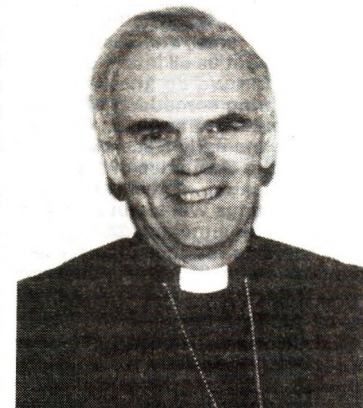
The third consideration is that we have to keep a balance of priorities. We must spend adequate time in discussion; and, let it be said again, adequate time in prayer. At the end of the process a strategic decision has to be taken. It is not however the only strategic decision. We are all conscious of the many spiritual and social needs crying out for a christian response. Those other needs cannot be neglected.

What is true for the Diocese is equally true for the Anglican Communion. By the time this issue of Diocesan News appears the Lambeth Conference will be over. We shall know how the Conference handled questions related not only to the ordination of women to the priesthood, but also what guidance the Bishops have provided on the ordination of women to the Episcopate. We shall also know how the Conference has responded as a world communion to a world in need.

Those of you who came to the pre-Lambeth meeting at the Octagon Centre in Sheffield at least got a glimpse of that need. As the Bishop and I visit the Deaneries this Autumn, I hope we shall be able to share with you some of the Lambeth priorities.

With best wishes,

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster





After Lambeth

The Archbishop of Canterbury asked the Bishops of the Anglican Communion to "take their Dioceses with them" to the Lambeth Conference in July and August. Whether or not the Bishop of Sheffield and the Bishop of Doncaster managed to get us all into their suitcases we do not know, but we do know that now they are hoping to bring something of Lambeth back to the Diocese of Sheffield. Through October, November and early December our Bishops are to visit all the Deaneries of the Diocese sharing their experiences of the Lambeth Conference. All the meetings will begin at 7.30 p.m. and full details will be announced in your Deanery but pencil the date for your Deanery into your diary right now. Dates of Deanery visits are:

Doncaster: Wednesday, October 28. Adwick-le-Street: Monday, October 31. West Doncaster: Monday, November 14. Wath: Tuesday, November 15. Ecclesall: Wednesday, November 16. Snaith and Hatfield: Thursday, November 17. Tankersley: Friday, November 18. Attercliffe: Monday, November 21. Rotherham: Tuesday, November 22. Ecclesfield: Monday, November 28. Laughton: Tuesday, November 29. Hallam: Tuesday, December 6. You are invited. Plan to be there.

Book Needs

Your old books can be turned into new books to give folk throughout the world the chance to read modern Christian literature, if you donate old unwanted tomes to the Bookfair to be held at Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield on Saturdays in September (3rd, 10th and 17th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). The proceeds of the Bookfair are to go to the work of SPCK - the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. Offers of books can be made to John Newton on Worksop 0909-770283 or books can be taken straight to the Bookfair.

Young People

What is your Church planning to do to mark Youth Sunday in the Diocese of Sheffield? The Sunday in question is November 20th when it is hoped that every parish will allow their teenagers to take a special part in their Sunday worship. In order to get help and necessary resources for that Sunday young people and their leaders are invited to one of two special IDEAS DAYS on Saturday, October 8th at Pitsmoor in Sheffield and on Saturday, October 15th at Hexthorpe, Doncaster. Details and booking forms can be obtained from the clergy, from youth leaders or from the Diocesan Youth and Childrens Officer, the Revd. Alan Griffiths, at the Diocesan Office (Sheffield 754386).

Mission Four

Book four Mission Doncaster dates in your diaries for September. The first is the Mission Doncaster (Alive in Mission) annual meeting at Doncaster Pentecostal Church on Friday, September 9th at 7.30 p.m. The second is "Four Worshipping Churches" in which four church worship-groups share their experiences in a Workshop event at Wheatley Park Baptist Church, Winchester Avenue, off Thorne Road. This is on Saturday, September 17th 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The cost is £1 and you are asked to bring a packed meal. There will be an Evening Celebration afterwards in the Church at 7.30 p.m. Event three is "Rock Solid", a youth event with drama, singing, Rock Band and food. It's on Friday September 30th at the Large Co-op Hall, Spring Gardens from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Cost £1.25. Finally there is a Meeting for Ministers and Church Leaders to discuss a Billy Graham Live Link-up in June 1989. The meeting will be at Doncaster Town Fields Sports Club, Bennethorpe, Doncaster (opposite Earl of Doncaster) on Friday, September 30th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Record Number

A record number of candidates - 48 for the first year and 48 for the second - are planning to take part in the Pastoral Workers' and Readers' Course this year, reports Margaret Selby, Secretary for Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield. The Course starts its new session with an Induction Day at Handsworth Parish Centre on September 24th. This year a special group for country parishes has been formed under the supervision of Deaconess Eve Atherfold who is attached to the Fishlake Group of Parishes. In overall charge of the scheme is the new Training Officer, Mr. John Bouch who lives in Ardsley, Barnsley. To help him there are 32 voluntary tutors and groups will be held in Sheffield, Doncaster and other venues.

Help!

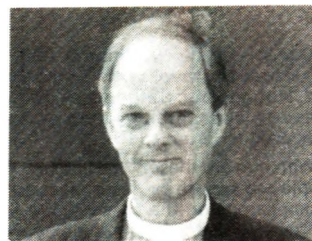
They are looking for a full-day-Sunday organist at St. John the Evangelist Church, Abbeydale, Sheffield, whose parish includes part of Dore, Totley Rise and Bradway. They would like to engage an organist as soon as possible and good financial terms are offered. The Church has a choirmaster and a choir some 30 strong and practice with the choir on Wednesday evenings would be expected. Please contact the Revd. Grant MacIntosh, 2 Devonshire Glen, Sheffield S17 3NY. Phone: 360786.

Award

Projects ranging from teaching in Kenya to researching Celtic Spirituality feature in the first list of the Centenary Bursary Awards for the clergy to be announced by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The Revd. Malcolm Afflatt, Vicar of St. Peter's Abbeydale, Sheffield since 1981, travelled to London along with nine of the other Ecclesiastical Insurance Group Bursary recipients to receive their award from the Bishop of Hull. The award will enable Malcolm to finance sabbatical leave to study the Ignatian Method at St. Beuno's College at St. Asaph in Wales.

New Provost



The new Provost of Sheffield is to be 46-year-old Prebendary John Gladwin, at present Secretary of the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility. His appointment was announced recently by the Sheffield Church Burgesses. Born in Hertfordshire, Prebendary Gladwin studied at Cambridge University at St. John's College, Durham. He was to return to St. John's as a Tutor after a curacy at St. John's, Kirkheaton in the Diocese of Wakefield. From 1977 to 1982 he worked in Nottingham as Director of the Shaftebury Project, an independent evangelical unit carrying out research into matters concerned with Christian social ethics. Among those who interviewed him for that job was the woman who was to become his wife. Mrs. Lydia Gladwin will, in fact, be returning to South Yorkshire when they eventually move to Sheffield for she studied at Sheffield University and afterwards worked on the management side of Social Services in both Sheffield and Doncaster. The Gladwins were married at Christ Church, Fulwood.

As Secretary to the Board for Social Responsibility Prebendary Gladwin has been at the sharp end of much recent debate on contemporary issues at the General Synod and in the Church of England at large. Nuclear Warfare, Aids, Embryo Research have been among the topics worked on over these years as well as background work for the Faith in the City Report. It is hoped that Prebendary Gladwin will take up his appointment in the late autumn. He will succeed the Very Revd. Frank Curtis who retired in July.

Last Chance

Don't forget that you can still go "Digging for God" on the special course arranged by Sheffield Industrial Mission for clergy and lay leaders. The course begins September 13th for five Thursdays and ends November 10th. Times 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact the Revd. Tony Attwood on Doncaster 875904 for full details.

Remember?

Have you remembered - or did you forget - to send your donation to the Bishop of Sheffield's £Million Appeal? The latest total available as we went to press was £176,000 including 253 covenants. In all, to date there have been some 1020 responses, so there's still a lot of people who haven't yet sent in their contribution to this vital Appeal. Money raised will be spent on grants to parishes towards the cost of building projects, for the renovation of old buildings, for the face-lift that can bring new life, or for the building of new churches in new mission areas. It's not too late and the Bishop would be very happy if you could organise some fund raising event - a coffee morning for instance, or some other home event. Think it over. Donations or covenants should be sent to the Bishop of Sheffield, Bishopsclough, Snaithing Lane, Sheffield S10 3LG.

Wardens Alert

Calling all Churchwardens in the Diocese of Sheffield. There's to be a special event for you on Saturday, October 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ranmoor Parish Centre, Sheffield. This will be a super opportunity for Churchwardens to learn more about their important job, to meet with members of the Diocesan staff and to meet one another to share problems and ideas. Full details and applications should be made to your Archdeacon... Stephen Lowe on Sheffield 350191 or Desmond Carnelly on Doncaster 325787. Ring now!

Sharing

Sharing in Prophecy and Action is to be the theme of the 60th Church Missionary Society Northern Congress at Harrogate, October 21st to 23rd, 1988. Bishop Pat Harris and the Bishops of Knaresborough and Ripon will be among the speakers at the Congress and full details and booking arrangements can be obtained from the CMS Area Secretary, Alan Isaacson, 213 Springfield Road, Crookes, Sheffield. S10 1LG. (Sheffield 681053).

One Day Sale

Ladies Dresses. Skirts, Blouses, Tops and Nightwear and Children's wear as well - made by the noted South Yorkshire firm of S.R. Gent plc will be on sale at a special one-day event at Sheffield Cathedral Hall, off Campo Lane, Sheffield on Saturday, October 1st. All the proceeds will be going to the Bishop of Sheffield's Million Pound Appeal. 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Admission ten pence only. Refreshments available.

First Timers

If you've always wanted to go on your first retreat, but never got round to it, there's an ideal opportunity coming up at Whirlow Grange from 16-18th September, when the Ven. Michael Paton will be leading a retreat for first-timers.

If you would like to book contact Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, Whirlow, Sheffield S11 9PZ. Tel: (0742) 363173 or if you want to know more about the retreat, drop a line to The Ven. Michael Paton, 947 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 2QD.

Appointments

The Revd. Andrew James Behrens, Vicar of SS. Philip and James, New Bentley, to be Vicar of Great Houghton and Little Houghton with Brafild in the Green, in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Revd. Thomas Henry Wood to be Assistant Curate at St. Cecilia, Parson Cross.

The Revd. Andrew J.M. Sinclair, Assistant Curate at All Saints, Rotherham, to be Anglican Chaplain to the University of Edinburgh.

Please pray for Paul Stanley Bagshaw (Northern Ordination Course) to be made Deacon in St. James' Church, Woodhouse, on Sunday, 4th September, and to serve in the Parish of Woodhouse.

TO ASIA WITH LOVE...

South East Asia was the exciting destination of the Revd. John Hawley, Vicar of All Saints, Woodlands, Doncaster earlier this year. And his was an exciting task too: to travel with Evangelist, the Revd. Jim Smith, to take a Prophetic Word to Churches in Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore and Nepal. "We had no set programme" writes John "But simply to arrive in these places, then getting on the phone to make appointments with leading Christians who would be prepared to listen to the Prophetic Word".

Among the many vivid memories John has brought back with him are these: "In Bangkok we were allowed to visit the Immigration Prison where hundreds of Khmer people are kept in far from pleasant conditions having been arrested by the Thai Government, escaping from refugee camps on the borders. We had the privilege of leading at least one Khmer young man to faith in Christ after the way had been prepared by the Christian women who visit these prisoners almost daily to give them some sense of the love of Jesus. This was a most moving experience as we communicated (through a missionary interpreter) with these young men crowded into the small space of their imprisonment. We were aware of being in a very real cauldron of modern history, there in Buddhist Thailand.

"Over in Nepal - a Hindu state - the Christian Church is simply allowed to exist but Christians are not allowed to evangelise, to baptise or to convert. Pastors are sometimes imprisoned and there seems to be a growing threat to Nepalese Christians. It comes as a shock to realise the need for a guard on the door when worshipping with a group of three to four hundred Christians (well over half of them young men). The guards were needed to protect the Church Family from encroachments of the Police. Yet amidst all this the Christian Church is growing because of the movement of God in the hearts of Nepalese people. Lifestyle there is very simple so, unlike Western Europe, they have no distractions to take up their time and basic life, but lively Christianity amidst persecution is the result.

"In every situation, in Nepal, in Singapore and Hong Kong we were amazed at our reception. The Prophetic Word was different in each case but everywhere the Word was received by the Pastors and the people. I sensed that I had been deeply privileged to be part of this Mission which had been financed by Christians in the North East of England. It was a special honour to be involved with and now know a persecuted Church and to be aware of the tensions and absolute delights of life in the Far East. The reaction I had on coming back to England was one of sadness at the English Church. The vitality and simplicity of faith in the Far East compared with the many distractions we have within our own expression of Christianity must, in the end, be a challenge to us all".

WOMEN TODAY

The Diocesan Adult Education Department, together with the Social Responsibility Committee's Information Network, have organised four evenings at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, when we can explore what it means to be a woman in the church today. The subject matter varies from religious language to sexuality, and each evening is led by a woman known for her interest and thinking in these spheres.

The evenings fall on consecutive Mondays, from September 5th to 26th, 1988 (8 p.m. to 10 p.m.), and the speakers are: JANET MORLEY (author of 'All Desires Known') on *"I desire her with my whole heart" - women finding a new language for prayer*. LAVINIA BYRNE (editor of "The Way", and member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary) on *"Women before God"*. JILL ROBSON (psychologist and philosopher) on *"Would we have remembered Mary Magdalene if she had gone in for fraud?" - reflections on women and sexuality*. ANGELA TILBY (B.B.C. producer) on *"Echo and Narcissus"*.

Whilst the series is aimed at examining what it means to be a woman in the church today, it is NOT intended purely for women, and is open to everyone. There is also NO CHARGE!

Interested? - Then just turn up on the night - no booking is required.

FLOWERS ALL THE WAY

If you are stuck for somewhere to go this autumn why not hop in the car or jump on the bus to one of the many Church Flower Festivals on offer at this time of year. Here are some you may care to visit:

"Divine Sayings with Flowers" is to be the theme at **St. John, Wadworth** Flower Festival Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th. On the Saturday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) there's to be a Country Market and refreshments and on Sunday Services at 9.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. Open all day and if you want any more information please ring Mrs. D. Harvey on Doncaster 851974 or Mrs. R. Redden on Doncaster 853829.

"Saints for all Seasons" is the festival theme at **St. Mary's Church, Handsworth**, Sheffield, September 9th, 10th and 11th from 10 a.m. to dusk. There will also be a Local History Exhibition and a copy of the Yorkshire Domesday Book on display. Proceeds are for the Restoration Appeal - £65,000 needed of which £30,000 has been raised so far. Afternoon teas, lunches and refreshments will be available and coach parties will be welcome. Contact the Revd. Bruce Leng on Sheffield 692537 for full details.

Travel on the A616 Sheffield to Manchester Road or bus routes 57, 66 or 67 (Sundays 57 and 58 only) to get to **St. John's, Deepcar** for their Flower Festival and Arts and Crafts Exhibition (to round off their September Renewal Campaign). Dates are Saturday, October 1st 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 2nd 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Monday, October 3rd, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ploughmans lunches and teas will be served in the Church Hall. Contact the Vicar The Revd. Robert Palmer (Sheffield 885138) for any further Details.

Finally, **St. Cyprian's Church, Frecheville**, Sheffield will be open all day on Saturday, September 10th with various events to commemorate their patronal festival and the setting up of St. Cyprian's as a separate parish. A special service at 10 a.m. on September 11th will bring the event to a close. Refreshments will be available and parties welcome. Please ring Sheffield 726528 or 399555 for full details.

WHEN THE OPEN DOOR CLOSSES

The 'Open Door' sessions for any one to drop in at the U.R.C. Church on Totley Brook Road on Thursday mornings are to be extended - to include a lunch-time study group open to all. Each Thursday for six weeks from 6th October Marion Duckworth will lead a group on the subject of the 'Bible and the Newspapers'. This will start at 12.30 pm - and from 12 - 12.30pm soup and bread will be obtainable at 20p.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

.....following the Dore & Totley Christian Council's Chairman's Effort, £325 was sent to the Blue Nile Children's Farm set up this year to give agricultural training to teenagers who were made orphans in the Ethiopian famine.

.....following the Garden Party, £450 (half the proceeds) was sent to the Bishop's Appeal for Inner City Aid.

PARISH ROTAS

FLOWERS

September

	Altar	Memory Table
4	Mrs.Powell & Mrs.Ibbotson	Mrs.Gray
11	Mrs. Drewery	Mrs.Bramall
18	Mrs.Holding	Mrs.Parsons
25	FLOWER FESTIVAL	

Silver Cleaning

Sept 4	Miss Taylor	Sept 18	Mrs. Watson
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Sept 4	Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Warrender
Sept 11	Mrs. Ludlum & Mrs. Lewis
Sept 18	Mrs.D. Firth & Mrs. L. Marshall
Sept. 25	Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Cooke
Oct. 2	Mrs. Ivison & Mrs. S. Cook

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The first meeting of the new session is on Tuesday 27th September at 2.15pm in the Church Hall. Ladies of all ages are welcome to come along and join in.

AN EVENING WITH THE UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL

The United Mission to Nepal came into being in 1954 and is supported by 37 different missionary societies. Not allowed to evangelise directly, the Mission works closely with the Nepali Church to bring medicine, education and technology to the country. Film and speaker on Saturday 17th September at 7.30pm - Totley Rise Methodist Church.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. John 10:8 "All others who came before me are thieves and robbers."

This is a text on which many sermons are based. John mentions that when Christ spoke these words many did not understand. It sometimes seems - listening to differing interpretations that very little has changed! Many preachers take this text literally and say that all who came before were false and therefore all that they said was false. They then go on to say that Christ was the only true prophet and all the rest should be ignored.

Leaving aside the point that Christians do not regard Jesus as a prophet - that is the position of other faiths such as the Moslems - we should remember that God has always spoken and acted through men and women. That is why the various writings of prophets and saints have become Holy Scripture. It is this humanity of God, and our humanity in Him, which makes us Godlike. Our humanity, that is our capacity to love, to forgive and to repent - the giving and receiving of love - which is at the heart of Christian teaching. That is why St. Paul was able to say "without love we are nothing". To love is to be like God.

But there was so much darkness - lack of real understanding. The Jews, in spite of their deep longing for God, had not found the light of His love. That longing of the people of Israel provoked a response from God, His love for them prompted Him to fulfil their need for enlightenment - "ask and it shall be given to you".

What follows may sound a bit like the script of a Hollywood 'B' picture, rather like those Ronnie Reagan used to act in - still does according to some! God decided to take earthly form - so He gets Himself conceived by no man in the womb of the wife of a humble carpenter; is born; goes through various traumas in early childhood; is brought up in relative obscurity; starts to teach; proclaims Himself the Messiah (not prophet); gets crucified for His pains and eventually returns to Heaven. The young man who suffers all this for Him, and for us, is remembered in perpetual honour.

That more or less is the bones of it, if I may be forgiven for using that expression, living as I do, in just a little admiration of the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins.

What happened? Simple really; the eternal and universal truth of God did not change, it simply became flesh, or took human form, to live amongst us. This is what we call the Incarnation. The truth of God was not any better or any different, it was exactly the same as it always had been. It was simply that people could see the truth - feel it, understand it and rejoice in it now that it had become embodied in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

What Jesus came to teach was that no matter what sort of person we are; by love, by forgiveness and repentance we too could become Godlike, or saintly. And, now, after the death of Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit who makes Christ's teaching possible for us. Remember the hymn 'Veni Creator' which starts:- "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire".

That, in essence, though it could be better argued, is the Trinity - God, Man and Spirit. That is what Christians believe. Divorce any one from the other, elevate any one above the others, or deny the eternal truth of any one of that Holy Triumvirate and you are in heresy, you cannot claim to be a Christian. Remember that all things come from God, - we say that before Communion. So next time anyone tells you that all who came before Christ are false and must be rejected, respond by saying, "Get thee behind me Satan".

Barrie Briggs

Note:

A.M. Allchin, a Canon of Canterbury Cathedral and Warden of the Sisters of Love of God, wrote a pamphlet called 'Trinity and Incarnation in the Anglican Tradition' published by SLG Press. It is written for the thinking Christian who is prepared to study a little to try to understand the Gospels and, therefore, what he or she is saying they believe in. It costs approx. 50-60p and I will get a copy for anyone who would like to have one.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL TOY LIBRARY

From September there will be a change in the times of opening of the Toy Library. The Library is situated in the Home Economics area at All Saints' School and is open to all parents of young children:

Mondays	2.45 - 3.45 pm
Thursdays	2.45 - 3.45 pm

JOIN THE LADIES CLUB - ON A TOUR OF BAKEWELL

The first Autumn meeting of the Ladies Club is an historical tour of Bakewell. It is a Walkabout guided by the Mayor of Bakewell, Laurence Knighton, who says it is not energetic and largely on the flat. Those going, and husbands are invited as well, are asked to assemble at the car park in Bakewell Market Place at 7.15pm on Tuesday 6th September. If you have seats in your car - or require a seat - please ring 362322 and we'll try and match every one up.

CHAIN VICARS



IF YOU ARE unhappy with your vicar, simply have your churchwardens send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are also tired of their vicar.

Then bundle up your vicar and send him to the church at the top of the list in the letter. Within a week you will receive 16,435 vicars and one of them should be all right!

Have faith in this chain letter for vicars. Do not break the chain. One church did and got their old vicar back!

BRITONS SPENT A record £921 million on sweets during 1986; that's an increase of £38 million over the previous year.

A WORD IN SEASON

A SHABBY-LOOKING OLD man used to go into a church each day at midday for a few minutes: the caretaker was suspicious — he wasn't in there long enough to pray!

'I can't pray a long prayer', said Jim; 'but I just comes in and kneels and says, "Jesus, it's Jim", and waits a minute, and then comes away'.

Some time later, lying injured in a hospital bed, the Ward Sister wondered how it was that Jim seemed responsible for a real change of atmosphere in the ward — it was now a positive, often happy, place.

'It's my visitor', Jim explained. But he never had any visitors.

'Every day at 12 o'clock he comes and stands at the foot of my bed. I see him and he smiles and says, "Jim, it's Jesus".'

THE MONEY REQUIRED to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated by UNESCO at £8,500 million a year — about as much as the world spends on arms every fortnight.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

14th August Daniel James John Wright

Holy Matrimony

28th July John David Doyle & Kay Moira Watson

6th August Stephen Peter Prime & Suzanne Elizabeth Kirton

12th August Richard Mark Gillott & Kathryn Jane Calvert

Service of Blessing

28th July John Michael Cassar & Mary Heather Marriott

Funerals

27th July Arthur Robert Murr (73) 68 Sunnyvale Road

28th July Maurice Pearson (85) 19 Aldam Croft

4th August Marjorie Dobie (82) 34 Totlely Grange Drive

Bob Murr was an active Methodist from his early years, involved as a Bible Class leader at Mount View, in Mission Bands and with Cliff College. In Totlely we have been more aware of his devotion as a parent caring for his spastic children and his involvement with the Spastics Society. We give thanks for his friendship and faith which has been a source of strength to him - and express our sympathy to Rita, Andrew and Julie.

Maurice Pearson was of the long-established Totlely Family. He was born on Shrewsbury Terrace and lived on Totlely Hall Lane and Lemont Road, and worked for most of his life as an electrician.

Marjorie Dobie was born in Walkley, but lived around the country and the world as her husband was a regular in the Army. Widowed in the war she tried her hand at different jobs including running a Boarding House at Nether Edge, prior to her retiring to Totlely.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND LOVE

Many thanks to everyone who, on hearing of our sad loss at the death of our daughter, Beryl, gave us their support and showed us so much kindness and concern. It was very much appreciated.

Claire & John Billard

DOUBLE EVENT ?

Belated congratulations to Alison Rayner & Adrian Tolson who thank you all for your good wishes on their engagement in June. Congratulations too to Rachel Swift & Mark Rayner on their engagement as this goes to press. No double wedding plans - they hope to be married in the summers of 1989 and 1990 respectively.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

These little things mean a lot because they tend to magnify themselves by striking a special chord in our hearts and minds, and on the positive side bring and give joy.

As on the other day in town, a fellow sporting a straw-boater (straw ben in local dialect) sat on a canvas camp stool and on his lap an open-fronted box, approx 20" x 12" x 6" (I've not gone metric yet!) forming a small stage bordered by miniature fairy lights, music to which puppets danced by a cassette on a radio behind the stage.

It not only held the fascinated gaze of the very young, but also the elderly bystanders, including two unaccompanied grannies who gladly contributed to the collecting hat. One could almost sense their memories travelling back over the intervening years to their own childhood and forming a subconscious and tenuous link with their grandchildren, to create an aura of happiness probably lasting all day, yet only taking seconds to enact.

Now we can't all be 'showbiz' people, but as Christians it should be a natural instinct to avail ourselves of every opportunity to make little things mean a lot. I see it happening all the time at All Saints.

During a conversation with an 86 year old retired Methodist minister, he reckoned one old lady would remember him less for his sermons, than for the buckets of coal he carried into the house on his visits.

Rex B.

QUOTES

Work as if you were to live a hundred years,
Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

Benjamin Franklin

Folks never say the things they ought to say -
until it is too late.

Lou (Anna Wing) - Eastenders

WORLD FUN RUN

What a way for the world to limber up for the Olympic Games! Sport Aid 88 aims to 'Change the world' with the world's biggest ever 'mass run' on September 11, outstripping even the 'Run the World' extravaganza of a few years ago.

Fifteen million children a year still die unnecessarily, due to lacking basic



amenities say the organisers. They expect 218 countries to take part to 'combat this hidden problem'.

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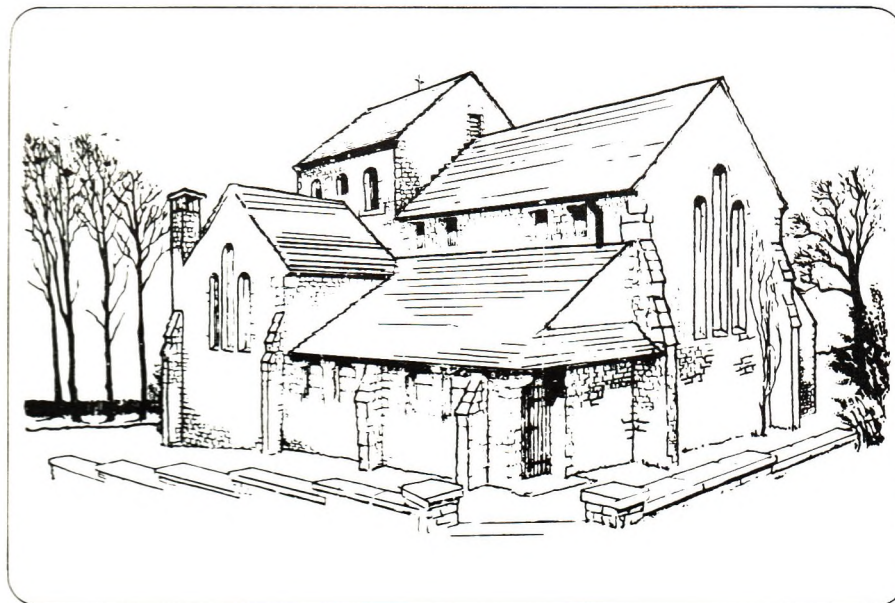
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this month we celebrate our Harvest Festival. We praise God for the wonder of His Creation and give thanks that we are so plentifully supplied with food and the means of life.

Yet modern media - press, radio and particularly television - make us acutely aware of the starvation, poverty and distress of other parts of our world. Some of these disasters are purely natural, others have been brought about by man's greed and exploitation, or lack of concern or forethought. There are enough resources in the world for all - they are not wisely used or fairly distributed and the causes are very complex. What is demanded of us as Christians is our response to the needs of others out of human compassion and in obedience to the teaching of Christ.

It seemed right to the Church Council that our Harvest Appeal should be primarily for money rather than produce so that our offerings could be sent overseas to those in greatest need. The decoration of the Church will be mainly floral with a symbolic display to remind us of the fruits of the earth. Although it is traditional to give and receive gifts within the parish at Harvest-time, the number of elderly and sick far exceed the number we could provide for, and we hope that they will understand that a far greater need exists in other parts of the world.

However, I hope too that as individuals we can still reach out in the 'spirit of harvest-time', now and throughout the year to those around us in the community. There is pleasure to be had in sharing with others - and there is joy for the elderly in receiving that unexpected gift, whether it is some extra baking or produce from your garden, together with the thoughts and visit that go with it.

May I encourage you this Harvest-tide both to use the envelope enclosed with this magazine (return to Church, the Vicar or your distributor) - and look for ways of sharing with others around you.

Every blessing,

Stewart Rayner

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

2nd HARVEST FESTIVAL

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (JB)

Gospel : St. Matthew 6: 24-34 (NEB)

10am Young Saints & Crypt Club

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament : Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (TEV)

New Testament: St. Matthew 13: 18-30 (NEB)

9th PENTECOST 20

Theme 'Endurance'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : 1 Corinthians 9: 19-27 (TEV)

Gospel : St. Matthew 7: 13-27 (NEB)

10am Young Saints & Crypt Club

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Daniel 3: 13-26 (NEB)

New Testament : St. Luke 9: 51-62 (NEB)

16th LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Theme 'Citizens of Heaven'

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-17 (RSV)

Gospel : St. Matthew 25: 1-13 (NEB)

10am Family Service & Communion (ASB) with the newly confirmed.

6.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Philippians 3: 7-21 (JB)

Gospel : St. John 17: 1-10 (JB)

23rd 9th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme 'The Creation'

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP) & Holy Baptism

(Katherine Anne Lawry)

First Reading : Genesis 1: 1-3, 24-31 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 1: 1-14 (RSV)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-25 (NEB)

New Testament : Revelation 4: 1-11 (NEB)

30th 8th BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Theme 'The Fall'
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10am Holy Communion (ASB)
 First Reading : Genesis 4: 1-10 (NEB)
 Gospel : St. Mark 7: 14-23 (NEB)
 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
 Old Testament : Genesis 3: 1-15
 New Testament: St. John 3: 13-21 (RSV)

HARVEST LUNCH

As last year a Ploughman's Lunch will be available in the Church Hall at 12 noon on Sunday 2nd October - tickets are free - but we would like everyone to donate the cost of their normal Sunday dinner to help starving children overseas.
ALL SAINTS DAY - Tuesday 1st November

9.30 am Morning Service with All Saints' School

8.00 am Holy Communion(sung)

PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

4th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

7.30pm Ladies Club 'Assay Office' Shirley Carson

5th Wed 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship

8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 113 Green Oak Road
 126 Green Oak Road

6th Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group-12 Marstone Cresc.

11th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

12th Wed 2pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship-182 Warminster Rd.

8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 57 Sunnyvale Road
 and 1 Quarry Road

13th Thu 7.30pm CONFIRMATION at St.John's Abbeydale

8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage

18th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

7.30pm Ladies Club 'Fashion Show' by Ann of Baslow Rd.

19th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 113 Green Oak Rd.
 and 126 Green Oak Road

20th Thu 8pm P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage

8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Dr.

25th Tue 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

2.15pm Ladies Working Party

26th Wed 8pm Wednesday Fellowships at 57 Sunnyvale Road
 and 1 Quarry Road

27th Thu 8pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage

31st Mon 7pm All Saints' School Governors' Meeting



MAKING PEACE with the PLANET

'One World Week' October 23-30.

I'm not sure how many shopping days there will be to Christmas when you are reading this, but why not save some energy and buy 'Favourite Recipes', the All Saints Cookery Book for friends and relations this year. The book contains nearly 140 tried and tested recipes sent in by members of the Church and School and only costs £2 - an ideal stocking filler and cheap to post! Available from Angela Waite, 113 Green Oak Road, (364728).

PARISH ROTAS

FLOWERS

<u>October</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
2	Mrs. Hazlehurst	Mrs. Parkin
9	Mrs. Simons	Mrs. Wilson
16	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Hinchcliffe
23	-	Mrs. Parsons
30	Mrs. King	Mrs. Dixon

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Oct 2	Mrs. Jockel	Oct 16. Mrs. Mayson
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Oct 2	Mrs. Ivison & Mrs. S. Cook
Oct 9	Mrs. B. Waite & Miss Taylor
Oct 16	Mrs. Beeley & Mrs. Wiles
Oct 23	Mr & Mrs. Glynn Waite
Oct 31	Mrs. Beeley & Miss S. Scaife
Nov 6	Mrs. Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft

No-one living in Yorkshire can fail to be good at making tea or coffee - so your help is required as we compile the Parish Breakfast rota for next year. We have a number of gaps in the rota due to people moving away - if you can assist - please contact Mrs. Joan Beeley (365972)

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PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

11th September Nicholas Joe McQueen

Holy Matrimony

3rd September Kevin Robert Clark & Lisa Kay Stacey
 10th September Paul Robert Shirt & Jayne Anne Burgin
 17th September Jeffrey Michael Blair Duckenfield
 and Patricia Bird.

Funerals

6th September Albert Young (82) 61 Aldam Road

Albert Young came to Totley 12 years ago from the Broadfield Road area of Abbeydale, though in his earlier years he had been a chorister at St. Augustine's, Endcliffe. He worked for over 50 years at Tyzacks completing his years of service as a saw manager.

May Bingham who recently made her 100th Birthday has died in Green Oak View. A Totley resident for many years she was a regular member of All Saints' until infirmity prevented her from attending as she would have wished.

CONGRATULATIONS

.....to Rachel Carter and Paul Chadburn on their recent engagement.

ORGAN REPAIRS COMPLETED

The Repairs to the Church Organ have been completed by Chalmers & Hyde of Dronfield. We are grateful to them for the thorough and helpful way they carried out their work.

CHURCH MEMBER TO minister's wife: 'Did you wake up grumpy this morning?'
 Wife: 'No, I thought I'd let him sleep on'.

6.

'WHY DON'T YOU publish your sermons?' someone asked the parson.
 'Well perhaps I will — posthumously,' he replied modestly.

'Oh please do,' enthused the first — 'And make it soon!'



MAKING PEACE with the PLANET

'One World Week' October 23-30.

TAKING THE AIR

ANOTHER PIECE OF manufacturer's news from Friends of the Earth is that the country's largest manufacturers of aerosols are, by the end of next year, discontinuing the use of so-called CFCs in their products.

CFC stands for chlorofluorocarbons, and it's these which are thought to be destroying the ozone layer in the earth's upper atmosphere - eventually producing what's popularly called the 'greenhouse effect'. Aerosols are the products most often blamed for the use of CFCs, but in fact the production of polystyrene packaging account for an equal amount.

- *In Sarawak, Malaysia, the Dayak people are mounting human barricades to stop logging on their lands:*

'Our life was not easy, but we lived it content. Now the logging companies turn rivers into muddy streams and the jungle into devastation. The fish cannot survive and wild animals will not live. You take away our livelihood and threaten our very lives. We want our ancestral land back. We can use it in a wiser way'.

(Survival International Bulletin, 1987)

7.

- This year's One World Week theme is about calling a truce in the smash and grab raid we are carrying out on our own home. Let's look together at ways of saving rather than spending; respecting not exploiting; sharing rather than competing with our neighbours for the limited resources of planet Earth.

DID YOU KNOW...

Last year Britain alone produced 10 billion cans! We're only too familiar with the disposal problem, but the offence to the environment begins at source. Opencast mining for the metal ores causes great damage in places like central Africa - and, of course, it uses up non-renewable resources.

In the wake of the bottle banks come can banks. Friends of the Earth are encouraging the expansion of their use - currently only 166 can banks are in use. Alternatively some scrap metal dealers will actually pay you for 100 per cent aluminium cans for recycling.

It's somewhat labour-intensive for a voluntary group however: you have to test each one with a magnet, because if it's at all magnetic, then it's not pure aluminium! The Can Makers Federation is doing its best here, by recommending cans should be marked with their metal content.

ON BEING REMEMBERED

The title is prompted by the memorial plaque at the Goodwin Fountain to Percy Riley. This is part of the inscription - "a tireless worker for human rights and world peace, whose life combined countless struggles for a better world." Read the full text for yourself when next in town.

I knew him through our conversations when placing my offering in his collecting tin for striking miners and their families. He was a slightly built, gentle, polite, softly spoken, highly intelligent gentleman and any thought of a political firebrand can be dismissed.

Percy Riley will live in my memory, but memories are in the context of time, ephemeral and fleeting, and last in our hearts and minds for just our lifetime. Others live on in name only, whose names are associated with the giving of hospitals, museums, parks, charitable trusts etc., whose intent was not perhaps altogether altruistic.

Of course we would, or should, prefer to be remembered for our efforts to live a Christian life. Antonio Porchia says, "One lives in the hope of becoming a memory". I hope he means a pleasant, comforting one. Although we shall not all be honoured with a plaque, we should not leave this world - "Unwept, unhonoured and unsung."

My preference for a memory of myself? It could be, perhaps, "Well, he tried."

Rex B.

MISS ANNE DAKIN

Anne Dakin founded the Beth Shan Children's Home at Solo, Java and is "Mami" to fifty Indonesian children. Her story is similar to that of Gladys Alyward or George Muller. Come and meet Anne in the Old School, Dore at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 5th October, when she will be showing slides and talking about her life with her large family.

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We also support local groups such as: Compassion in World Farming, Animal Aid, Sheffield Campaign for Animal Rights, who leaflet and petition in the city-centre, hold peaceful protests when necessary, organise Vegetarian 'Taste-in' evenings in the Cathedral Hall, thus promoting a cruelty-free life style which is not destructive to animal, human or environment.

Animals cannot speak for themselves - they need YOUR help! Contact: Ray Tubbs, 186 Guildford View, Sheffield, S2 2NZ. (Please send a SAE).

C.A.R.E. - St. Francis-Tide Service at Sheffield Cathedral - 28 October at 7.45 pm.

LETTER FROM THEODORE & DIANA SRINIVASAGAM,
Indian Evangelical Mission

Diana says:

Many of you will know that I have just spent about 10 weeks in England visiting my family. I apologise to those of you who would have liked to have seen me but did not know that I was at home! It was a very precious time of sharing with my family. In addition I attended most of the meetings at the South Sheffield Evangelical Church with the objective of getting to know people better.

Apart from a short visit to Manchester, I have not been taking meetings, or doing deputation work. The rest of the time has been taken reading on the topic of healing, and doing other odd jobs.

I have returned much healthier in every way, and have set to work in the office and at home with zeal and greater speed.

Theo says:

In Diana's absence, I have travelled to Singapore and within India. When I was at home, a neighbour often fed me very well!

Please pray that I will be able to cope with all the demands I face in the work. My parents live in Madras and my father who is 86, often falls ill. My mother will be 80 on Christmas Day.

IEM Requests

We accepted 20 new candidates into the Mission in June. Arthur and Jean Hope were two of them. Jean is Theo's cousin. Arthur has been the General Secretary of the Union of Evangelical Students of India (UESI) for the past 12 years. Theo is the 'Secretary for Field Ministries', and Arthur is to be an 'Associate Secretary for Field Ministries (Pastoral Care)'. He will help Theo with pastoral care and counselling of missionaries, and be available for conducting retreats and for teaching new believers. Praise God for adding a new leader to the Mission and to help Theo in particular.

When Theo visits the Koya Field in August, Arthur will go with him. They need guidance in re-organising the Field. A Christian Hostel is to be opened for tribal children attending school. A missionary couple will be in charge, but we also need local believers to help.

A similar Hostel is to be opened in the Dangs Field in Gujarat. We need more Bible Translators, and each team of translators needs a team of literacy workers to teach people to read. Five missionaries are going for training in this work, next month.

Thank you for all your prayers, letters and gifts.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The article in the September issue of All Saints News by Barrie Briggs on the text of St. John 10.8, "All others who came before me are thieves and robbers" made me realise that here was a text with which I was very familiar and yet had never really thought what it meant!

The positive aspect is clear enough, that whatever had gone before was superseded by Jesus Himself, the final and full revelation of God to mankind. But, as Barrie points out, not all who came before Christ were "thieves and robbers", for Christ Himself came in fulfilment of prophecies made by God's chosen prophets going back a very long way.

Abraham, Moses and the Prophets and what they had written were used by Jesus as His "credentials". For example, Luke 24: 25-27. Also, John the Baptist, who Jesus said was "more than a prophet" and who fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, "Behold I send my messenger before Thy face" etc. (Luke 7:27). So clearly Jesus was not meaning these, though they all preceded Him. Indeed, Jesus in John 10:3 must have been referring to John the Baptist, who introduced Jesus when He said, "To him (i.e. to Jesus) the gatekeeper opens".

How then should we understand this text "All who come before me are thieves and robbers"? Having been jogged by Barrie and thought and prayed about it, may I suggest the following:-

Consider the context of this text in the preceding chapter (John 9). The man born blind to whom Jesus gave sight,

was cast out of the Temple by the Pharisees, for which they were sternly reproved by Jesus (John 9:35 - 10:1). The sad fact was that the nation of Israel and Judah had a long history of hypocrisy; leaders and people who kept the outward form of religion without its heart. The burden of the message of all the prophets was to warn the nation of this and try to turn them back to God, but with little success. For example, Jeremiah 7:1-11. The Pharisees to whom Jesus spoke our text was the same.

Self-achievement and pride were the hallmark of such men, cloaked in the outward form of religion. These were men who used religion to achieve what they wanted. Jesus denounces them as thieves and robbers. I can only believe that the "all" of "all who came before me are thieves and robbers" refers to all those who through the ages opposed the works of God's prophets and true people, who were, after all, preparing the way for Christ, who is the Good Shepherd, who both gave His life for the Sheep and took it again, i.e. was raised (John 10:18) that we might hear His voice, follow Him, i.e. trust Him, and have life abundant and eternal. It is the Holy Spirit who makes Jesus' recorded words in the Scripture speak personally to our hearts and consciences and who bears witness to us of His truth, love and power and makes us aware of our need of just such a Saviour Shepherd to bring us to the Father.

It is the Holy Spirit who is the new life abundant in each who "hear and follow" Jesus. It was the same Holy Spirit who, as our Creed declares, "spake by the prophets". But since Jesus came in the flesh, He is the focal point and "last word" (Hebrews 1:1-2). As Jesus said to the Jews, so He says to all, "If God were your Father, you would love me" (John 8:42). Where Jesus is trusted and loved the Holy Spirit is at work and the Father is glorified. Those who oppose Jesus, before or now, are the thieves and robbers.

Dudley Nixon

END QUOTES

How soon are those streets made clean, where everyone sweeps against his own door.

Thomas Fuller

Friendship will not stand the strain of very good advice for very long.

Robert Lynd

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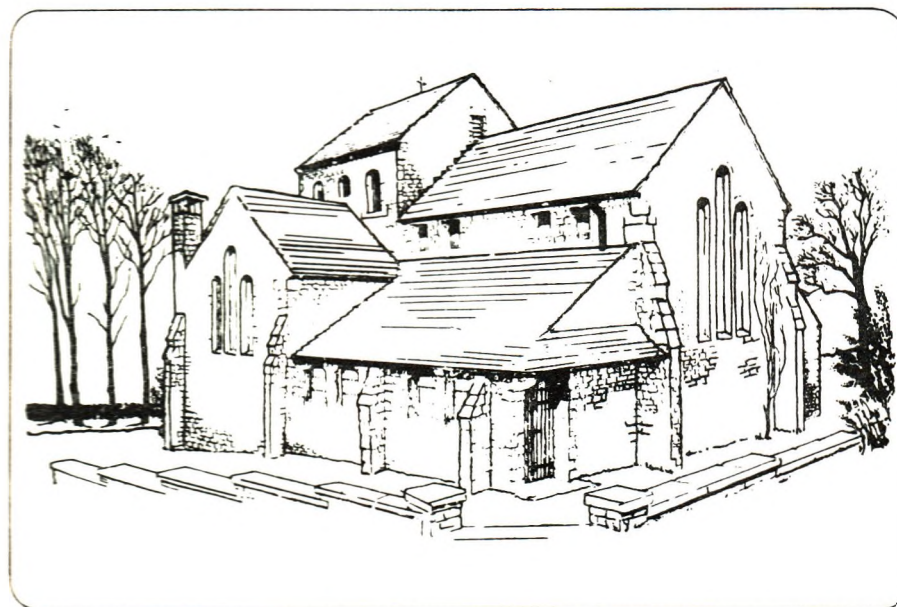
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Commercial interests are reported to be mounting a concerted drive to get all Sunday trading restrictions scrapped. The "open all hours" lobby is said to be raising £4½ million to promote its case. Ranged against it is the Keep Sunday Special Campaign, whose Director has warned all those concerned to keep Sunday special, that the battle will be harder this year than in 1986.

The K.S.S. Campaign concede that some changes in the laws are necessary but fear removal of restrictions will eventually lead to Sunday becoming just another working day. They can see this will impose a strain on family life, and affect rest and recreational pursuits as well as disrupt Christian observance for those wishing to worship. All those concerned about the situation are asked to put their views to their M.P.

Unfortunately there seems to be a trend in an increasingly secular society towards not keeping any day as special. National or religious events are observed by a minority whilst the rest have just another holiday. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day are just normal days; Easter, Whitsun and Remembrance Day become just another Sunday. We and our society are impoverished in consequence.

The only way we can reverse the trend is to make sure our 'special days' are kept as such and that we all make a point of observing them. This month we can make a start with Remembrance Sunday and then the Advent Sunday Christingle.

Yours sincerely

Stewart Rayner

SERVICE IN NOVEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

- 1st. ALL SAINTS DAY
9.30 a.m. Morning Worship (with All Saints' School)
8 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Epistle : Revelation 7:2-4, 9-end (RSV)
Gospel : St. Matthew 5:1-12 (NEB)
- 6th 7 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Theme: Abraham and the Election of God's People
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Holy Communion (ASB)
First Reading : Genesis 12: 1-9 (TEV)
Gospel : St. John 8:51-end (NEB)
10 am Young Saints
12.15pm Holy Baptism (Emily Blakeley and Andrew Pearson)
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Old Testament : Genesis 22: 1-18 (NEB)
New Testament : St. Luke 20: 9-17 (JB)
- 13th 6 BEFORE CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Theme: Moses and the Promise of Redemption
8am Holy Communion (ASB)
First Reading : Exodus 3:7-15 (RSV)
Gospel : St. John 6:25-35 (RSV)
10am Young Saints
10.10am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - followed by
11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)
Old Testament : Exodus 6:2-8 (NEB)
New Testament : St. Mark 13:5-13 (NEB)
- 20th 5 BEFORE CHRISTMAS YOUTH SUNDAY
Theme: The Remnant of Israel
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
First Reading : 1 Kings 19:9-18 (RSV)
Gospel : St. Matthew 24:37-44 (NEB)
10am Family Service
12 noon Holy Baptism (Laura Kelley)
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
First Reading : Isaiah 10:20-23 (RSV)
Gospel : St. Mark 13:14-23 (NEB)

27th ADVENT SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP shortened)

First Reading : Isaiah 52:7-10 (NEB)

Gospel : St. Luke 21:25-33 (NEB)

11am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Isaiah 51:4-11 (NEB)

New Testament : St. Matthew 25:31-end (NEB)

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 26th November

2pm in the Church Hall

Gifts * Needlework * Cakes * Preserves

Christmas Decorations * Plants * Bottles

Refreshments and good company

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PARISH ROTAS

FLOWERS

November	Altar	Memory Table
6	Mrs. King	Mrs. Dixon
13	Mrs. Johnston/Mrs. Coates	Mrs. White
20	Mrs. Waite	Mrs. Monfredi
27	Mrs. E. Powell	Mrs. B. Clarke

Silver Cleaning

Nov. 6 Mrs. Wiles Nov. 20 Mrs. Parkin

PARISH BREAKFAST

Nov. 6	Mrs. Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft
13	Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Davis
20	Mrs. Beeley & Mrs. A. Powell
27	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Filleul
Dec. 4	Mrs. P. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP

Flower Festival & Craft Exhibition

All those who attended the Festival Weekend delighted in the beauty of the flowers and found much to interest them in the working Craft exhibition in the Church Hall. We are most grateful to those who organised the weekend and to the flower arrangers and exhibitors. After expenses had been met, the proceeds amounted to £413.

Floods Appeal

As a result of the Christian Aid Appeals for Sudan and Bangladesh Flood Relief, a total of £389 was sent from All Saints.

Harvest Giving

This year's appeal for cash gifts for the hungry overseas instead of local produce, together with the profits from the Harvest Lunch, amounted to £305

WELL DONE, VALERIE

Valerie Ruthven (aged 9) took part in a Children's Society project asking supporters to sew, in a colourful way, the outline of a child. Her work was chosen to be one of 104 figures to be mounted on a collage which will form a 9ft x 6ft wall hanging for the Children's Society Conference Room. It will form a backdrop to all meetings of the Society's Council, many of the Society's conferences and the staff's daily worship.

TODDLERS

If anyone has any old children's toys and books which could be used for the creche on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall, please contact Tessa Powell, 365357.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The "Girls" Dinner this year will be on Monday, 5th December at the Fleur de Lys Hotel. More details from Olwen on 365357.

"NABUCCO" at ABBEYDALE

The John Wade singers are giving a concert version of Verdi's opera "Nabucco" at St. John's Church, Abbeydale on Thursday/Friday, 24/25 November at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme from members or 360820.

- 1st Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
Men's Fellowship after All Saints' Service
- 2nd Wed. 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowships - 113 Green Oak Road
& 126 Green Oak Road
- 3rd Thu. 2.00pm Pram Service in Church
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
Youth Adult Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Dr.
- 7th Mon. 7.30pm A.G.M. of All Saints Nursery/Playgroup
- 8th Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 9th Wed. 10.45am Monthly Morning Fellowship - 2 Main Ave.
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowships - 1 Quarry Road &
57 Sunnyvale Road
Young Adult Fellowship - 43 Rowan Tree Dell
- 10th Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -
P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
- 12th Sat. 3.30pm Holy Matrimony (Francois Aubry & Anne Sutton)
7.30pm MUSICAL EVENING in Church Hall (see page 8)
- 15th Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
7.30pm Ladies Club - Christmas Decorations
- 16th Wed. 2.00pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Rd
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowships - 113 Green Oak Road &
126 Green Oak Road
- 17th Thu. 8.00pm Young Adult Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Drive
Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
- 19th Sat. 2.30pm Holy Matrimony (Martin Anderson & Julie Norman)
- 21st Mon. 7.30pm 'Bring & Sing MESSIAH' King Ecgbert's School
- 22nd Tue. 12.15pm Liaison Lunch - Church Hall
1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 23rd Wed. 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowships - 1 Quarry Road &
57 Sunnyvale Road
Young Adult Fellowship - 43 Rowan Tree Dell
- 24/25 Thu/Fri 7.30pm Verdi's NABUCCO by John Wade Singers
at St. John's, Abbeydale
- 26th Sat. 2.00pm CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Hall
- 29th Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - 38 The Quadrant
7.30pm Ladies Club - Work of a J.P. - Bill Glossop
- 30th Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowships - 113 Green Oak Road &
126 Green Oak Road

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OCTOBER 1988

From The Bishop



1. A "DECADE OF EVANGELISM"

What Sheffield thinks today . . . My hope that we should see 1990 as the start of a decade of Mission has been taken up by the Lambeth Conference and many others. Great minds think alike? The Lambeth Resolution, "recognising that evangelism is the primary task given to the Church", asks "each province and diocese of the Anglican Communion, in co-operation with other Christians, to make the closing years of this millenium a 'Decade of Evangelism' with a renewed and united emphasis on making Christ known to the people of his world." I very much welcome all that and feel confident that this Diocese will respond. But I'm less happy with the 'apocalyptic' talk I hear of "all nations won for Christ by the year 2000". For such dreams, I fear, make the more humdrum business of living out our Christian discipleship in such a way that the "people-next-door" long to hear our "Good News" hardly to seem worth while.

2. A CHALLENGE FOR 1989

I long to see every parish with a growing commitment to, and involvement in, the world-wide mission of the church. And that must mean too a determination to see that the Lord's command "Go, make disciples" has reality in the streets and homes of our own neighbourhood. I've never been swept off my feet just by facts and figures. (Indeed I like the old saying, "Lies, damned lies, and statistics"). Yet I'm grateful to the figures the Revd. Bob Jackson, Vicar of Grenoside, puts together each year for the Parochial returns of "Adult Attendance on an Ordinary Sunday". These are the figures on which the 'Quota' is based so no one is tempted to exaggerate. They show that in the past five years such "Adult Attendance" has gone up by 13% across the Diocese. Of course it varies from place to place: the biggest percentage increase has been in the Deanery of Snaith and Hatfield. You've already worked it out as just over 2½% a year. This brings me to my challenge for 1989. Let us aim for a 5% increase in 1989! That would be a splendid offering to bring to our June 1990 start of our Decade of Evangelism.

"Aim" is the keyword. To many who read this I think the 13% increase will come as a surprise. We find it easy to underestimate the importance of our Christian faith and experience both to us and to our neighbour. Too often we think ourselves into 'decline' instead of 'growth'. This autumn both as individuals and as parishes let us begin to plan for that 5% growth next year. (And of course if those many who read this letter and who are not regular 'Adult Attenders' started by saying "Why not me?" we'd have our 5% overnight).

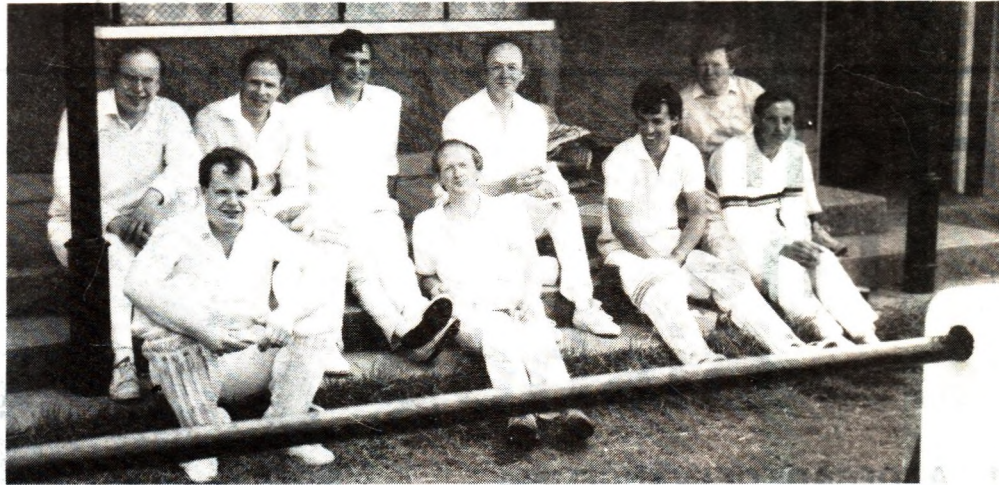
3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

My £Million Appeal was launched on 24th April in the simplest way possible: I just asked you for your help. Since then every day post has brought contributions. Now in August as I write they are still coming with the generosity that they came in May, June, July. Thank you all very much - and keep them coming. It has reached about £250,000 - a quarter of the way there. That has come from about 1,500 people of whom about a quarter have made four-year covenants.

God bless you all,

DAVID LUNN

CLERGY UNSUCCESSFUL AT CRICKET



The unsuccessful Sheffield Diocesan Clergy Cricket Team are not too despondent at the fact that they played several games and won none - for they tried hard and greatly enjoyed playing. Back row: John Packer, Stuart Matthews, John Pinder-Packard, Grant MacIntosh, Alan Griffiths. Front row: Richard Atkinson, Bob Jackson, Peter Ingram, James Forrester, and the behind the camera, John Hawley. That makes ten, and if any of the clergy are interested in joining the team, there's a Team Meeting on November 17th at 10.30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Vicarage, Manor, Sheffield.

Woodlands 75th

All Saints Church, Woodlands, Doncaster is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, and a series of happenings has been arranged to which all are invited.

EXHIBITION from 24th October - 14th November, with the Church open 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. daily.

PEOPLE'S MESSIAH on November 12th at 7.00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC WEEKEND with Peter Fenwick, 4th - 6th November and ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION on November 1st with John Vickery and music led by Hemsworth/South Kirby and South Elmsall Community Church Group.

Further details are available from the Rev. John Hawley on Doncaster 723268.

MISSION DONCASTER

continues with:

October 6th - 15th. Outreach to Men in local areas, contact Mission Centre for details. Tel. Doncaster 342200.

Saturday, October 15th: Central Men's Event at Doncaster Pentecostal Church, Cleveland Street at 7.30 p.m. The speaker is John Shelbourne of Lincoln New Life Fellowship.

Saturday, October 22nd. Celebration Evening with "Make Way 2" at St. Francis Church, West Bessacarr at 7.30 p.m. It's an opportunity to learn the new songs.



Church Pastoral Aid Society **MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN** is celebrating 100 years of promoting Christian education among women and fostering a missionary concern for this nation. The Church Pastoral Aid Society is an Anglican home missionary society, committed to mission and growth in the local church. These celebrations will focus on the challenge of the second century and will include workshops on authority, freedom and lifestyle. Events in the Northern Province includes training days in Durham, Saturday, February 4th, 1989 and Leyland, Saturday, May 20th, 1989, as well as a Centenary Celebration in Bradford Cathedral, Thursday, November 9th, 1989, 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For a brochure, giving full details, and a catalogue featuring Ministry Among Women resources and all those produced by CPAS, please contact Sue Knight, CPAS, Falcon Court, 32 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DB (01 353 0751).

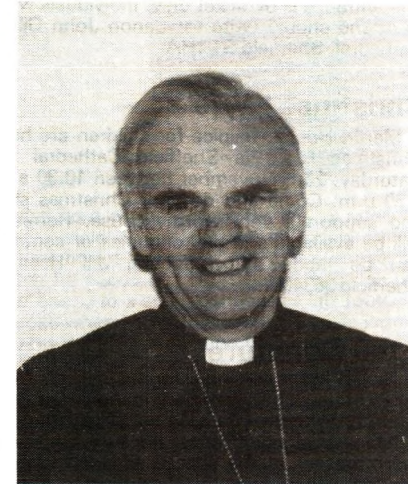
After Lambeth meetings — correction

Bishop David and Bishop William will be visiting Doncaster Deanery to share their experiences of the Lambeth Conference on Friday, 28th April at 7.30 p.m. The place is to be announced.

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God graciously at work



The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

Clergy, in the exercise of their ministry in Church services, are by and large on the giving rather than on the receiving end. That is a rash and not entirely accurate statement! For clergy and laity alike receive the grace of Christ; and we are well blessed in the Diocese with a fine band of Readers and a growing experience of lay ministry. Yet it remains true that the worshipping priorities established and atmosphere created inevitably depend to a considerable extent on the spiritual quality and vision of the clergy who serve in the parish concerned.

Ann and I were on holiday recently, and glad to be the recipients of the ministry of others; and I found myself asking as I sat in the pew of the local parish church on Sunday what it was I was expecting to receive from the clergy who were taking the service.

I don't know if my expectations were typical. I knew I needed to be challenged. I knew I wanted to be encouraged. I knew I wanted to be spiritually fed. I knew above everything else I wanted a deep sense of meeting with God. I wanted to leave the building uplifted by the experience, convinced by the Holy Spirit that a life in Christ was worth living.

There is more to worship than an individual reaction; but asking the question about what I expected was a salutary reminder to me that this was in all probability what others were expecting of my ministry.

Those with leadership responsibility in worship, whether clergy or laity, are not there to pander to the wrong kind of expectation; but it is desperately important that we bear in mind the real needs and the God-given potential of those to whom we minister. Pet topics and hobby horses are a hindrance to Christian growth, not a help. As representatives of Christ, it is Christ in his love and grace and glory that we are in business to present.

I might of course add that in a wider sense the whole worshipping community are themselves Christ's representatives in their witness in the world. Again, Christians are not placed by God in society to pander to wrong expectations; nor are we there to parade our favourite fads. We are to reflect the love and life of Christ.

Most of the Bishop's post-Lambeth visits are taking place during the month of November. That being so, I should like to say that for my part also I found the Lambeth Conference to be wonderfully worthwhile. Whatever the current problems of the Anglican Communion, it is a Communion to be affirmed.

I found some moments especially moving: the Archbishop of Canterbury's keynote speech, our daily Bible study groups, two early morning meetings for prayer with a group of African Bishops, Desmond Tutu's meditations. All in all, God was graciously at work.

WILLIAM
Bishop of Doncaster

Vicar and Provost

Prebendary John Gladwin M.A., will be inducted as Vicar of Sheffield, and installed as Provost of Sheffield on Sunday, 4th December at 3.00 p.m. in Sheffield Cathedral.

Invitations to parishes have been issued separately, and entrance is by ticket only. Individuals who wish to attend should write to: Canon John Giles, The Cathedral, Sheffield S1 1HA.

Christmas Fayre

Martin House Hospice for children are holding a Christmas Fayre in Sheffield Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 26th November between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Come and do your Christmas shopping and support a very worthy cause. Refreshments will be available and any enquiries or contributions can be made by contacting Jill Hastings on Sheffield 363400.

£100 signature

Money keeps coming in for the Bishop's £MILLION APPEAL launched way back in April. For St. Paul's Church, Wheatley Park, in an Urban Priority Area, it has special significance, because representatives were present at the special service to launch the Church Urban Fund in Westminster Abbey. The Bishop's Appeal will be making contributions to the Church Urban Fund. Mrs. Jayne Stokoe of St. Paul's was one of those who took part in the service, and husband Stan, not one to miss an opportunity clutching the impressive service sheet in his hand, went up to the Archbishop of Canterbury after the service and asked him to autograph it. Yes replied the Archbishop, if you promise to raise £100 for the Church Urban Fund.

That St. Paul's are busy trying to do by giving photocopies of the autographed cover for a contribution of £1. If you would like one, and would like to help St. Paul's raise or even exceed its target, write to the Revd. Graham Creasey, 278 Thorne Road, Doncaster DN2 5AJ.

Singers, Please!

The Parish Church of All Saints, Rotherham, has a good choir. The hope of the Organist, Paul Dean, and the Vicar, Stuart Brindley, is that it might be considerably improved. Local people often refer to All Saints as 'Rotherham Cathedral'. It is our hope to build the choir up to cathedral standards, in size and quality. We have no wish to poach singers from other choirs. Nevertheless your help in contacting potential choir members for Rotherham would be appreciated.

The choir sings at the Parish Eucharist and at Evensong - 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. - each Sunday, singing the service and an anthem at each. Practices are on Friday evenings.

We need youngsters of either sex to sing treble; we desperately need a couple of altos and we need men to add to the tenor and bass sections. Adults should certainly have reasonable proficiency in reading music.

Please contact either Paul Dean on Rotherham 541432 or Stuart Brindley on Rotherham 364341.

Grounds for celebration.

The people at St. James' Church, Doncaster, have got grounds for celebration because they have just been awarded the Bishop of Sheffield's prize for the best Best-Kept Churchyard in the Diocese.

The prize was inaugurated last year by the Bishop when he sold an unwanted silver tea set, given originally to a curate at the parish church which was to become Sheffield Cathedral. From the money raised by the sale, the Bishop is able to present a prize of £50 every year for the best kept or most improved churchyard.

The prize was presented by the Bishop of Doncaster, who also planted two small shrubs in the grounds of the church. Over the years the church surrounds at St. James' have always been kept tidy, but when two members of the congregation retired from work, Mr. George Bowling and Mr. Austin Abercrombie, they had a blitz on the gardening work around the church. They tidied up trees and shrubs which had become overgrown and neglected, and they planted borders of lobelia and other plants around the church. Their hard work has earned them the prize, awarded this year for only the second time.



Pictured with the Bishop of Doncaster are the Vicar of St. James', the Revd. David Sladden, Mr. George Bowling and Mr. Austin Abercrombie.



All Saints Church Woodlands

On Saturday, 12th November, All Saints Church, Woodlands, Doncaster are producing a Peoples Messiah, with Guest Singers and Conductor, at the church at 7.00 p.m. Admission is by programme priced £1. On Advent Sunday, 27th November there is a 24 hour Prayer Vigil for John McCarthy the journalist-hostage in Beirut. It lasts from midnight to midnight. More details from the Church Office on Doncaster (0302) 727968.

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Pheonix Art Glass

Stained Glass is essentially a Christian Art Form, it's popularity stemming from the widely held belief in the mystical relationship between light, glass and the Spirit of God.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 - 1153) wrote,

'As the glorious sun penetrates glass without breaking it... so the word of God, the light of the Father, passes through the body of the virgin, and then leaves it, without undergoing any change'.

Thus the glazing of the earliest christian churches was regarded as far more than mere weather proofing! Even then, as today, restoration of church windows played a vital roll in maintaining the aesthetics of the church. Throughout the centuries the methods and skills employed to carry out all forms of restoration work have hardly changed at all. The process can be painstakingly slow, making it a perpetual chore when trying to keep pace with the trail of devastation inflicted on church windows by the vandal. Although points are now being scored against the vandal with the use of modern protective materials as used by Pheonix Art Glass at their glass studio in Goldthorpe, near Rotherham when creating or restoring stained glass domestic or church windows thus enabling everyone continued joy in appreciating these works of art illuminated by God's pure light.

Alan Moston of Pheonix Art Glass, can be contacted at Units 7 & 8, 1 Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe, Rotherham S63 9PG Tel: (0709) 880526 can be contacted with any enquiries.

Discovering Faith in the City

Is the title of a new booklet which is an aid to looking at the challenges raised by the main report "Faith in the City". The booklet, with Biblical references, is available from Christian bookshops or direct from Ian McCollough, Diocesan Development Worker, at Brunswick Trinity Methodist Church, 11 Holland Place, Sheffield S2 4US. Tel: Sheffield 588015, at a cost of 99p. post free.

Memorable visitors

Many churches in the Diocese were able to entertain visitors who had come to Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference during the summer. St. Augustine's, Endcliffe, Sheffield, will remember the Conference more than most because they were joined by the Most Reverend Dr. Victor Premsagar and Mrs. Daisy Premsagar, who were guests of the Vicar, Father Charles during their stay in this country. Dr. Premsagar is the Moderator of the Church of South India, and during his stay spoke both to the congregation of St. Augustine's and to ecumenical gatherings about the life and witness of the two million members of the church in India and Sri Lanka.

The Church of South India is a union between Anglicans, Methodists and the United Reformed Churches, and the visit of Dr. Premsagar to Endcliffe will be remembered in India too, for he took back with him gifts from St. Augustine's which will remind them of the warm welcome they received.

Have a break...have a...



Hopefully out of the pot on his leg by now, the Revd Roy Arnold, Sheffield Diocesan Communication Officer, might not take too kindly to any suggestion that what he needs is a short break, because he's just had one... to a small bone in his left foot! The bone broke when he twisted his ankle while jogging back to his car after a meeting of Ecclesall Deanery Synod's Standing Committee. "It might have been better for me if the committee had remained standing...or sitting...whichever the case may be" he commented shortly afterwards. To cap it all, just before setting out for the Fracture Clinic at the Royal Hallamshire to have the pot checked he happened to be saying Mattins and found the palm for the day quite appropriate. Psalm 37 verse 23 (NEB) reads: "It is the Lord who directs a man's steps; he holds him firm and watches over his path. Though he may fall, he will not go headlong, for the Lord grasps him by the hand". Which is more than can be said for the man in Casualty next in the queue to Roy: he'd had his finger stuck in a beer barrel!

Unemployment Sunday 1989

The next Unemployment Sunday will be on Sunday, 5th February, 1989. As usual the Christians Unemployment Group (CHUG) will be sending material to all Anglican churches for those taking services on or around that day. The Diocesan Unemployment Officer, the Revd. Mike Keen is very willing to assist parishes in their thinking on these important matters, and can be contacted at 171 Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, S63 7AD. Tel: Rotherham 876626

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. John K. Butterfield, Team Vicar Ilfracombe, Lee Woolacombe, Bittadon, etc., in the Diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar of St. Simon and St. Jude, Thurcroft.

The Revd. Maurice C.F. King, Team Vicar, St Cecilia, Parson Cross, to be Vicar of SS Philip and James, New Bentley.

The Revd. Arthur V. Longworth, Vicar of St Matthew, Carver Street, to retire in November.

The Revd. David G. Rhodes, Assistant Curate Brinsworth, to be Vicar of St. Saviour, Mortomley.

Not yet too late

Following the introduction last year of the Centenary Bursary Awards to the clergy by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, applications are again invited for bursary awards to enable clergy to pursue work-related activity or study. Closing date for applications is 30th November this year, to Mrs. M. Williams, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ. Tel: 0452 28533

The Revd. Malcolm Afflatt, Vicar of St. Peter's, Abbeydale, Sheffield was one of last year's successful applicants.

Young at heart

Don't forget Youth Sunday in the Diocese on 20th November, and look out for special events in your parish on or around that date. **The Revd. Alan Griffiths**, who is the Assistant Director of Education (Youth and Children) in the Diocese, even at this late stage might be able to be of help if you contact him at the **Diocesan Education Office on Sheffield (0742) 754386**.

Thinking again!

The Anglican and Methodist Churches in Wickersley have just launched something new for the autumn and winter. They've organised a number of meetings in people's homes for groups of between eight and twelve people to think again about the Christian Faith. **The Revd. Raymond Draper** of St. Alban's, Wickersley is very enthusiastic about the idea and says that it will be an opportunity for any who have questions about the Faith to explore them with others in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Invitations have been given Wickersley wide, and no one has been excluded from the meetings because of the times... they are during both afternoons and evenings.

Keep Sunday Special

There is to be a Public Meeting at The Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield on Friday, 18th November, organised by the Keep Sunday Special Campaign. It is one of many meetings to be held up and down the country, whose purpose is to make sure that Parliament hears the feelings of the people on the question of Sunday Trading. All are welcome.

USEFUL TO THE CLERGY AND PARISHES...

For Clergy and P.C.s in the Diocese of Sheffield who wish to make personal enquiries about Altar Frontals, Textiles, Vestments, Choir Robes and Cassocks, it has usually been necessary to make a longish journey.

All that has now changed, for **MR. COLIN DONALDSON**, agent for **J. Wippell & Co. Ltd.**, who no longer have travelling representatives themselves, is able to visit the Clergy and others by appointment to discuss their requirements.

He has considerable experience in all these matters having been, before his retirement, manager of Wippell's Manchester shop.

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Turf Tavern?



Not to be outdone by the Bishop of Doncaster planting shrubs at St. James' Church, Doncaster, Bishop David took up his own spade when he cut the first turf of the new Sobriety Centre by the side of the Dutch River in Goole at the furthest end of the Diocese during September.

Not to be confused with the Temperance Movement, the Sobriety Project, of which the Bishop is Patron, has two, and shortly to be three, vessels which sail the waterways of Yorkshire and Humberside with residential passengers from a whole range of groups including schoolchildren, the elderly, the handicapped and the disadvantaged.

The new centre, to be built by Laing, will enable users of the Project's boats, and visitors to the area, to have an opportunity of meeting under one roof, with the boats berthed alongside. At the moment the Project has offices, facilities for repair and maintenance, and berthing arrangements all on different sites. Seen with Bishop David are the Architect and representatives of the Project, Laing Construction and Civic dignitaries. A very sober bunch!

Wanted for Easter Opening

The new Miners' Memorial Chapel at All Saints, Denaby Main, is on target to open at Easter next year, and the Vicar of Denaby, the Revd. Reg Davies is on the look out for someone with a journalistic background who will be prepared to research and edit a special publication to mark the opening of the Chapel. If you can help, contact him at the Vicarage, Denaby Main, Near Doncaster. Tel: Rotherham 862297.

From South Africa

"The Churches: The Last Line of Resistance to Apartheid". Fr. Charles Hooper, a veteran of the Churches' struggle against apartheid in South Africa will be speaking on this title at the Open Church Group's next meeting on Wednesday, 19th October at 2.00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield. Fr. Hooper has recently returned from South Africa and is now a member of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. All are welcome to hear his story and discuss the issues he will be raising.

Glamour Night Autumn Fashions help children



You can have a glamorous night out in the company of Miss Yorkshire TV at the Manor Suite of the spanking new Moat House Hotel, Doncaster (just off the junction with the A630 on the A1(M)) on Monday, 17th October at 8.00 p.m. You can also see the latest fashions for autumn for both men and women, presented by Gadabout and Cliffs of Doncaster. Whether you make a family party or not, you will, if you come, be helping the Church of England Children's Society, in aid of which this glittering evening is being arranged by the Sprotbrough Support Group. This group has a deep interest in Prospect House at Maltby, one of the nearest Children's Society Family Centres. Tickets in advance are £3 each from Eve Sutherland - phone Doncaster (0302) 854691.



One World Week 1988.

"Making Peace with the Planet" is about calling a truce in the smash and grab raid that humanity is carrying out on the planet. It's about looking together at ways of saving rather than spending; respecting not exploiting; sharing not competing with our neighbours for the limited resources of planet earth, at All Saints' Church, Rotherham on **Saturday, 22nd October at 7.30 p.m.** the **Jabbok Theatre Company** will present "Horrorscope", the theatrical experience which explores the Christian attitudes to the Arms Race. Tickets are £1.50 and more details are to be had from David Naylor on Wickersley 544197. At the end of the week there is a **Peace Vigil** on Saturday, **29th October from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.** Prayers for Peace will be said every half hour and those coming to the vigil are asked to bring a flower as a sign of peace to the Chapel on the Bridge at Rotherham.

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd. Andrew Bowsher, Assistant Curate at St. Mark's, Grenoside, to be Assistant Curate at St. Houghton in the Parish of Darfield.

The Revd. Nicholas P.A. Jowett, Vicar of Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow, to be Vicar of St. Andrew, Sharrow.

The Revd. Hilary A. Jowett, Parish Deacon at Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow, to be Parish Deacon at St. Andrew, Sharrow.

Miss Sally Tate, from the London Diocese, has been appointed Assistant Director of Education (Children) in the Diocese of Sheffield and will commence her duties in January, 1989.

The Very Revd. Frank Curtis has been made Provost Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral.

Let the trumpet sound!

MUSIC AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WHISTON ROTHERHAM

On Sunday, 16th October at 6.30 p.m. there is to be a performance of the Monteverdi Vespers of 1610. The music will be sung by the Alan Cuckston Singers, a small chamber choir from Leeds. The performance will be accompanied by a small instrumental group and organ continuo, and the solo Concerti will be sung by guest soloists. The original parts of the score require Cornetti, a kind of wooden trumpet, now obsolete. On this occasion soprano saxophones, which can sound a close approximation, will be substituted. Alan Cuckston who will direct, is a well known keyboard soloist, who plays harpsichord, organ and piano, and is often heard in recitals on B.B.C. Radio 3.

Visitors will be welcome at Whiston Parish Church on this occasion. There will not be a charge for admission, but there will be a collection plate for expenses.

The performance will be repeated on Friday, 21st October in Bradford Cathedral.

Social Invitation

Michael Bayley (of 'Not just for the poor') sponsored by the Diocesan Social responsibility Committee, is to give a series of four lectures entitled "Is welfare a moral issue?" on Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th (NOT 22nd), 29th November at 7.30 p.m. in Sheffield Cathedral Hall.

He will be attempting to wrestle with such questions as: How have we arrived at the present situation of the Welfare State being under such heavy attack? What does the Bible have to say about social justice? Is there a growing gap between rich and poor? Can we be clear about the moral and theological principles which should guide our present political activities? Everyone is invited, it's just a case of turning up to what will be a stimulating series of four evenings.

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Youth Sunday 20th November 1988



"Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord!" quotes Bishop David in his letter to parishes to encourage them to give proper recognition of the place of the young in the life of our church. "This verse from Psalm 148", he goes on to say, "gives a vivid picture of the Church at worship. Never should we say that Children or Young People are 'Tomorrow's Church'. With the rest of us they are part of that wonderful variety that makes up the Church of Today. Yet that Victorian slogan 'Children should be seen and not heard' can still haunt us. Too often in the life of today's Church, young people are both unseen and unheard."

Youth Sunday gives us the challenge to make sure that at least on that day our Young People are seen and heard to be involved in the worship of the Church. How this will be done will vary dramatically from place to place. The important thing is that in every Church in the Diocese on one way or another our Young People are seen and heard that day."

In preparation for the Sunday there are two special days organised by the Diocesan Youth Work Support Group, to which young people can go to get ideas for use in church worship and especially for Youth Sunday. Leaders are welcome with their groups. There will be workshops on leading prayers, readings, drama, music, dance and banner making, all of which will be specially geared to fitting in with the liturgy of the Eucharist. Those who go will have the opportunity of joining two of the six workshops during the day, and the day itself will end with a Eucharist in which ideas from the workshops will be used.

The two days are: Saturday, 8th October at Christ Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield. Saturday, 15th October at St. Jude's, Hexthorpe, Doncaster, both from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Booking forms can be obtained from the clergy, from youth leaders or from the Diocesan Youth and Children's Officer, the Revd. Alan Griffiths, Tel. Sheffield 754386.

New Video

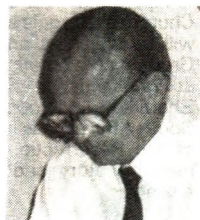
"Mission is not boring" declared Bishop Pat Harris at the launch this summer of the new Church Missionary Society Video "Ripening Harvest, Gathering Storm". Used as an effective resource for congregations and groups, it will, says the Bishop inspire and help them to catch the vision of what part they can play in God's continuing mission in the different parts of the world.

Further details of the video, and other resources in connection with mission are available from the Church Missionary Society, Partnership House, 157, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

Photos and features YEAR BOOK 1989



Margaret Hurley



Douglas Hurley

It's been a hard slog for Tony Beck, the Diocesan Secretary, and Margaret and Douglas Hurley assisting him, to produce the new Diocesan Year Book, just published. Containing all the necessary information for clergy and parishes, along with many photographs and features, it's a must for every parish and its officers as well as for those who want to know about the Diocese of Sheffield.

It is available priced £2.95 (plus postage for those who want it sending from the office) from the Diocesan Office, St. Matthew's House, 45, Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FT, or from SPCK at Sheffield Cathedral.

Festival

Sheffield Cathedral is to be the scene for a Royal School of Church Music Diocesan Festival on Saturday, 29th October from 3.00 p.m. onwards. Choirs are invited to join the preparations for the Festival, and the Festival Service, to which all are invited, is at 5.30 p.m.

Further details for choirs is available from Mr. K. Hewitt, 139, Trap Lane, Sheffield. S11 7RF. Tel. Sheffield 302471, before 10th October.

What's it like to be a Christian in China today?

The Church Missionary Society has a new project called "Like the Willow Tree" which gives a lot of information about China and the Church, and gives it in a most attractive way. It's for children, and for adults. There's a "Teach-In" about it on Saturday, 8th October at St. Peter's, Abbeydale, Sheffield from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Clergy, teachers, everyone welcome!

Fire Appeal

Some months ago fire extensively damaged Middlewood Church in the grounds of Middlewood Hospital. The much-loved and much-used church is in need of £50,000 for its repair, and an appeal has been launched. Donations can be handed in at Reception, Middlewood Hospital, or cheques, payable to "Middlewood Church Appeal", can be sent to the Chaplains Department, Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield. S6 1TP. Further information over the telephone can be had by contacting the Chaplains Department, Mental Illness Services, Sheffield 852222 extension 2005.

SIGNING ON

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL) is a minority language with as much right to recognition as Basque in Spain, French in Canada or Georgian in the USSR, says the British Deaf Association. Some 50,000 people use BSL, and says the Association, it's our fourth indigenous language, after English, Welsh and Scots Gaelic.

Arthur Verney of the British Deaf Association says: 'Deaf people are like any minority whose language has been suppressed. Once the language is recognised - and only then - will a self-confident minority be able to play an active role in society'.

BSL is the 'signing' which is increasingly to be seen in the corner of your television screen or at the side of public platform speakers.

A MOMENT OF LIGHT

VISITING A CHURCH recently, we were struck by the light through the stained glass window falling on a table tomb. We rushed for the camera and photographed the scene just in time — a cloud crossed the sun and the moment was gone. But it is captured for ever on film, for us to look at over and over again.

There are moments like this through life. Mine would include my conversion, and the illuminating moments when I clearly heard God's voice. But these are few and far between. For the most part the days are grey and uniform. It is only the moments of light which make the dull days acceptable.

On dull days think about your moments of light, and light up an entire day.

CHURCH ARMY FRONTLINE NEWS

One of our Kenyan officers recently sent details of his visit to another officer. 'I just took the bus as far as I could and walked the last 20 miles. I arrived in good time for the Morning Service!'

COLLEGE TO MOVE

The decision to relocate the Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism in Sheffield has been warmly welcomed by many. The only adverse letter we received hoped that our students will follow the 'right soccer team!' We have until 1990 to discover which team this might be.

It is impossible for a human heart, without crosses and tribulations, to think upon God.

Martin Luther

You haven't begun to live until you have found the ability to love someone better than you love yourself.

Catherine Bramwell-Booth

SOMEONE once said to me, "I always feel better after you've gone." I wonder if she meant it? I hope not. I hope what she really meant was, "I always feel better after you've been". There's quite a difference! -from a Yorkshire Church Magazine.

"MUMMY, does God use our bathroom?"

"Of course not, darling. Why?"

"Because every morning daddy bangs on the door and shouts, Oh God are you still in there?"

CONCERT EVENING IN THE CHURCH HALL

A Musical Evening is to be held in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th November. Proceeds will be divided between the Church Organ Fund and the Bishop's Appeal for inner city aid. Various artist(e)s have been invited to perform - now all we need is your attendance and money to make this evening a success.

Tickets will be available price £1.50p (£1 for children) and OAPs) from Vivien Filleul 360872 and Olwen Powell 365357. Refreshments are included.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship invite others to join them for their meetings throughout this coming season. They meet at 8pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the home of Glynn Waite (113 Green Oak Road) - although in November they will begin by attending the All Saints Day Holy Communion at 8pm in Church.

The following sessions will focus on the Book of Acts, with the theme of "Men with a Mission".

1. Acts 2 & 3 'The Arrival of the Enabler'
Tuesday, 6th December
2. Acts 4-7 'Arrest, Defence and the first Christian martyr'
Tuesday, 3rd January
3. Acts 8-15 'Through persecution to conversion, to healing, vision and the spread of the Gift of the Holy Spirit'
Tuesday, 7th February
4. Acts 16-21 'Paul and Friends travel Europe'
Tuesday, 7th March
5. Acts 21-26 'Paul's Trials'
Tuesday, 4th April
6. Acts 27 & 28 'Paul's Holidays in Malta on his way to Rome'
Tuesday, 2nd May.

Young Adult Fellowship

The recently formed young Adult Fellowship welcomes anyone in the 18-40's to join them in their study of St. Luke's Gospel. They meet each week, alternating Wednesday & Thursday, at 43 Rowan Tree Dell (Beth & Chris) and 10 Twentywell Drive (Anita & Julian). More details from 365512/361398.

THE METABOLIC BONE UNIT

Two of All Saints' members have recently needed to be patients in the Metabolic Bone Unit. One writes of his feelings as follows.....

The Metabolic Bone Unit at the Hallamshire Hospital is under threat to close - to save money. The unit is unique in the vanguard of bone-related diseases and is in receipt of much acclaim from home and abroad - due to the dedicated and enthusiastic work of Dr. Kanis and his staff. Patients come from as far away as New York, France, Wales and Cornwall. One lady from Bolton has to date raised £400 towards her aim of £1000, and today a 12-year old blind girl attended the clinic. Political argument can be advanced why the unit should be retained, but we at All Saints have to approach it through a Christian viewpoint, admirably set up in St. Matthew 25:31-end - doubtless the yardstick which we apply to all our charitable giving.

In Ward three are two notice boards covered with letters of financial and moral support, from the widow's mite (an octogenarian OAP) to various groups, such as the enlarged facsimile of a cheque for £1,300 from 'The People of Kippax', a mining village in Yorkshire. They should be proud. I see no reason why Totley people should not follow suit, possibly spearheaded by Totley All Saints. I must declare an interest, I am a very appreciative patient, and if you believe as I do, that our modern counterparts of Fleming, Lister and others are touched by God, we should see that the Lord's intentions are not frustrated by being denied the resources they need, but fully support any means we at Totley undertake to make the appeal a success.

Rex B.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 26th November at 2pm in the Church Hall. Attractive stalls will offer Gifts and Needlework, Cakes and Preserves, Christmas Decorations and Plants, a Bottle Stall and Teas. Donations in kind for the stalls, particularly for the Bottle Stall, would be greatly appreciated. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. D. Manterfield, our Chairman; tel. 367349.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Greenhoff 38, The Quadrant at 2.15pm on 29th November.

UNDER FIVES

The group for the under-fives is meeting this year on Thursday afternoons at the Vicarage at 2pm. The Pram Service is held on the first Thursday of the month in Church at 2pm, followed by a cup of tea in the Church Hall.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets weekly, usually at the Vicarage, on Thursdays at 8pm. Those who attended the Quiet Day at the Shrewsbury Chapel will be familiar with the emphasis on stillness and silence, on attention to breathing and relaxation, as we seek to focus on the Word of God - to contemplate the Word.

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer, to which as a group we are affiliated, publishes a leaflet called 'Words for Contemplation' which we use on the first Thursday and privately throughout the month.

New members are always welcome, and we have been asked to print the monthly 'Watchword' for the benefit of others wishing to join us in spirit, but unable to attend the group. It will appear either in the magazine or in the Prayer leaflet, and can be found on the Prayer Board at the back of Church. We also welcome names of any in particular need for intercession.

Watchword for November - 'I am sending you out'.

LADIES CLUB

Apart from the All Saints Day Service on November 1st at 8pm, the Ladies Club will meet on 15th and 29th November. On the 15th we will be given a demonstration on making Christmas decorations; and on the 29th Bill Glossop will talk on his work as a J.P.

We have been delighted to welcome new members in the last few weeks. Details of the Ladies Club future programme are available from Beryl Rayner (362322) for anyone interested in joining us.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL EVENTS

Family Bonfire 6pm 4th November - free admission - refreshments on sale - please bring fireworks.

Christmas Concert 2pm Wednesday 7th December and 7.15pm Thursday 8th December

MATHEMATICS IN THE "REAL" WORLD

As our contribution towards a special mathematics week organised by Sheffield L.E.A., we were invited to take a small part of J4 children from All Saints' School to a large store in town (Atkinsons) to discover what 'mathematics' could be found in the store itself.

A wealth of mathematics existed ! What a tremendous opportunity for practising numerical and measurement skills in the 'real' world !

What was the cheapest item in the store?

What was the dearest ?

How much does a cost?

How do we measure carpet and curtains? Furnish a room

..... cost ?

Estimate the average cost of a television that is on sale here.

Best buys ? Bargains ?

Stephanie Herring, John Hill, Eve Pearson and Simon Dorling had a most interesting morning and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.... especially the drink in the cafeteria afterwards!

They all worked extremely hard in a responsible, mature manner and gained a great deal. I was particularly pleased to see how close they were to their original estimates of the prices of everyday items which had been randomly selected and priced before the children had actually seen them. Also when it came to the actual pricing, it was pleasing to see the children find an average price for a particular item to match to their original estimates rather than just take the first price they saw. A really good morning !

And for the curious the cheapest, individual item we saw was a 2p cake decoration, and the dearest, a £2,500 settee! If you fancy buying the contents of the store, one and a quarter million pounds might just be enough!

Happy bargain hunting

Tony Collins
(Deputy Headteacher)

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

28th September Albert Cecil Webb
30th September Sarah Caroline Burke, Judith Elizabeth Burke
23rd October Catherine Anne Lawry

Confirmation (at St. John's, Abbeydale) on 13th October
Christopher Best, Sarah Burke, Judith Burke, Carolyn Job,
Elizabeth Powell, Andrew Needham, Christina Riley,
Brian Ruthven, Amy Wrigglesworth, Christine Eagar, Fiona Maltby,
Albert Webb and Julie-Dawn Wright.

Holy Matrimony

24th September Maurice Hugh Musson & Hilary Jane Sargison.

Funerals

17th October Frank McKay (75) 2 Causeway Grange

Frank McKay had lived on Green Oak Avenue for many years.
During the last war he had a distinguished record as a Co.
Sgt. Major in the Hallamshire battalion of the Yorks & Lancs
Regiment, losing part of a leg in action. This did not deter
his civilian work as a painter and decorator, and he was a
former chairman of the No. 1 Branch of the National Society
of Painters and Decorators.

NEWS AND THANKS

Thank you all for your prayers, love and support for Angela
and all the family. She is now home and continuing to make
progress. God bless you all.

Alan & Mavis Kirton.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The church Library (in the entrance foyer of the Church Hall)
has been kindly sorted out and catalogued by Jennie
Fairweather. The books that remain in the drawers are worth
reading and we encourage you to have a look. Jennie has
suggested that when returning books, borrowers might care
to note on a slip of paper anything they found particularly
helpful. These mini-reviews could help other readers in
their choice.

If you have any suitable Christian paperbacks you would like
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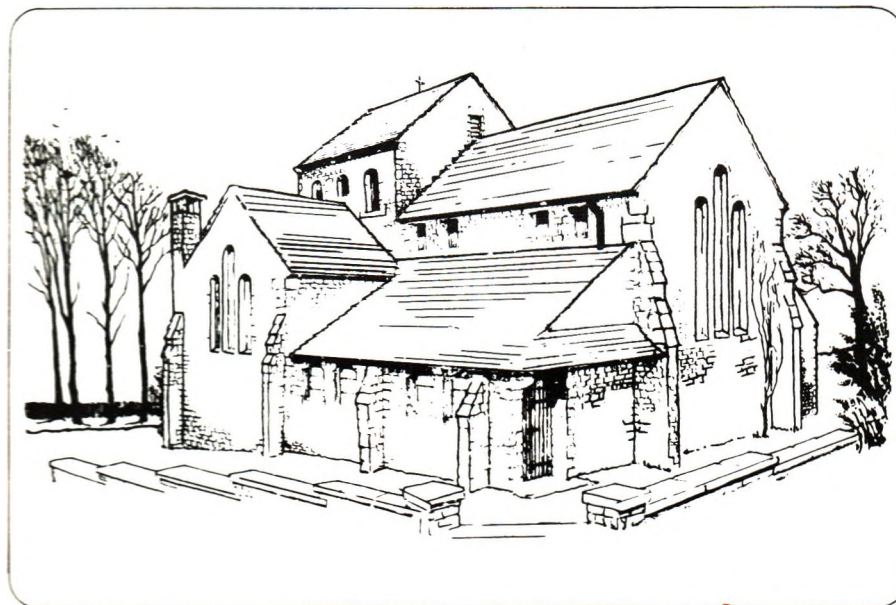
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This month's build up to the celebration of the Birth of Christ begins on the first Sunday with a recognition of the value of the written Scriptures in recording and transmitting the purposes and plans of God for every generation. Bible Sunday (4th December) has become an annual occasion in the life of the Church.

This year marks the 450th Anniversary of the Bible first becoming legally and widely available to the English people in the English language. In 1538 Henry VIII issued an Injunction to the clergy ordering that the largest volume of the whole Bible should be kept in every Parish Church in the land. This meant that everyone could go into Church to read the Bible- or to hear it read in English if they could not read it for themselves. The edition normally used was the so-called 'Great Bible' by Coverdale. This sold for 10 shillings. It was a subsidised price, but even so quite a hefty sum against the Church Accounts of those days. However the opportunity for all to read the Bible was enthusiastically welcomed and taken advantage of.

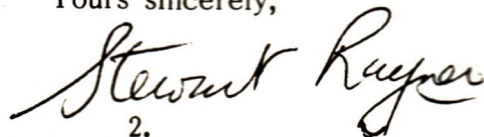
Nowadays the Bible tends to be the most under-read best-seller, though now published in many modern and easily read forms. One of the most popular is the 'Good News' version. Although some of the beauty and poetry of the more familiar Authorised Version is undoubtedly lost, a great deal of the meaning is more easily understood - particularly since much of the language has altered over the intervening centuries.

Few of us in this country have any excuse for ignorance of the book on which our Christian faith is based - and we do well to remember how valued the Bible is in countries where it is banned or less easily obtained.

A few weeks before the celebration of the gift of Christ, the Eternal Word, let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible, God's written word, and resolve to make greater use of it.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,


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SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

4th ADVENT 2 BIBLE SUNDAY

Theme: The Word of God

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

First Reading : Isaiah 55: 1-11 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 5: 36-47 (JB)

10am Young Saints

12.15pm Holy Baptism (Lucy Turner)

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

O.T.: Isaiah 64: 1-7 (JB) N.T.: Romans 15: 4-13 (NEB)

11th ADVENT 3

Theme: The Forerunner - John the Baptist

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Isaiah 40: 1-11 (RSV)

Gospel : St. John 1: 19-28 (JB)

10am Young Saints 12noon Baptism (Lucy Ibbotson)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Malachi 3: 1-5 (NEB)

New Testament : St. Matthew 11: 2-15 (NEB)

18th ADVENT 4

Theme: The Annunciation to Mary

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB shortened)

Epistle : Isaiah 11:1-9 (NEB)

Gospel: St. Luke 1: 26-38 (RSV)

11am Celebration of Christmas (by the Young Saints in the Hall)

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

Epistle : 1 John 4: 7-14 (JB)

Gospel : St. Luke 2: 1-14 (RSV)

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Hebrew 1:1-5 (JB)

Gospel : St. John 1: 1-14 (RSV)

10am Family Carols & Communion (ASB)

4pm Evensong (ASB said)

Old Testament : Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (RSV)

New Testament : St. Luke 2: 8-20 (RSV)

PARISH ROTAS

FLOWERS

<u>December</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
4	Miss Taylor	Mrs.Cooke
11	Mrs Marshall	Mrs Bedford
18)		Mrs. Bramall
25)	Ladies Working Party	Mrs.Heap

January

1	Ladies Working Party	Mrs.Parsons
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Silver Cleaning

Dec. 4	Mrs.Simons	Dec.19	Mrs.White
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PARISH BREAKFAST

Dec. 4	Mrs.P.Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
11	Mrs.Best & Miss P.Lee
18	Mrs.J.Beeley & Miss R. Swift
Jan 1	Mrs.Job & Mrs. Murrell

ALL SAINTS' LADIES WORKING PARTY

There is no meeting arranged for December. We wish to express our thanks for the help and support which we have received through the years.

M.E. Powell.

MUSICAL CONCERT

May I express my thanks to all the performers and those who helped in Saturday evening, 12 November, not only for their time and talents then, but also for the time spent practising and the energy put into working out their programme. The amount raised for the Organ Fund and the Bishop's Fund was £50. A great evening.

Vivien Filleul.

DECEMBER DIARY

1st Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
	8.00pm	Young Adult Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Drive
5th Mon	8.00pm	Readers' Meeting - Vicarage
6th Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	2.30pm	Senior Citizens' Carols & Tea in the Hall
	8.00pm	Men's Fellowship - 113 Green Oak Road
		Council of Churchs - St.John's Abbeydale
7th Wed	10.45am	Monthly Morning Fellowship - 3 Akley Bank Cl.
	2.00pm	All Saints' School Concert - School Hall
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowships - 1 Quarry Road and 57 Sunnyvale Road
		Young Adult Fellowship - 43 Rowan Tree Dell
8th Thu	7.15pm	All Saints' School Concert - School Hall
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
13th Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club Christmas Dinner
14th Wed	2.00pm	Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 1 Quarry Rd
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowships - 113 Green Oak Road & 126 Green Oak Road
15th Thu	8.00pm	Young Adult Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Drive
		Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
16th Fri	6.45pm	Christmas Outing to 'Angel at Large' Panto
19th Mon	7pm+	Carol Singing around the Parish
20th Tue	9.30am	All Saints School Carol Service
	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
21st Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowships - 1 Quarry Road and 57 Sunnyvale Road
27th Tue	2.00pm	Holy Matrimony (Jonathan Thornton & Diana Hill-Wilson)
28th Wed	2.00pm	Holy Matrimony (Darrell Lythell & Jacqueline Bingham)
	4pm-6.30pm	Young Saints Christmas Party

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CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS-TIDE

Tuesday 6th

- 2.30pm Senior Citizens' Carol service & Tea in the Church Hall, arranged by the Ladies Working Party, with singers from All Saints' School.
- 7.00pm Carols & Coffee - All welcome for this social evening in the Scout HQ on Aldam Road.

Thursday 15th

- 11.00am Totley College Carol Service at All Saints Church. All welcome.

Saturday 17th

- 10am -11.30am Community Carols in the Open Air outside English Martyrs Church. Please come and join us as you are able.

Sunday 18th

- 11.00am Christmas Celebration by the Young Saints in the Church Hall. All welcome.
- 6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols - A chance to sing your favourite carols with a few items by the choir.

Monday 19th

- 7.00pm Carol Singing round the Parish - meet at the Vicarage.

Tuesday 20th

- 9.30am All Saints School Carol Service in Church. All are welcome - and to mince pies and coffee at School afterwards.

SCHOOL CONCERT

All are welcome at the two performances of the School Concert (Wednesday 7th at 2pm/Thursday 8th at 7.15pm). The Infants are presenting a musical play called "The Christmas Dragon". The Juniors are performing a series of sketches entitled "What does Christmas mean to you?".

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CALLED BY GOD THE WORD



Bishop David writes:

THE CHRISTMAS TRUTH

Some questions can't yet be answered: we don't know when (or indeed why) God made our World. We don't know when God first made us humans "in his image and after his likeness". We don't know what made God decide at a given time in the history of the Universe that His Word should be made flesh. We don't know why he chose to provide a new way of salvation for the human race by sending His Messenger to a young and virgin girl or why he let the great plan depend on her willing and voluntary consent. But all this ignorance matters not at all when set alongside the great truths we do know.

The Messenger came to Mary; "Be it unto me according to your will" she answered and this Christmas as every Christmas (and indeed every day and every hour) we rejoice that "the word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

OUR RESPONSE

God worked through the willing response of one woman to his Messenger. This gives us the pattern of His work with us. Each of us has a part to play in his plan not simply for us as individuals but for the rest of mankind. Each of us is being called by God the Word into renewed acts of obedience and service. Vocation - "a way of living to which one has been called by God" or "a calling by God to his service", says the dictionary - is something for every Christian. And sometimes it means that God is asking us, like Mary, to do something for Him that may at first be astonishing.

TODAY WE NEED MORE PRIESTS

The uncertainty about the ordination of women is not only making it difficult for women to see the way forward but also for some men. But it is now we need priests. Security for the future and a promise that tomorrow's Church will be just like yesterday's should never have been a part of a priestly vocation. I'm fairly certain that God is calling some who read this to be priests and these words may be the way the Word comes to you.

And again we need Christian teachers. The new opportunities for Christian teaching given by the Education Reform Bill will be lost if there are not enough Christian teachers.

Part of the Christian message is a renewed readiness to ask "What is God wanting me to do for him" and the courage to respond cheerfully and obediently to the promptings of His Word.

May every blessing be yours this Christmastide

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

Book Fair Success

The Revd. John Newton, Honorary Diocesan Representative for SPCK reports a very worthwhile £740 raised by the Book Fair in Sheffield for SPCK Worldwide, and thanks all who helped and supported what is each year becoming a more successful venture.

CHRISTmas in the CENTRE

Mission Doncaster is to present an Evening of Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army Band, Dance, Drama and Soloists on Sunday, December 11th at 8.00 p.m. (doors open at 7.30 p.m.) in the Frenchgate Centre, Doncaster Admission is free and the car park will be open. Entrance to the Frenchgate Centre will be either through the car park or from the Clock Corner entrance of St. Sepulchre Gate.

The Royal School of Church Music Sheffield and South Yorkshire Area

Future events in the pipeline for 1989 include a Festival at the Cathedral on the Saturday after Ascension Day, May 6th. This is a special service: part of the series of events to celebrate the Diocese's 75th Birthday. A Choir-trainers' seminar directed by a well-known personality will be held at Whirlow Grange on 25th February, and a One-Day School will be held at Bolsterstone Parish Church on 15th July. The committee wish to plan further One-Day Schools, particularly in areas which have not had one before. If anyone would like to host such an event, they are asked to contact Mr. Barry Sampson on Sheffield 872150 to discuss the matter further.

New Venture

SPCK, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, has just moved into a major new venture with the publication of three study guides in the series Taletellers. The guides are not intended as a purely academic exercise, but start where people are: with their anxieties, problems, hopes, fears and joys. The study guides intended for use by groups, provide a rich and rewarding journey for those willing to open themselves to each other and to God. Published now are the first three guides: Let there be...and There Was, The Story of Creation; Us and Them, The Story of Cain and Abel; and Expelled from Eden, The Story of Adam and Eve, with more to follow next Spring.

Priced at £1 each, they are a bargain and deserve to be much used by parish groups.

Lunchtime Carols

A Carol Service is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Monday, 19th December at 12.30 p.m. in aid of Sheffield Victims Support Scheme. There will be carols for everyone, led by the choir of Acres Hill Middle School.

Sheffield Victims Support Scheme is a voluntary organisation set up to counsel, assist and advise families and victims of crime, including rape and murder. The scheme deals with an average of 70 cases per week, each case being visited by one of the volunteers. Please come and bring a friend to the carols and support the cause.

Library Open

A unique London library, one of the country's largest stocks of books about the church worldwide is now open to the public at Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1. It has been formed by merging the modern book stocks of USPG and CMS.

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Experiences of Unity?

Many readers of the Diocesan News will have shared in "Lent 86" or "Lent 88" and have heard of the Swanwick Declaration on commitment to Christian unity made last year. The Inter-Church Process, now entitled "Not Strangers But Pilgrims" is very anxious to hear from readers about how their own experience of Christian unity in their local church or churches has been affected by the joint ventures of '86 and '88. They may have joined in a local covenant or some joint activity. Perhaps what they have discovered can be of encouragement to others. The Rev. Canon Christopher Drummond invites any readers who have such experiences to write to him with a brief account of how their praying or worshipping, working or witnessing together has excited them, and led onwards towards closer unity. Not Strangers But Pilgrims, Church House, Great Smith Street, London. SW1P 3NZ.

Appointments

Please pray for the Revd. David William James, Assistant Curate at St. Luke, New Rossington, to be made Priest on 18th December at St. Luke's and to continue to serve in New Rossington.

The Revd. William Watson, Chaplain to Shrewsbury Hospitals, to be Chaplain to Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

The Revd. Trevor Riess, Assistant Curate at Stainforth, to be Chaplain to St. James' Choir School in Grimsby.

The Revd. Linda Anne Shipton, Parish Deacon, St. Albans, Borehamwood, has been appointed to the joint post of Chaplain's Assistant at the Northern General Hospital and Parish Deacon at St. Cuthbert's, Fir Vale.

The Revd. Clifford Smith, Vicar of Christ Church Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge, to be Vicar of St. Mary, Stainforth.

The Revd. Hilary A. Jowett to be part-time Chaplain at Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield.

Father Derrick Darley, Vicar of St. Leonard and St. Jude, Doncaster died peacefully on Tuesday 18th October after a short but painful illness. Many people have good cause to be thankful for his long and faithful service as a parish priest, not least the people of Scawsby where he has served for the past 13 years. Father Darley, a man of firm views, an exemplary parish priest with a down to earth attitude, faced death with characteristic clarity of purpose and a deep faith, making preparations for the future of his wife and family and committing them and himself to God's will. Our sympathy goes to Jean, Simon, Naomi and Theresa.

Harry Widdowson, Diocesan Readers Secretary for Doncaster died peacefully at his home during October. Harry was a kindly, gentle soul who had been a devoted school teacher (45 years at one school), an enthusiastic first-aider, and in many churches a mellifluous singer, an exemplary, articulate Reader and expounder of Holy Scripture. His friends and the church in Doncaster will miss him.

The Duty Secretary for Diocesan Readers for Doncaster will be Mr. George Beckett, 10 Norman Drive, Hatfield, Doncaster. DN7 6AQ. Tel: Doncaster 841091.

CHILDREN, MONEY AND MISSION

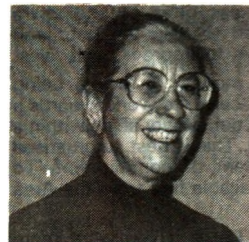
The Revd. Roy Arnold (Diocesan Communications Officer) reporting main items from the October meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod held at Sheffield Cathedral on October 15th.

"CHILDREN IN THE WAY" is on its way to the deaneries and parishes of Sheffield Diocese after being warmly received at the Diocesan Synod. One of the authors of the report - produced by the Education Board of the General Synod - was also warmly received by Synod members, especially as she now happens to be the wife of the Archdeacon of Doncaster. Mrs. Marjorie Carnelley underlined the importance of seeing children as being very much part of the Pilgrim Church of today, with their own special role and able, as children, to help adults in the Christian Way as well as being themselves helped.

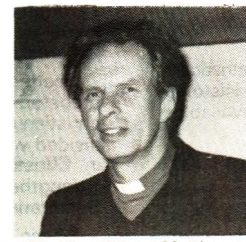
THE IMPORTANCE OF SYNODS - General, Diocesan and Deanery - was a major theme chosen by the Bishop of Sheffield for his Presidential address to this the first meeting of the newly elected Synod. Synods were an ancient and essential part of the Church's structure of government, said the Bishop who, however, urged that their importance should not be exaggerated as over against the ongoing daily work, worship and witness of the Church. The Bishop gave his impressions - favourable - of the Lambeth Conference and gave advance notice of next year's 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Sheffield with special services and events. Lambeth discussions about the Ordination of Women (and women bishops) came under his review and he urged that it was important not to let this one issue - important though it was - to clog up the work of the Church overall.

THE BUDGET for the Diocese of Sheffield in 1989 was approved. This authorises the Finance Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £2,530,305 in accordance with the budget as passed. Mr. Leslie Fletcher was re-elected Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Revd. J.K. Moore was re-elected Vice Chairman.

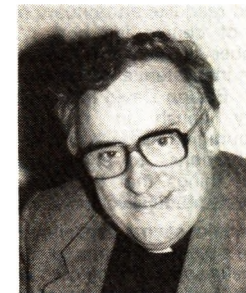
PLANS for the 1990 Diocesan Initiative in Mission were unveiled by the Bishop of Doncaster, as planned by the Committee for Mission and Unity under the general leadership of the Bishop of Sheffield. Major Christian gatherings next autumn - looking at spirit, word and sacrament - were planned and a major Diocesan pilgrimage to the North East (also incidentally a pilgrimage for railway buffs hopefully by the Settle to Carlisle railway line). Study programmes for the years up to 1995 were also detailed by the Bishop.



Mrs. Marjorie Carnelley



The Revd Stuart Matthews
for Adwick Deanery

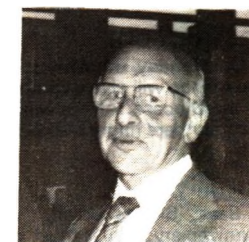


Rev. Roy Arnold

BACK FROM AFRICA, Mr. Ron Stevens, gave an account of his financial adventures in our link Diocese of Maseno North. The warmth and friendship of the people were commended by Mr. Stevens who was, however, a little more guarded about their accountancy skills.

TWO DEANERY SYNODS brought motions to the Diocesan Synod in October. Adwick le Street wanted changes in DHSS rulings about confidentiality regarding patients admitted to hospitals. According to this ruling the clergy are not now informed of patients from their parishes admitted to local hospitals nor can they now (as in former times) scan through the admission lists. It was pointed out by the Archdeacon of Doncaster that all this had come about through the application of an old ruling about hospital confidentiality. A member of the Synod who works as a Consultant at the Royal Hallamshire said that such rules on confidentiality also applied within the hospital too. The Adwick le Street motion was lost in a procedural motion. Ecclesall Deanery found little support for their motion urging General Synod to provide for more consultation at the parochial level of important issues now decided by General Synod alone. While there was sympathy for the idea it was felt that major issues were already open to discussion and that any more reference down from Synod would clog up the synodical machine.

ELECTIONS. Meeting in Houses before the main Synod meeting, the House of Laity re-elected Professor David McClean as their Chairman and the House of Clergy elected the Revd. Gordon Taylor, Rector of Kirk Sandall (and Editor of the Sheffield Diocesan News). Thanks were expressed to the Revd. Canon Robert Warren for his chairmanship over the past few years.



Mr. Ron Stevens

Diocese of Sheffield 1914-1989

could read like an obituary notice, but of course it's not. It's the number of years the Diocese has been in existence by 1st May next year. Bishop David has written to every parish in the Diocese encouraging modest 75th Birthday Celebrations, to show amongst other things that the Diocese is still very much alive and at work.



Certain events are already in the pipeline, but there's plenty of scope says the Bishop, for parishes to make some of their own additional arrangements, and to really enjoy this particular birthday.

Worship and Thanksgiving

On **Sunday, 30th April at 6.30 p.m.** there will be a Thanksgiving Evensong in the Cathedral (the Cathedral also celebrates 75 years of Sheffield's Parish Church being also Sheffield's Cathedral). The preacher at the service will be the Rt. Revd. Simon Burrows, Bishop of Buckingham who is the grandson of the first Bishop of Sheffield.

On **Sunday, 14th May**, Whit Sunday, Pentecost, at **6.00 p.m.** (because Radio Sheffield's timetable can best cope with that time), the Bishop by the kindness of Radio Sheffield will preach to the Diocese. Each parish is asked to have a 75th Anniversary Service that evening of which the Bishop's Broadcast Sermon will be part. A special 75th Anniversary Service in the Cathedral will be broadcast in full and it is hoped that the housebound will be encouraged to listen to this.

The Bishop writes "A copy of that form of service will be made available for those who wish to use it. But my hope is that parishes will have their own service in their own tradition so that the whole Diocese in its splendid variety gives thanks that night for the past 75 years and looks confidently, faithfully and prayerfully to the future."

The Diocesan Education Team are hard at work on a Schools and Childrens Event in the Cathedral, and more details will be coming soon.

The Great Birthday Parties

It is hoped that every parish will arrange an enjoyable Birthday Event, if possible on **Wednesday, 3rd May** (but it can be on any day in the 29th April/13th May period. The aims are to enjoy ourselves, encourage fellowship, mark the 75th Birthday, and RAISE £75 (or £750 for that matter) for the Bishop's Appeal. Bishop David will hope to visit as many of these events as possible!

Instruction!

On **Monday, 8th May at 7.30 p.m.** in the Cathedral, the Bishop will give a lighthearted talk on the History of the Diocese. All are welcome, and if it's available in time, there might also be a short booklet.

Finally...

Says, Bishop David, "We should enjoy a 75th Anniversary, but it must not take up too much of people's time and energy, and I intend to all intents

and purposes that it should cost us nothing! I would like to see something enjoyable, energetic and outdoor happening if anyone had both the bright ideas and the wit, wisdom, enthusiasm and energy to get it organised. Perhaps a relay race round the Diocesan boundary, or a sponsored Steeple Chase?

Bishop's Chaplain to Homes for the Elderly

The Revd. John Thompson took up his appointment as **Bishop's Chaplain to Homes for the Elderly in October and writes about his work:**

"Bishop's what?" I imagine you saying. "That's a new one on me". Well, it is new. So new, in fact, that Sheffield is the only diocese to have such a post - yet. The Bishop has become concerned about the large number of homes which are appearing all over the diocese and feels that the Church should be involved in a more concerted way than at present. Older people now constitute a much larger percentage of the population than ever before. Therefore, to fail in our ministry to them is to fail on a large scale. Initially, the work of the Bishop's Chaplain will be to contact the parishes in order to form an overall picture of the situation in the diocese and - equally as important - in order to **learn**. I am not an expert. One cannot be an expert at something which has never been done before. I'll need all the help I can get, especially in the form of co-operation from the parishes".

John will be in touch with every parish in the diocese as his work progresses.

New Christian Aid Secretaries

The Diocese has two new Christian Aid Area Secretaries. With the retirement of Leslie Coates, there has been a re-organisation of Christian Aid's support for Churches in the Diocese. For parishes in the City of Sheffield and Rotherham Metropolitan District, the Area Secretary is now Roy Barry, 20 Beech Hill Road, Sheffield. S10 2SB (Tel: 665738). Roy is also Diocesan Development Representative. For all other parts of the Diocese, the new Area Secretary is Mrs. Tjarda Murray, 18 Westbourne Avenue, Hull. HU5 3HR (Tel: Hull 42667).

Christian Aid is often described as the 'Churches in action with the world's poor'. The Area Secretaries are there to serve the Churches in helping to make this a reality. Christian Aid works all the year round. In part, it is a channel for sharing some of our wealth - and not just during Christian Aid Week in May. Through our partners overseas, offers of funding are made to projects designed to help the poor and powerless as they struggle to improve their lives.

Sharing is more than money. It means being prepared to listen and to receive, to work towards a christian understanding of our relationships within a divided world and to pray. This is best summarised in Christian Aid's statement of commitment 'To Strengthen the Poor' - available free from the Area Secretaries.

Please contact Roy or Tjarda if you want more information or help.

JEREMY WRITES

Jeremy Bezant is spending a year working for Project Trust. He writes.....

After a lengthy journey which included several delayed and turbulent flights, I eventually arrived at Ikhwesi Lokusa Special School to which Project Trust had decided to send me. The school is in The Transkei which was the first independent homeland to be set up in South Africa, twelve years ago. The pupils range in age from four to sixteen years and all have some degree of physical handicap. I teach science and singing to fourteen year olds, help with handicrafts and drive the school's minibus on dirt roads, taking pupils to various places to be fitted with aids for their physical handicaps.

Ikhwesi Lokusa School was founded by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, twenty-five years ago, to teach and care for physically handicapped children in The Transkei. To cater for the needs of the children when they left school, an 'After Care' centre has been developed around the school; and in various workshops, leather work and clay pots are produced, so the site is now quite large. The buildings are single storey, made of brick with small windows which make it rather dark. There is electricity and water, but these go off for no apparent reason.

Many of the children have had limbs amputated and get around in a variety of ingenious ways, including large skate boards. Others have had polio or suffer from muscular dystrophy. All are cheerful and very eager to learn. They are required to speak three languages; Xhosa, English and Afrikaans.

I have had several opportunities to go into the rural areas on school business. On one occasion I had to transport the body of a pupil who had sadly died of muscular dystrophy to his native village of Enqco. The countryside is very brown at this time of year, and virtually treeless, the only splashes of colour are from the green painted rondavels, which are round huts with pointed thatched roofs and wooden walls. Nearer Umtata, some people live in pink bungalows which are mass produced like prefabs. The weather has been unpredictable since we arrived, and unseasonably cool. It should soon start to get warmer and wetter.

"The Carol Service of 1949"

(With apologies to St.Barnabas' Church, Hadleigh, Essex)

My brother doesn't like me very much at the moment, on account of he's not getting to sing the boy's solo in "Once in Royal David's City" this year. I don't see why he should blame me for my hormones deciding that I was on the threshold of manhood at the Carol Service last year. I was on the last but one line of the solo and "Mary" came out as though I was being strangled, all the other boys fell about laughing, so this year they've decided that sniffy little Angela (all ginger pigtails and vibrato, and "I'm having singing lessons from Mrs.Soames") is going to do it.

Anyway, I don't see why he should complain - he's getting to read the lesson by "A Choirboy" even though he says he can't understand the bit that reads, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Nearly ready to start now, the lights are going out, sniffy little Angela is lining up behind the sacristan, and the ladies are jockeying for position behind, trying to make sure that they get to sit next to the Vicar in the pew. Old Nellie Jenkins fishes in her cassock and pulls out a small tin and hands round those foul tasting tiny black throat sweets, everybody takes one, it seems the thing to do.

The vestry door is opening now and we're off. Mr. Box leads into "Once in Royal" on the organ, and sniffy little Angela gives a faultless performance. Never mind Dave, you've still got the lesson.

Mr. Box asked me to help out on the tenor line, more likely to make up the numbers, even though my voice doesn't know whether it's Ann Ziegler or Webster Booth, so I've hit upon the novel ruse of opening and shutting my mouth in time with the music, and hope nobody will notice.

I'm next to the lead tenor, Mr.Fitzroy, he sings with one hand cupped round his left ear like a folk singer because he's deaf. Two years ago he sang "The Holly and the Ivy" whilst we sang "White Shepherds Watched", and nobody minded.

The congregation, hotly pursued by the choir and organ, sings its way lustily through the early part of the programme - all the old favourites, "O Little Town", "Good King Wencela" and now we're halfway and it's the choir's turn to launch itself into the arcane world of "The Coventry Carol" and "In Dulce Jubilo".

On the last lap, we're finishing with "O Come All Ye Faithful", (Vicar says, "When you get to 'born this happy morning' it isn't, it's born on Christmas morning" - pass it on) then it's back to the vestry. We boys rush off to the church hall to get at the mince pies. If we're lucky and quiet, we might get to hear Alvar Liddell read the nine o'clock news when we get home.

It'll soon be Christmas.

Robin Carter.

SPCK BOOKS FOR SALE

The bookstall at the back of Church displays a number of books which are available for sale. (The lending library being in the Church Hall). A new selection of books is provided each month under a sale or return agreement with the SPCK bookshop.

Currently available books and their prices are listed on an SPCK form on the bookshelf. If you wish to make a purchase, please help yourself to the book and indicate this by ticking the box provided on the form. Payments should be made to Mr. Harry Powell, any Sidesman or myself.

I thank you for your co-operation.

John Sellars.

FROM RUSSIA WITH INTEREST

A party of 12 young Russian teachers of English visited All Saints School to join in its Bonfire Night Celebrations. They are in Sheffield for several months studying at the University. It was very interesting to hear their comments about the evening and their experiences in England. Although they had been to official displays in Russia, they had never seen the sort of fireworks we can use and buy ourselves. They were also keen to ask questions about R.E. teaching and the role of the Church.

Let's hope they don't think we burn all our revolutionaries on bonfires!

ON GIFTS

The "BUZZ" word at this time of year is GIFTS. Newspapers, shop windows and glossy brochures shout it brazenly and loud. GIFTS for him, GIFTS for her, GIFTS for dad, GIFTS for mum, GIFTS for dogs, GIFTS for cats, but not for tame mice (DON'T BE TOO SURE, ED.). We are deluged with ideas of PRACTICAL, SENSIBLE and FUN gifts, varying in price from pence (not many!) to pounds. One could be forgiven for calling it GIFTMAS. I am not a Scrooge, but we do go over the top a little, so that some heave a sigh of relief when it is all over. That's a pity.

I suppose gifts have been in existence ever since mankind had regard for one another; even before the gifts of the three wise men of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the original Christmas gift, impossible to imitate. (The jewellers and perfumiers of the present commercial age have recognised a good thing, saleswise, when they see one). As the three wise men took gifts to the infant Lord, so he in turn blessed us with gifts (a natural quality or endowment) with all the Christian virtues and principles - caring, loving and understanding. But they have to be encouraged to bloom as we grow older.

So if on Christmas morning that dressing gown turns out to be a tea-cloth, and that hoped-for handsome timepiece is only an egg timer, don't despair; just plug away at that latent talent and gift you were blessed with. You'll find it PRACTICAL, SENSIBLE and FUN.

A happy and loving Christmas to you all.

Rex B.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

I said to the man, who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me 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.

offered by Vera Cryan.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

6th November Emily Kathryn Blakeley
Andrew Mark Pearson

20th November Laura Elizabeth Kelley

Holy Matrimony

12th November Francois Aubry & Anne Sutton

19th November Martin Anderson & Julie Norman

Funerals

16th November Alfred Hall (71) 56 Aldam Way

21st November Bertha Nathalie Johnston (68) 48 Aldam Road

22nd November Willis Pearson (85) 2 Lane Head Road

'Bunny' Hall came to Totley 11 years ago from Firth Park.

He had spent much of his working life at Heathcotes involved in the manufacture of machine blades.

Willis Pearson was born on Shrewsbury Terrace, his grandfather having farmed Cannon Hall. He probably witnessed in his lifetime the most changes that Totley has ever seen. Willis was a bricklayer by trade but after coming out of the War sick, he was given the outdoor job of Ranger of Blackamoor and Totley Bents Recreation field, living at Hollin House for many years. He took pride in looking after this area which he greatly loved.

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A tribute to Betty Johnston will appear in next month's issue of All Saints' News.

JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

Thank you for all the hard work this year. On 29 October we all went down to the Choirs Festival at the Cathedral. The children accredited themselves very well under the watchful eye of the Cathedral Choirmaster, Peter Crowther. They also had fun in Orchard Square. We say a big welcome to Tracy Goodrich and Elizabeth Heap, both now invested, and also to Melissa Davis, now in the family fold.

A big thank-you to Stella Jockel, Sally SCaife and Helen Job for their invaluable help.

BRIAN AND GUY FEEL OUTNUMBERED - HELP! ANY BOYS OUT THERE!!!

Enquiries to Olwen Powell, Junior Choirmistress, 365357.

A JAPANESE TRANSLATION OF THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my
serenity.
He leads me in the ways of efficiency, through calmness of
mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
each day,
I will not fret, for His presence is here;
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of
my activity,
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of
my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of the Lord,
And dwell in His house forever.

END QUOTES

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs: no truth
or goodness realised by man ever dies or can die.

Thomas Carlyle

He who always thinks of No 1, should remember it is
next to nothing.

Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.

Joseph Joubert

I'm not defying anybody, I'm obeying God.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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