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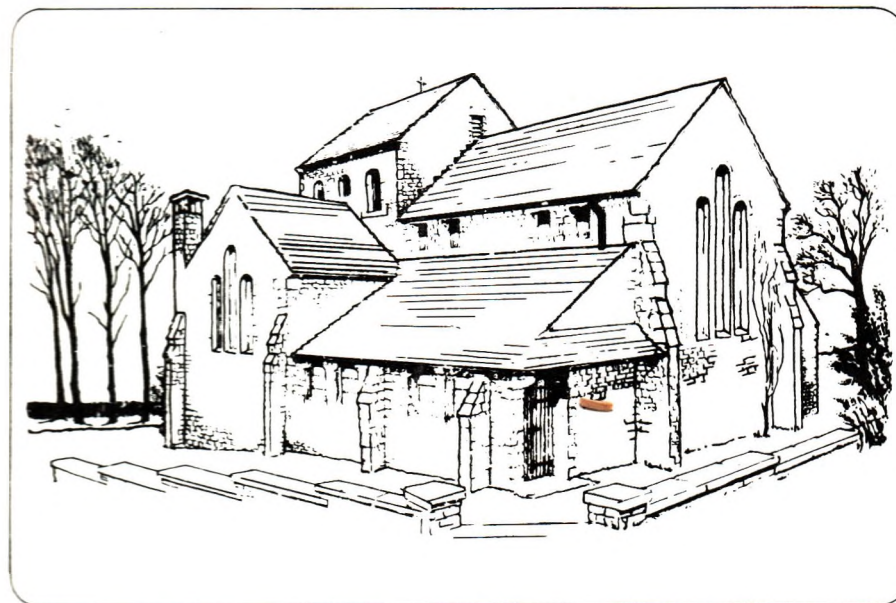
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I am sure most of us make a New Year's resolution that we feel is important for our own individual lives and we really intend to try and keep it. When we fail it could be that we have not a strong enough motive to help us to succeed, or we did not plan our circumstances to support our determination. For example, if you resolved to give up smoking you would need both to be convinced of the disadvantage of smoking in terms of damage to health and cost to the pocket, and also make sure you did not have packets of cigarettes readily available at home whenever you had a craving.

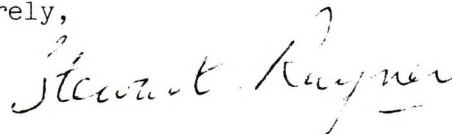
If our resolution was not to 'give up' but rather to 'take on' something we should still need to see the value of our extra work and also so organise our lives that we could achieve our aim.

One resolution we should all make would be to do something positive about conserving the resources of our world. We have a Christian duty to do our part in reversing the trend towards a global environmental collapse. Perhaps you could reduce your consumption of electricity, gas or petrol, or paper - or think of some other way of going "green" in 1991 for the sake of God's world.

As well as Creator, our God is Redeemer. The Decade of Evangelism should prompt us also to make a resolution to find a way of sharing our faith with another. If every Christian churchgoer in this country brought one person to faith a year - it would take just five years to convert the whole nation!

With every blessing for 1991,

Yours sincerely,



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### 1991 MOVE

Stewart has recently been appointed to a full-time Hospital Chaplaincy in Derby and will be resigning as Vicar of Totley in March.

## SERVICES IN JANUARY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

6th EPIPHANY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12 (TEV)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 1-12 (RSV)  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-6 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Matthew 2: 1-12 (RSV)

13th EPIPHANY 1  
Theme "The Baptism of Jesus"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 10: 34-38 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 3: 13-17 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1-7 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. John 1: 29-34 (JB)

20th EPIPHANY 2  
Theme "The First Disciples"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 26: 1, 9-20 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Mark 1: 14-20 (NEB)  
10am Family Service  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB & Anointing)  
Epistle: Galatians 1: 11-24 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 1: 35-51 (NEB)

27th 9 BEFORE EASTER  
Theme "Christ The Teacher"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: I Corinthians 4: 8-13 (JB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Proverbs 3: 1-8 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. Luke 8: 3-15 (RSV)



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

November's meeting gave us a fascinating view of Philip Hacking's personal perception of the next ten years, drawing interesting parallels between life in the early church with Barnabas and Paul and the church as Philip himself sees it today.

He used his experiences world wide to explain how the church overseas was growing and that Britain was now considered the mission field.

I write this on the Tuesday we expect Robert Ivell for our December trip into the next ten years, with his personal insights. Again I'm sure it will be different from all the previous meetings.

We have no meeting in January, but look forward to February's meeting with the Rev. Grant McIntosh, our Rural Dean.

Robin Carter

## LADIES CLUB

There will not be a meeting on Tuesday January 1st. The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 15th when Kate Hassall from the "Luxury Gap" on Totley Rise will give a demonstration of skin care and beauty. All ladies are very welcome to come.

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

Thank you to all who helped in any way at our Christmas Bazaar in aid of Church Funds and our Charities; the support given was splendid in view of the weather and other events held in the district.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. held on January 22nd 1991 at 220 Baslow Road at 2.15 pm.

## PAINT YOUR WAGGON

This year again, paintings of Christmas themes by the pupils of All Saints' School are decorating the walls of the "Waggon and Horses", Millhouses. They will be up until the Twelfth Day of Christmas - if you want to feast your eyes as you enjoy the feast of the table.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Holy Baptism

25 November Hayley Victoria Bateman  
Jack Charles Bateman

### Holy Matrimony

17 November Alan Lee Pascott & Helen Turner  
1 December Timothy Charles John Boswell &  
Sarah Catherine Green

### Funerals

23 November Molly Atherton (58), 40 Marstone Crescent  
30 November Bernard Joseph Harris (83), 116 Baslow Road  
6 December John William Lee (83), 55 Mickley Lane  
7 December Albert Colgrave (74), 84 Aldam Way

Molly Atherton was born at City Road, spending her early married life at Handsworth before moving to Marstone Crescent about 26 years ago. Always concerned to care for others, she had been involved with nursing work at Jessop's Hospital and for the last few years at Netherby Grange.

Bernard Harris came to live on Baslow Road about 10 years ago. He was born in Hillsborough where, as a young man, he was a founder member of the Hillsborough Motor Cycle Club. Moving south during the depression he spent most of his working life based in Middlesex as a shop-fitter, retiring after 50 years away to come back again to Sheffield.

Jack Lee lived in Hillsborough before moving to Mickley Lane 55 years ago shortly after his marriage. He was a driver for Arnold Laver for much of his working life.

Albert Colgrave was born in Heeley and spent most of his life as a steward in the Sheffield area - including the Locarno (London Road), the Wapentake Bar of the Grosvenor Hotel - and for 15 years was resident steward at the Balfour Sports Club at Dore. With his wife, he came to live at Aldam Way about 2 years ago.

### WORDS OF CONTEMPLATION

The text for this month is "I AM the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to ME will never be hungry; whoever believes in ME will never be thirsty".

(John 6:35)



## GOING GUIDING



*All Saints' Girl Guides  
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### LIGHT AND SHADE

There are many different definitions of the word "light" as in candle "light" - enlightened - to brighten, etc., and more still of light, as in "light-engine", "light-footed", etc.

We are concerned, however, with the former as in this guise it figures quite often in the Bible and Scriptures. As opposed to dark or darkness, light is knowledge, as dark is to ignorance. For example, "to throw light upon a subject or problem", "let there be light", and earlier still, "to be a light to lighten the Gentiles", surely not applicable to many today. I don't think that light in the scriptural sense means honesty, truth, love, kindness and compassion by itself, but rather as having an awareness (conscience?) of the virtue and value and the acceptance of these properties as the fulfilment of a Christian life. To be aware of a problem is a good start to solving it: "if you're not going to be part of the solution, then you're going to be part of the problem". This article was set in motion when reading the notice giving the aims and a welcome on the gates of the new Quaker meeting house in St. James Street, a lovely little building just three doors away from our Cathedral. The well-composed words ended with these few lines: "except that we believe that GOD's light is in everyone, waiting to be discovered" and that is what no doubt many of us believe in and pray for in our Decade of Evangelism.

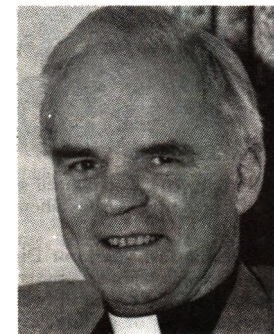
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## Sheffield Diocesan News

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# "Pray for Peace"

says the Bishop of Doncaster



I am usually much happier about being optimistic at the beginning of a New Year rather than pessimistic. We have to face enough in the way of problems and difficulties in our personal circumstances without a further bout of gloomy prognostication in the January edition of the Sheffield Diocesan News. And a New Year is always a useful lead-in to the exhilarating newness that should characterise our normal christian living.

Writing this however with the shadow of possible war in the Gulf hanging over us, it is hard to be other than deeply concerned. God willing, Saddam Hussein might have come to his senses by the time this issue of the News appears; and if he has withdrawn from Kuwait that will be a remarkable triumph for the developing role of the United Nations in this post Cold War era.

Yet at the time of putting pen to paper that seems highly unlikely; and war is the likely prospect. God grant that there may not be an outbreak of hostilities: but if there is - what kind of response is called for from the Church? I am not sure about the theories of a "just war", Thomas Aquinas notwithstanding; but I do believe that we have to recognise that we live in a fallen world in which hard and far-reaching decisions have to be taken.

Inevitably there is an element of self-interest in the West's position over the occupation of Kuwait; but there is considerably more involved in the near universal call for Iraqi withdrawal than self-interest. It is not only our economies that will be destabilised if Iraq is not checked. The consequences for the Arab World and the Third World are grim indeed.

I believe therefore that should war come it will be our responsibility to support international action and to pray for a speedy and conclusive end to any conflict; to pray as well not only for our own - although we should pray for them most certainly - but to pray for all involved; and to pray that the long-term result may be the solution of many of the present tensions in the Middle East.

I hardly need to emphasise that we must go on praying for peace; for every effort must be made to solve the crisis by peaceful means.

Returning to issues nearer home; it is heartening to see the launch of the Decade of Evangelism this month across the Church of England and in other Churches in this country. Others have caught up with us! It is an endeavour in which we engage together; and that is a reminder of the importance of ecumenical co-operation. If all goes well the South Yorkshire Ecumenical Council will come into being in May this year. That will be a major step forward in the partnership of our Churches Together.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster



## Kenyan Youth Visit



Ron Stevens, who himself spent two years in Maseno North in Kenya, writes about Kenyan visitors to the Diocese:

"During last year, our Diocese was host to eight young people and two priests from Maseno North and Nambale. They stayed in twelve different parishes and met hundreds of people, as well as visiting a steel works, a coal mine, Goole docks, and beauty spots in Derbyshire. They even saw the sea - at Scarborough and visited the ancient city of York. On their final day in this country, they had a sight-seeing tour of London before their flight home. The visit was a huge success for both the Kenyans and the host parishes who felt privileged to have had them as their guests. New understandings of each other, new friendships, and a sharing of warmth and spiritual openness all the way from Africa, have been just some of the rewards which the visit brought with it. The Maseno North and Nambale Link Committee in the Diocese wish to thank all those who financed the visit, and the host parishes for providing hospitality and pocket money. The Kenyan visitors provided their own air fares."

The photograph shows the group in Castleton, Derbyshire.

## Have a Holiday in Hattingen

Our friends in Hattingen are inviting us to visit them this summer; and we are planning a ten-day trip from May 31 - June 9. The visit will include some days with our hosts and the opportunity to attend the Kirchentag - the great lay-led Christian Conference when many thousands from all over Germany gather together for fellowship and study and worship.

Interested? If you would like further information contact: **The Revd. Stuart Brindley**, Rotherham Vicarage, 2 Heather Close, Rotherham. S60 2TQ (Rotherham 364341).

## Canon Reg Robson

Canon Reg Robson died on 14 November aged 81. He served in the Diocese for 40 years, first as Vicar of Woodlands (1944-53) and then at St. Andrew's, Sharrow (1953-74). Prior to that he was in the Durham Diocese as Vicar of Haverton Hill, Billingham (1937-44) after curacies at Seaton Carew and St. Michael's, Sunderland. He was Rural Dean of Ecclesall from 1965-74 and was appointed an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral in 1967. After his retirement he taught for some years at Birkdale and King Edward VII schools.

Reg was remarkable for his scholarship and his industry. Bilingual in French and English, he was sent on two missions to Taizé in the 1950's by Bishop Leslie Hunter. Proficient in Hebrew he was held in very high regard by the Jewish community in Sheffield. He was very active in Diocesan affairs where his knowledge and wisdom were much sought after. But we shall remember him most for his dry wit, his sense of humour, his quiet ministrations as a parish priest, his concern for good order in the liturgy. He will be greatly missed.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Allan Newby Boyd**, Assistant Curate, Ardsley in Charge of Kendray, to be Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Barrow-in-Furness, in the Diocese of Carlisle.

**The Revd. Edwin Mitchell**, Vicar of Whiston, in the Diocese of Liverpool, to be Rector of Wombwell in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Alan Coates**, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Heeley w. St. Leonard's, Norfolk Park, to be Assistant Curate, St. Francis, Bramley and St. James, Ravenfield, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. John Robin Humphreys**, Vicar of Hexthorpe, to be Vicar of St. James, Milton, Southsea, in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

**The Revd. Canon Michael Wright**, Vicar of Wath-upon-Deane with Adwick-upon-Deane was appointed Surrogate for the granting of Marriage Licences in the Diocese of Sheffield from 7th November 1990.

**The Revd. Stephen Moseling**, Assistant Curate, Rawmarsh with Parkgate, to be Vicar of St. Matthias, Colindale, in the Diocese of London.

**The Revd. Robert Andrew Cameron Grieve**, Rector of Corringham, in the Diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar of Owston, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## On your Knees?

A new booklet entitled "KNEELERS" was recently launched at a very successful coffee evening held by The Friends of Saint Helen's at Burghwallis. The booklet outlines the experiences of the Friends, and gives encouragement to any who are starting out on a group project to produce kneelers for their church. Obtain your copy now by sending 50p and a 9" x 7" First Class stamped and addressed envelope to: Josie Robinson, Parkside Studios, Burghwallis, Doncaster. DN6 9JP.

## 75 years of Reader Ministry

The Sheffield Diocesan Readers' Association is celebrating 75 years of Reader Ministry in the Diocese on Saturday, 9th March at 11.30 a.m. in the Cathedral, when the Archbishop of York will preach at the Eucharist. Representatives from every parish have been invited, and further tickets are available from: Alan Balme, 1 Wrens Way, Birdwell, Barnsley. S70 5SQ. Nationally there will be a Celebration and Eucharist at The National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on 22nd June, at which the new Archbishop of Canterbury will preach, to mark the 125th anniversary of the reintroduction of the office of Reader in the Church of England. If readers of the News wonder why in the Diocese of Sheffield, 125 years is not being celebrated locally, it's because the Diocese did not exist those years ago. We're only quite young!

## Cathedral Lecture-Discussions

What is the relevance of the Church and the Gospel to contemporary professional and business interests? What are the personal challenges facing those with responsibility in business and the professions as pressures for change and competition continue to grow?

These Lecture-Discussions aim to present perspectives on these issues from those who are grappling with them professionally. You are warmly invited to hear Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon from Birmingham on Tuesday 22nd January, Mr. Peter Benton, Director General of the British Institute of Management on Tuesday 19th February and Mr. Roger Dawe, C.B., the Director General of the Training Agency on Wednesday, 27th February, plus Professor Tom Cannon, Director of the Manchester Business School on Wednesday 30th January. All are at 12.30 p.m., last for 45 minutes, and a quick buffet lunch is available.

## Grants to Churches and Chapels

The trustees have a small amount of money available for distribution in the form of grants for the repair and preservation of Yorkshire's churches and chapels. The closing date for applications to be considered by the trustees is 31st March 1991. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed forms which are available from Dr. David Smith, Secretary, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Crowham House, Market Place, Masham, North Yorkshire. HG4 4EA.

## A choice of Education at Secondary School Level

The Diocesan Director of Education, sad that we have no Church of England Aided Schools at Secondary level in the Diocese, has negotiated an agreement with the Roman Catholic Church.

As a result, parents who so wish, are able to choose a Roman Catholic Aided Secondary School for their older children. There "priority will be granted to children who are practicing members of other Christian denominations".

Although this policy has been arranged with C of E Primary School children in mind, the opportunity is now open to all, wherever their primary schooling has been.

The Director of Education, Canon Noel Harrison, will be pleased to advise parents, and he can be contacted at the Diocesan Education Office (0742) 754386.

## The Diocese on Fire!

The Diocese has just joined FLAME, and Victor Hext is one of those who hopes that the light will spread throughout the Parishes, and explains what it is all about.

FLAME stands for Family Life and Marriage Education, and is an Anglican organisation which aims to promote, support and sustain education in family life, marriage, and the whole range of human relationships.

It is true that in many parishes, clergy, trained and untrained workers, do undertake work supporting family life in all its stages - birth, singleness, bereavement, marriage, adolescence, middle age, old age - but high expectations, increasing stress and confusion about values are putting so much strain on family life in its broadest sense, that more help is needed.

And that is where FLAME comes in, for it's intended to help and encourage all who are working in their local setting by developing and strengthening a national network so that participants can

- know about local initiatives all over the country
- receive in-service training and attend conferences
- participate in new initiatives
- improve skills
- obtain lists of published resources
- reach a greater understanding of matters relating to marriage and family life, including theological reflection.

Victor Hext is one of three Diocesan Representatives to FLAME, and he is joined by Nancy Johnson of 121 Rustlings Road, Endcliffe Park, Sheffield. S11 7AB (Sheffield 666456) for the Sheffield Archdeaconry, and Mary White, 51 Elmfield Avenue, Sheffield. S5 7TE (Sheffield 456228) for The Mothers' Union.

Between them, they will channel the support and encouragement of the national network to those interested. They will encourage individuals, parishes, groups or deaneries to set up local networks, and they will share examples of good practice in the Diocese.

If individuals or parishes are interested in FLAME, why not contact one of the Diocesan Representatives?

Victor Hext, for Doncaster Archdeaconry can be contacted at: 40 Riverhead, Sprotbrough, Doncaster. DN5 7QR (Doncaster 854467).

## Travelling On

### The Bishop of Sheffield's Lent Book 1991

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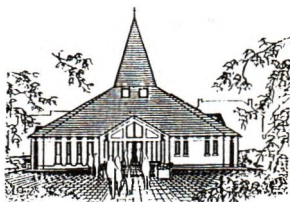
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## St. Swithun's Church Centre

On Saturday, 27th October and ahead of schedule, St. Swithun's Church Centre on the Manor Estate, Sheffield, was dedicated and opened. It was an overcast autumn day with a chill wind.



The new building replaces the original St. Swithun's demolished twelve years ago, and the Baptist Church demolished in 1985. But as well as being the new place of worship for the Anglican/Baptist congregation, the building with its many facilities will be a resource for the whole community.

Part of the cost of the new Church and Centre, which was completed within budget, has been met through support from the Bishop's £Million Appeal.

Lack of space within the building prevented more than the congregation and invited guests from being present at the service of Dedication on the Saturday morning, but in the afternoon, what seemed like hundreds of people from the local community, and much wider afield, took part in an outdoor opening ceremony.



Bishop David and the Revd. John Nicholson of the Yorkshire Baptist Association, were joined by representatives of the Church Burgesses Trust, the Upper Manor Tenants Association and Sheffield City Council in giving words of commendation for the new St. Swithun's. The assembled congregation was reminded that St. Swithun, the 9th century Bishop of Winchester, was remembered for his church building, his healing gifts, and his missionary activity.

As dark clouds gathered overhead and as the commemorative plaque was unveiled by Bishop David, he was heard to comment that St. Swithun was also famous for his rain! Fortunately it kept away, as the hundreds of visitors were welcomed into the Church and the Centre by the congregation and the two ministers, the Revd. Richard Atkinson and the Revd. Sue Thompson, who no doubt are breathing sighs of thankfulness that the building is completed, work can continue, and once again the Anglican/Baptist congregation of manor has a roof over its head, to serve as its missionary base and to protect it from the rain!

## Synod Digest

...a brief report of the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod, held at the new St. Swithun's Church Centre, Sheffield, on Thursday, November 8th, 1990.

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD DEBATE has now passed from the General Synod level to the Diocese. Sheffield Diocesan Synod members at the November meeting, decided to refer this important issue to Deanery Synods, asking them to report back to the Diocese by September 1991. Doubtless, during this time, parishes will also wish to take a look at these issues. Canon J.A. Dale (Worcester Diocese) a member of the General Synod Revision Committee handling the legislation introduced this business to the Synod.

PARSONAGE HOUSES: the Parsonages Committee presented a visual report on their work to the Diocesan Synod members who went on to endorse the Committee's policy for the provision of parsonage houses in the Diocese.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL proposals (presented by the Bishop of Doncaster) were agreed: namely the constitution of the Council, the appointment of a full time Ecumenical Officer to serve the Council, with the Diocese meeting one third of the costs (next year not to exceed £3,000 and in ongoing costs not to exceed £10,000 in 1992). The officer appointed will serve for five years with a review of the post after three years.

THE 1991 DIOCESAN BUDGET was presented by Mr. Leslie Fletcher (Finance Committee Chairman) and duly approved, authorising the Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £3,435,705 (Ministry and General Funds) for the 12 months ending December 31st 1991. Earlier Synod members had received the report of the Finance Committee.

PRESSURE OF TIME on the November meeting meant that debate on various FAITH IN THE CITY issues had to be left over to a future meeting.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS: The Bishop's Council were authorised to fix the numbers to be elected to the Diocesan Synods in 1991 by the Deanery Synods in compliance with the Church Representation Rules and with the "first past the post" electoral system.

MASENO NORTH: The Revd. Simon Oketch, leader of a party from the link Diocese of Maseno North spoke briefly to the Synod and thanked everyone for help and hospitality during their stay.

PRESENTATIONS were made to Mr. Lindsay Mitchell, retiring as Warden of Whirlow Grange Conference Centre and to Mr. Brian Shipman, retiring as Link Officer for the partnership between Sheffield Diocese and Guildford Diocese.

THE NEXT MEETING of the Diocesan Synod will be on Saturday, March 2nd, 1991 at St. Bartholomew's Church Centre, Netherthorpe, Sheffield which is the next new church to be opened in the Diocese later this year.

## FABRIC MATTERS

### CHURCH GUTTERS

Cost to replace Gutters to original specification	£4,834.49
Cost of hiring scaffolding	£395.00
	<hr/> £5,229.49

With our thanks to all who kept the costs down by giving their time as voluntary labour.

### Gutter Cleaning

After this year's leaves have fallen it is essential that the gutters are cleared of all blockages.

### Vestry Water Leak

For some time a "hissing" noise could be heard in the vestry, and because it did not show externally if there was a water leak, no investigation was carried out.

As a result of replacing the gutters and using the toilet under the vestry for storage, it became obvious that water was escaping around that area. Eric did a probe exercise on the outside of the Church wall and quickly found the place where the leak was.

Jackson's of Dore were contacted and a repair has been carried out. The cost of the repair is still awaited.

### Tree Planting

Twelve trees were planted on Saturday 17th November at the bottom of the South lawn on the college side of the beech hedge in member of Bill Carter Wigg and Norman and Eirene Calverley.

The trees were dedicated by the Vicar.

### Wall Safe

The hole for the safe has been prepared and the fixing of the safe in the hole is completed. Anyone wishing to make donations to the church or purchase books or church magazines can now deposit monies in the slots provided in the safe.

### Drive Garden

In memory of Mrs. Ida Bramall a donation was given for plants and rose bushes for the small garden at the entrance to the Church Drive.

Cliff Job



CMS LINK LETTER

Anthony & Pamela Lindsay  
c/o Diocese of Bo  
PO Box 21  
Bo, Sierra Leone  
West Africa  
November 1990

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bo, it was lovely seeing so many of you at our local commissioning service in Pickering in September just prior to our return, we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did plus being able to share with you in our home afterwards. Our rainy season here is coming to an end for 1990, but we are still able to have some cool nights following a sprinkling of rain during the nights.

The economic situation within the country seems worse, many prices have risen 300% to 400% since we went on leave in March 1990, but one main change we have witnessed since we returned is in the influx of refugees from the War in Liberia. So many people have had horrendous experiences with members of their families being killed or robbed of all their belongings, through being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Our new Diocesan Administration Complex is one of the two food distribution centres in Bo, one with the Catholics and one with the Anglicans so each Saturday morning there are over 1,000 people queuing by 8.00 am for their week's rations - 14 cups of rice per person per day, plus Maggi-cubes, tins of corned-beef and Benemix for the children. It is not a full diet, true, but still a reasonable one which is the envy of many Sierra Leoneans as the refugees also receive free soap and free medical treatment as well.

So many people from Sierra Leone have opened their homes up and taken people in as a gesture of friendship. Thank the Lord for Sierra Leonean hospitality, many houses must be about bursting at the seams!

Please pray also that this war, overshadowed by the conflict in the Middle-East, will soon reach a peaceful conclusion - then the many 1,000's of refugees can safely return to their homes and live in peace once again. On a much happier note, Bishop Michael Keili has announced his intention to Priest three of us, plus make one man a

deacon on Advent Sunday, 2 December 1990, at St. Paul's Cathedral Church, here in Bo. We will have our Ordination Retreat at a local catholic Centre from Wednesday evening the 28th November 1990 to Sunday (after breakfast) 2nd December 1990, and then go straight to the Cathedral for the Service. Please pray for us all on this very happy occasion, thank you.

Pam has been busy trying to restart the Speech Therapy Clinic at Bo Hospital. The new Medical Superintendent has given his permission, so the first session was last Monday and another will be on Friday. Pam has also been making some enquiries about doing some remedial work with children in the local SLC and Methodist Schools. The problem of the lack of space and furniture has to be overcome, but should be possible with a bit of improvisation. Most schools don't have quite enough benches and tables for their pupils, so to accommodate an extra adult or two is not easy.

Another project which is at the planning stage is a sewing/literacy class for some of the Liberian refugees and local girls who are not going to school and have nothing to occupy their time. Hannah Loum (our next door neighbour on the same compound) and Pam are trying to get a group together to meet at our compound on Mustapha Street, Bo.

There has already been an offer of help with materials and equipment from the Danish Sudan United Mission who support John and Hannah Loum. There have been quite a few enquiries and so it is hoped to start registering some of the girls next week.

By the time this letter reaches you all, we expect it will be almost Christmas and so, although sitting here in Bo it seems very early to send greetings, we do wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas. We will be remembering you especially at that time as we unite to celebrate our Saviour's birth.

We thank you for your prayers, as you can see, there are many issues and projects which need prayer at the moment. We pray for guidance and wisdom as we try to see where God is leading us and what we should be doing.

With our love and prayers,

Tony and Pam



## PARISH ROTAS

### FLOWERS

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
6 Jan	-	Mrs. Turner
13 Jan	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Simons
20 Jan	-	Mrs. Hardy
27 Jan	Mrs. Beeley	Mr. Bramall

Silver Cleaning 2 Jan - Mrs. Kirton

### PARISH BREAKFAST

6 Jan	Mrs Brown & Miss Taylor
13 Jan	Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
20 Jan	Mrs. Cryan & Mr. Hazlehurst
27 Jan	Mrs. Jockel & Miss Scaife
3 Feb	Mr & Mrs Carter

## SCOUT NEWS - 1st Totley Scout Group

Congratulations to Christopher Pocock and Aaron Foster for gaining the Chief Scout Award - the highest award of the scout section. Their certificates were presented with 30 others from the South Yorkshire area at the Hesley Wood Scout Centre, Chapeltown, by Ron Atkinson on 26th November.

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fayre with coffee and carols on 4th December. We raised over £120 for our funds. Congratulations to Mrs. Brittain who won our Christmas Hamper in the December scout lottery, drawn during the evening.

John Lawry, Scout Leader

## UNDER FIVES

The Under Fives would like to thank everyone who supported the Toy Service held on December 6th. During a lively service of action songs, prayers and a visual presentation led by Lorna Davis, the children showed their love for others by going to the Altar with their gifts of toys, which were received by Stewart. The adults, some of whom proved to be too shy to go to the Altar on their own, let the children take their gifts too! All the toys were later passed on to the Family Services Unit for re-distribution.

The Under Fives Praise Services for January are on Thursday the 3rd and Thursday the 17th, starting at 2pm in Church. We welcome anyone with very young children to join us.

Jane Lawry

## TEMPUS FUGIT

When I was a small boy my grandfather told me that when we grow old time flies past with increasing rapidity. I thought he was talking nonsense because to me it seemed an age to wait for the next longed-for occasion. Christmas, birthdays, holidays, treats were so far ahead.

And yet it is quite true that as one grows older the years hasten on and we with them. Even in the prime of life we are inclined to say, "So much to do, so little time to do it in". Later, impatience gives way to resignation, as we realise there is never enough time. A crusty but wise divinity professor used to tell us when we were students, "Never plead you did not have enough time. You have all the time there is".

That warning challenges us to get our sense of proportion right, particularly in our most active years when the pressures of our immediate environment are so strong. At the beginning of another year it is a useful exercise to review our priorities. These will vary from person to person; but there is an overriding question which we must all answer. It is not so much "What have I achieved when I reach the end of the road?" but "Who am I really?" What matters is how we stand before God.

There is, of course, always a tension between self-fulfilment and living unselfishly. We are fortunate if the two coincide. To opt solely for the former is the easier but the baser course. How we use the time given us is something our conscience cannot avoid. When a person declines to give time to others he is likely to be the cause of misery, not least to those nearest.

In Chester Cathedral there is an old clock on which is displayed appropriately a verse attributed to Henry Twells, a Victorian cleric better known for his hymn "At even, ere the sun was set". These lines are worth mulling over at the dawn of another year.

When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.  
When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.  
When I became a full grown man, time ran.  
And later as I older grew, time flew.  
Soon I shall find while travelling on, time gone.  
Will Christ have saved my soul by then? Amen.

Canon D.W. Gundry



## JANUARY DIARY

2 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd.
3 Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
	8.00pm	Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue
5 Sat	7.00pm	BARN DANCE
8 Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
9 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
10 Thu	8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
12 Sat	7.30pm	Totley Community Dance - Church Hall
15 Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
16 Wed	2.00pm	Monthly Fellowship - 79 Sunnyvale Road
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road
17 Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group
	8.00pm	Open Meeting - Church Hall "Aims and Objectives"
19 Sat	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist Drive - Church Hall
22 Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch - Church Hall
	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
23 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship
24 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group
26 Sat	7.30pm	Totley Community Dance - Church Hall
28 Mon	7.00pm	All Saints' School Governors' Meeting
29 Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
30 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship
31 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group

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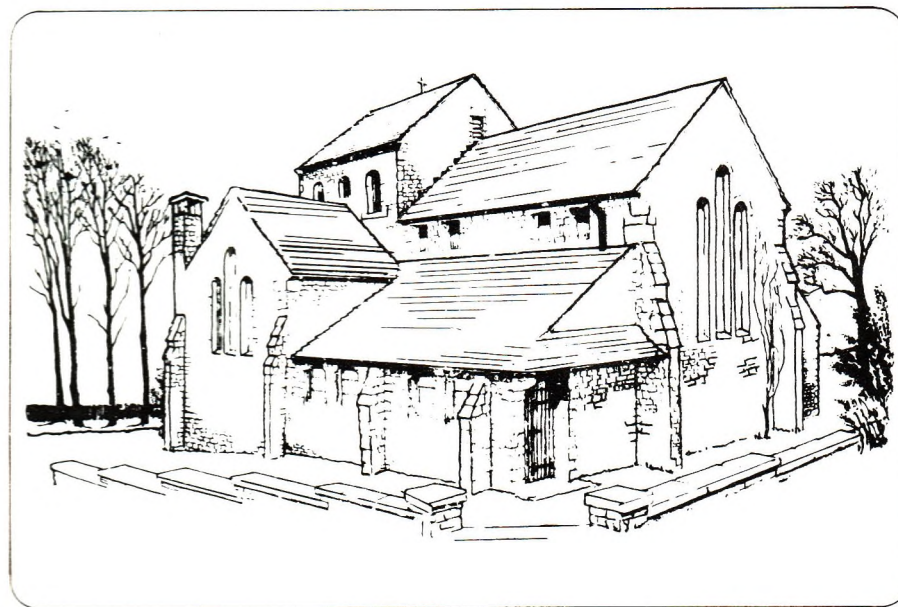
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

My time with you as Vicar of Totley is drawing to a close prior to my move to Derby as a Hospital Chaplain. Whilst chaplaincy work is an area of ministry to which I have always felt drawn, I can see there will be elements of parochial ministry I shall miss. In particular there is the special experience of celebrating Parish Communion.

There coming to the communion rail are the old and the young, the fit and the frail. There are the new-born babes in their mother's arms, children with their smiles and their eagerness, the young in faith and the newly-confirmed, members rejoining us again after periods in hospital, the elderly folk determined to kneel despite aches and pains, the recently bereaved, and the whole varied congregation one has come to know so well. The celebrant at Holy Communion from his privileged position can the more easily perceive the meaning of the words spoken at the administration - "The Body of Christ". Words that apply not only to the wafer of bread given but to all those kneeling before you, and indeed beyond them to all who have ever received the sacrament.

Being all members of the Body of Christ there is a sense in which we are never separated. In God all is union and continuity, even though space and bodily death may seem to divide us. For this reason I should like to think of my last Sunday (3rd.March) as Vicar of Totley, not as a time of parting and farewells, but rather as -

- a re-affirming of the continuing fellowship together in Christ uniquely expressed in the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- a commitment to that spiritual journey forward in Christ which we are all called to make
- a thanksgiving that, for part of our journey, we have been pilgrims together.

With every blessing,

*Stewart Rayner*

## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 3rd 8 BEFORE EASTER  
Theme "Christ the Healer"  
8pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: St. James 5: 13-16 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. Mark 2: 1-12 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: 2 Kings 5: 1-14 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Mark 7: 24-37 (NEB)
- 10th 7 BEFORE EASTER  
Theme "Christ the Friend of Sinners"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Philemon: 1-16 (TEV)  
Gospel : St. Mark 2: 13-17 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Hosea 14: 1-7 (JB)  
New Testament: St. John 8: 2-11 (NEB)
- 13th ASH WEDNESDAY  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
8pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: I Corinthians 9: 24-27 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. Luke 18: 9-14 (NEB)
- 17th LENT 1  
Theme "Temptation"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Hebrews 2: 14-18 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. Matthew 4: 1-11 (RSV)  
10am Family Service  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Hebrews 4: 12-16 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. Luke 4: 1-13 (RSV)
- 24th LENT 2  
Theme "Conflict"  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: I John 4: 1-6 (JB)  
Gospel : St. Luke 19: 41-48 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
12noon Holy Baptism (Amy Fox and Gemma Carr)  
6.30pm Evensong  
Old Testament: Genesis 7: 17-24 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. Matthew 12: 22-32 (NEB)



## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

The National Children's Officer of the Church of England recently made the following comments about Children in Church.

"I want to see children in Church; I believe we impoverish our own worship and growth in faith if they are not there. But I do not believe that they should be encouraged to see the church as a large play area in which any kind of behaviour is accepted because they are children. Why should their presence mean rattles in Communion - there are plenty of quieter toys. Why should it be assumed that they will run up and down the aisles, or be noisy, disruptive, and all of this to be accepted by clergy and congregation with cheerful smiles of Christian love and forbearance and praise for bringing them? On the other hand, I do not think that children should behave as mini-adults or simply tolerated by the rest of the congregation.

However, I believe equally strongly that many parents of small children do need a great deal of help and support from the clergy and congregation. They need to be helped to understand that if children are to take their full part in the congregation they have to be helped from an early age. No one wants to nag or threaten them into submission. But part of our welcome and our privilege is to help them to recognise the pattern of the worship, the places where they can join in, etc., by singing, clapping or whatever. Even with the tiniest infants one can prepare with suitable toys. A congregation can be encouraged to take an active interest by first getting to know the family and sitting alongside so they can help a mother, or father, as needed.

When there are problems they are never one-sided. They are usually because no one has actually thought through why we think we want children in church, what are our feelings, reasons, expectations. How are we going to help parents and children and also help the rest of the congregation, who often see children as a threat to their valued peace and serenity in worship?

Since the publication of 'Children in the Way' most dioceses and parishes have been considering such questions. There is no blueprint for action, and there are no easy answers. Some questions are: how much time and effort are parents prepared to give to helping their children by talking

with other parents, other worshippers, etc. about any difficulties? How much time does the P.C.C. or any group give to planning their welcome and reach-out and follow-up work with parents and children - after baptism and at other times? How do we involve children in worship? How do we plan a programme of education for the whole parish?

Possibly the most vital question is, how much time do we spend together in prayer for our children and their families? And how much money are we prepared to spend to provide for whatever is necessary to show that we mean it, when we say, 'Of course we want children in church'."

## PEOPLE IN CHURCH

Recent research in the U.S.A. found that churches which attracted growing numbers of highly committed people had several things in common -

PEOPLE came before programmes. Members were not required to fit into available slots in the church structure.

PEOPLE took prayer seriously. A prayer ministry was seen as very important not just something for those who could not do anything else.

PEOPLE could all articulate the church's vision - not just the leaders.

PEOPLE were keen to grow in their faith.

PEOPLE were proud of the church and brought along friends and neighbours.

PROGRAMMES were flexible. Structures or programmes which were no longer valid could be dropped, and new ones developed to fit new ministries.

PROGRAMMES made youth work a priority.

PROGRAMMES concentrated on doing a few things well. Aiming for excellence in what the church was called to do was more important than doing a bit of everything.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION for February

"I AM with you to deliver you".

(Jeremiah 1:8)

PANCAKE PLAY PICNIC on Shrove Tuesday (12th February) at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Games for all ages. Bring packed lunch.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Have you heard about the 4-year-old whose mother was faced with his having received a Christmas Card from every single child in the reception class at school? Much as I love receiving and sending cards it seems to me that in today's world there is a better use of our resources than to expect to receive cards from those whom we see regularly. How about some sort of "Christmas Card Tree" at the back of the Church next year for one card each from those of us who wish to give Christmas greetings to all the members of our church family, but feel that card swapping with individuals is inappropriate?

## . . . AND CANDLES

I discovered last year that it was possible to produce a large candle by melting down some stubs from the Church candles and setting the wax in an old plastic beaker. Ordinary string was no use as a wick, but proper wick is available at less than 10p a metre. Is anybody - particularly with expertise in candle making - interested in joining me in re-cycling all those stubs which are kept in boxes around the Church premises? - perhaps we could sell them at the Christmas bazaar?

Rosalie Carter

## QUIET DAY

The annual Parish Quiet Day of Prayer will be held on the first Saturday in Lent on 16th February, 1991.

This will be led by the Rev. Simon Bailey and may be used as a period of quiet and contemplation of the eternal love of God. It will also serve as an appropriate beginning to the Lenten period.

Leaflets, which are available in the Church, should be completed and returned to the Vicar. Otherwise a telephone call (362322 - the Vicar, or 351624 - Barrie Briggs) will be sufficient to reserve a place.

The "day" will begin with assembly at 9.30 a.m for 10.00 a.m and will end with tea at approximately 4.00 p.m. A simple vegetarian lunch will be provided and the cost per head for the day will be a modest £3.00

# Sheffield Diocesan News

FEBRUARY, 1991

## Lent is for Learning and Easter for Joy

writes the Bishop of Sheffield

**My New Year Resolution and my Lent Resolution are the same. 'I will do everything I can to persuade the people of the Diocese of Sheffield to become, in 1991, *keen disciples in a learning Church*.**



'Disciple' is the key word. Those who followed Jesus became his disciples for they believed that he had, for them, the words of eternal life. And 'keen' is the right word to describe the quality of that discipleship: they were bold in believing, and courageous and determined in their learning. Believers today, as then, are called the disciples of Jesus. And our understanding of our discipleship is inadequate if despite our fervour in praise, our boldness in proclamation, our persistence in prayer and the strength and clarity of our faith, it does not extend to keenness for learning. Too often we've fallen into the trap of thinking that learning is safely left to children in Sunday School, new beginners in Confirmation Classes, or to those 'Adults' who happen to enjoy 'Education' and Study Groups. The truth is that a disciple must long to learn and so we who are disciples are committed to a pilgrimage in truth that is, at its shortest, life long.

This explains why, from the beginning, the Church has been a learning and teaching Church: a fellowship within which we come to understand the meaning of the teaching of Jesus for us, his disciples, today. Almost invariably when we meet for worship we hear the Scriptures (and especially the Gospels) read and then their meaning for us is expounded in the sermon. But too often preachers and listeners have conspired together to prevent us making much of this core activity of the Church. On an average Sunday we don't always look like 'keen disciples in a learning Church'.

There are a number of villains here: the Church herself is not blameless in allowing so much else to creep into the liturgy that the two basic reasons for our assembling - bible reading and bread baking - have become swamped in a variety of other bits and pieces. A congregation too, if its desire and expectation of learning is low and its pressure on their preacher to spend his time on more popular activities is great, can stop the learning process even in a 'successful' parish. And we preachers can also sit too lightly to the responsibilities given us by our calling to be ministers of the word.

Now, of course, I don't believe that the Sunday sermon is our only way of teaching and learning. But Sunday by Sunday some 20,000 people hear the sermons in the Churches of this Diocese. And this has been the Church's basic teaching method through the centuries. We could start elaborate training schemes that ignored the Sunday sermon, but I'm certain with our very limited resources they would meet the needs of only a handful of people. First let us all resolve to make better use of what is already happening in nearly every Church on every Sunday.

I've written more about this in our Diocesan Lent Book "Travelling On", (it costs £1.00 and is very good and worth that for the Bishop of Doncaster's devotional poems alone, and if you haven't got a copy clamour until you get one) and I hope you will read it. Then I want us, in the months ahead, to explore together ways of making every parish a learning Church, every Preacher 'an effective minister of the word' and every believer a 'keen disciple'.

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield

P.S.

- 1 The title of this article would make the chorus for a hymn.
- 2 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 13th February.
- 3 'Travelling On' is available from your Vicar, from S.P.C.K., at the Cathedral, or in case of difficulty from The Revd. Pat Dennis, Bradfield Rectory, Sheffield S6 6LG.



## Well done St. Mary's

St. Mary's Doncaster Church Extension is just twelve months old. Not only did it originally receive planning permission from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, but at one year old it also received a birthday present in the shape of a Certificate of Commendation in the Design Award Scheme run by the Council's Planning Committee. Already the extension to the church is proving to be of immense value and allows St. Mary's to function much more suitably for the 1990s and the Decade of Evangelism.

## New for Old

**The old St. Bartholomew's Church and Church Hall at Netherthorpe, Sheffield, was vast and delapidated. It was demolished, and an ambitious new Church and Church Centre has been built and opened, and right at the beginning of the Decade of Evangelism.**

The vision for the new St. Bartholomew's Church Centre grew out of the Bishop's call to mission way back in 1984, and with the new building, the people of St. Bartholomew's are able to concentrate on their tasks of christian witness and service.

The Church Centre is home for both St. Bartholomew's congregation and that of the Shiloh United Church of Christ. The relationships between the two congregations has grown over the years with increasing trust and mutual encouragement. One exciting result of Shiloh's involvement in the new centre is the setting up of a mental health care scheme for black people living locally.

Management of the Centre is shared by both churches, working together with other local groups to ensure that the needs of local people are being considered and opportunities provided for the encouragement and development of community life.

The two level, multipurpose building, situated in one of the most deprived areas of Sheffield will allow a variety of activities including daily worship, a coffee shop, luncheon clubs for the elderly, young people's groups and office space/meeting rooms for local groups and workers.

"The newly opened Centre", writes the Revd. Bill Bazely, "bears witness to the Church as a living body of Christ and of its faith in the city. Thank you for your help and prayers. Praise God with us - and why not visit us one day."

That is an invitation that the Diocesan Synod takes up when its March meeting is to be held at Netherthorpe. It's an invitation you can take up too, if you want to visit the new St. Bartholomew's. The Revd. Bill Bazely can be contacted on Sheffield 336977.

## Open Lecture

"The New Age Movement and Christianity"

Tim Cooper, author of the recently published "Green Christianity" will be speaking at an open lecture sponsored by the Open Church Group at St. Mark's, Broomhill, on TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY at 2.15 p.m. All comers are welcome!

## Women's World Day of Prayer 1991

The main Sheffield service for the day, FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, will be at 11.00 a.m. in the Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street.

Prepared by the women of Kenya, its theme is "On the journey together". The Revd. Elizabeth Nash of the United Reformed Church and Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire will give the address.

## Joan Turner

The Revd. John Packer writes of the life and ministry of Joan Turner who died on Advent Sunday last year: "For forty years Joan had worked in the Diocese as a Parish Worker, coming to Hexthorpe in 1950, and from then her parishes are a roll-call of her own personal faith in this city of Sheffield - Attercliffe, Arbourthorne, Walkley, Shiregreen. It was appropriate that Joan died in a place where she herself had served - at the Northern General. She was determined to stay in Sheffield when she retired, and soon went to live on Skye Edge, where she befriended all who lived in the estate - and especially those whom no-one else would befriend. Lively and involved to the last, she was a wise and purposeful leading member of the Movement for the Ordination of Women. Through much of her life she fought sickness, and she died as she had lived, a good and faithful servant of her Lord."

## Youth Vigil

"Dance on Injustice"

Young People between 15 - 21 are invited to the Salvation Army Citadel, Cross Burgess Street, Sheffield on the night of Friday 8th to Saturday 9th February from 9.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.

It will be a night for christians of all denominations to share together in worship, laughter and prayer as they explore together the christian response to the problem of injustice in the world. Tickets are £1 to include supper and breakfast and are available from the Revd. Alan Griffiths, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FT.

## Travelling On

It's not too late to get your copy of the Bishop of Sheffield's LENT BOOK for 1991. Either obtain one through your parish, from SPCK at the Cathedral or by post from the Revd. Pat Dennis, Bradfield Rectory, Sheffield. S6 6LG.

"Travelling On" is a snip at £1 per copy. Postage is 30p for a single copy, two copies 40p, three copies 50p, four/five copies 60p and more than five copies post free. Cheques should be made payable to SDBF.

## The Old St. Swithun's

A history of the old St. Swithun's, Manor, 1929-1990 has been written by Churchwarden Malcolm Mercer. In particular it is a record of the original building which was demolished in 1978. It will be of particular interest to anyone who knew the old church, and is available for £1.20 inc. p&p, from St. Swithun's Vicarage, Cary Road, Manor, Sheffield. S2 1JP.

## "Peace and the Ecology Crisis"

In Peace and the Ecology Crisis Jonathan Clatworthy demonstrates how promoting peace is an holistic task embracing ecology, politics, economics and spiritual vision. Overcoming the current crises is possible if we learn to love the earth as God's good gift for us - "in the world-wide dance of mutual fulfilment".

The Revd. Jonathan Clatworthy has conducted research into the Christian approaches to the issues of war and peace. He is a member of the Green Party, and believes Christian faith is a "natural partner" for green politics.

'Peace and the Ecology Crisis' by Jonathan Clatworthy, Anglican Chaplain at Sheffield University, is Occasional Paper No. 6 from Clergy against Nuclear Arms is priced £1 + s.a.e. from 119 Ashdell Road, Sheffield. S10 3DB.

## Where have all the Adults Gone?

It is sad to report, at the start of the decade of evangelism, that a weekend planned at Whirlow Grange at the end of November, for adult members of the church, on the theme of evangelism had to be cancelled through lack of support, but two weeks later 34 young people came and shared a similar weekend on the theme of 'Proclaim the Good News' with the help of Rev. Dennis Lennon, the Diocesan Advisor in Evangelism they explored together ways in which they could share the gospel at home, at school and amongst their friends. So often we look around church and ask 'Where are all the teenagers?' It makes a change to have to ask 'What happened to the adults?'

## The Stephenson Lectures

every two or three years, bring a distinguished Christian Speaker to Sheffield for the benefit of the University, the Clergy, and the great British public.

The aim always is to find a speaker who will bring a serious subject to us in a manner that non-experts can understand. This year the time of the lectures has been fixed at 5.15 p.m. in response to public demand. The lecturer is Dr. Christian Baxter of St. John's College, Nottingham. The place is Lecture Theatre 1 in the Medical School at the Hallamshire Hospital. (This is on the same road as the Out Patients).

Tuesday, 12th February:

'Is the Gospel good news about God?'

Wednesday, 13th February:

'Is the Gospel good news for women?'

Thursday, 14th February:

'Is the Gospel only good news for the poor?'

## Cutting Edge

is a new theological journal published by Sheffield Chaplaincy for Higher Education. The Revd. John Earwaker writes that the journal is interested in "the kind of theology which is not woolly or vague. but sharp and incisive, not abstract or theoretical but down-to-earth and practical; not the work of scholars, nor of saints, but of ordinary people struggling to live as a christian in the modern world." The world of higher education in the 1990s is not, if ever it was, a comfortable backwater or an 'ivory tower'. It is a place where the values of the modern world - such as they are - can be seen in sharp outline. The Chaplains in higher education in Sheffield feel very keenly the lack of fit between the world they live in, and the values they seek the affirm, and they hope that 'Cutting Edge' will explore issues such as those in a helpful and constructive way.

If you are ordinary, or scholar, or saint, or for that matter sinner, why not consider taking out a subscription for three issues a year. The first year's subscription is £3. To receive a free copy (whilst stocks last) or to pay your sub (cheques to Sheffield Chaplaincy for Higher Education) write to the Revd. John Earwaker, The Chaplaincy, Sheffield City Polytechnic. Sheffield. S1 1WB.

## 1990 - A Remarkable Year

Bishop David has recently noted that 1990 was a remarkable year for the building, refurbishing and extending of churches. "All are beautiful" he says, "and astonishing in their variety. Here are some of those in whose rededication I have taken part:

St. Mary, Doncaster:

Hew Hall added to the church

St. Paul, Ferham Park:

A fine internal re-ordering giving a variety of meeting rooms.

St. Aidan, Wheatley Hills:

New roof and a distinguished liturgical re-ordering.

All Saints, Aston:

New Hall built on to the church.

St. Swithun, Manor:

New Church and Church Centre to replace a Church that had been demolished some twelve years ago.

St. Peter, Abbeydale:

A radical re-ordering of the interior to give a dramatically open space and some meeting rooms.

St. Bartholomew, Netherthorpe:

An ambitious new Church and Church Centre, to replace a vast and delapidated St. Bartholomew's Church and Church Hall. Some interesting fragments of the old Church survive.

St. Peter & St. Paul, Barnby Dun:

This fine ancient church has been beautifully re-ordered. It is worth a visit to see the floor.

Indeed, all these Churches are worth visits if only to savour the astonishing variety of our responses to the challenge of making sure that we have Churches than can be a real base for evangelism."



# The Sheffield-Guildford Partnership

The distance between the North and the South, in the shape of the partnership between of two Dioceses is starting to shrink! That's the verdict of many parishes in the two Dioceses, and indeed of our two Cathedrals as well. Close links are being forged over the miles.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

For St. John's, Park, close to the centre of Sheffield, a link has been made with Holy Trinity, Claygate, and already a group of thirty-six people from St. John's (including two babes in arms) has made the journey to Guildford and spent an exciting weekend at Holy Trinity. The two parishes appear to be very different in material surroundings and circumstances, but it was not long before firm friendships were established. People from both churches look forward to building on 1990 as the year in which it all started to happen. It turned out too that both churches had celebrated their 150th Anniversaries last year. It's a case of a new beginning for both of them - 150 years on!

## COAL-ITION

The Revd. Dennis Ackroyd of Ewhurst knows exactly how far it is to Thrybergh in Rotherham, because he walked there from Guildford during last year and made the first tentative links between the two parishes. Since then parishioners from Thrybergh have visited Ewhurst, and as a reminder of the link, a huge lump of coal from South Yorkshire is to be found in pride of place in Ewhurst Church. (So that's what the Revd. David Ford, Rector of Thrybergh was doing with a lump of coal on the back of his bicycle!) The Guildford Herald, the Diocesan Newspaper reports that a Coal-ition has been formed between the two parishes.

## STRIKING DIFFERENCES

Christ Church, Ottershaw in Guildford saw great differences between their parish and St. Mary's, Stainforth, Doncaster. On their visit to St. Mary's, they were struck by the dereliction and signs of poverty and unemployment they saw around the parish, and even made a visit to the "mountain" at Stainforth - the grassed over pit heap near the colliery. But they soon found when they started sharing their concerns and problems with people from St. Mary's, that they had much common ground. But there were differences, especially in material prosperity, even though that was a mixed blessing. Christ Church members listed their concerns as environmental pressures, busy roads, noise, building developments, the stress of travelling to work, working long hours, mortgage repayments, and a lack of time - whereas St. Mary's members had no doubt at all that unemployment, job insecurity and lack of job prospects were the main concerns.

## MORE INFORMATION

There is clearly much to be learned from each other and shared with each other as parishes in our two Dioceses begin to explore what partnership means. Miss Margaret Barlow at the Diocesan Office (Sheffield 726528) is acting as secretary of the Sheffield-Guildford Partnership, and is happy to deal with any enquiries from parishes.

## Appointments

The Revd. Paul Bagshaw, Assistant Curate, St. James', Woodhouse, to become NSM at St. James' Woodhouse, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Timothy Percy Parker, Assistant Curate, Brightside w. Wincobank, to resign at the end of January 1991.

The Revd. Stewart Leslie Rayner, Vicar of All Saints', Totley, to be Whole-time Assistant Anglican Chaplain with the Southern Derbyshire Health Authority, Mental Health Unit, in the Diocese of Derby.

The Revd. Kenneth William Sargeantson, NSM of the Marshland Parishes, was ordained Priest on the 6th January, 1991.

The Revd. Charles Grice, Rector of Braithwell, to retire in March 1991.

The Revd. Jack Davis, Assistant Curate of St. John the Baptist, Owlerton, to be Vicar of Manea and Wimblington in the Diocese of Ely.

The Revd. John Julian Witcombe, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Chilwell, in the Diocese of Southwell, to be Vicar of St. Luke, Lodge Moor, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Maureen Dorothy Witcombe, Hon. Parish Deacon, Christ Church, Chilwell, in the Diocese of Southwell, to be Assistant Curate at St. Luke, Lodge Moor, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Study Day

**SHEFFIELD AREA BEREAVEMENT FORUM STUDY DAY** on PREPARATION FOR DEATH on Tuesday 5th March 1991 at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Cost £15 SABF members, £20 non-members, £7.50 unwaged. Application forms from 363 Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BS. Tel: (0742) 662066.

This is a workshop for professionals and volunteers involved in preparing for death those suffering from terminal illness, together with their families, friends and helpers. The day will give an opportunity to explore personal feelings and experiences in caring for dying people. The principal speaker will be Marjory Cockburn, until lately the matron of St. Luke's Hospice, who will focus on the relationships of all involved as death approaches.

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## PARISH ROTAS

Flowers	Altar	Memory Table
3rd Feb.	Ladies Club	Mrs. Murrell
10th Feb.	-	Mrs. Parkin
17th Feb.	Lent	

Silver 3rd Feb. : Mrs. Booth 17th Feb. : Guides

## Parish Breakfast

3rd Feb.	Mr. & Mrs. Carter
10th Feb.	Mr. & Mrs. Loft
17th Feb.	Mrs. Job and Mrs. Murrell
24th Feb.	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Waite
3rd March	Mrs. Ruthven & Mrs. Snowdon.

Our Bible Reading notes (Alive to God) recently carried this story:-

Once there was a bush with a particularly well-formed branch. On this branch, in spring, could be seen shiny new leaves, and all summer an abundance of glorious flowers. But when autumn came, the branch began to feel uneasy, "I don't want to lose my gorgeous flowers or my splendid leaves," it said to itself, "and must I feel the pain of the shears? Why can't I have fruit without all this loss?" So the branch twisted itself free and set out on its own. While its sap still sustained it, it had many exciting adventures. But no fruit came; the petals and then the leaves began to fall away. And by winter, all that could be seen was a bare withered twig. There came a crackling sound and a terrible pain, then nothing was left but ashes.....

It you want to look at the biblical original of this story read St. John's gospel chapter 15: v.1-11. But whether you prefer the bible version or the modified story it is important that we understand that we are in danger of becoming the isolated branch if we cut ourselves off from the source of life itself. It is a good sermon without any further words from me!

Maurice Snowdon.



## SILENCE

The late Martin Hope Sutton of Reading, one of the founders of the great seed firm, and who showed his practical christianity in many ways, sent, shortly before his death in 1901, the following message to "Good Lines", the organ of the Commercial Travellers' Christian Association. The message is part of a tract entitled "The Power of Stillness" published by J.E. Southall of Newport (Mon.).

This is the only way to know God. "Be still, and know that I am God". "God is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him".

A score of years ago, a friend placed in my hand a little book which became one of the turning points of my life. It was called "True Peace". It was an old medieval message, and it had but one thought, and it was this - that God was waiting in the depths of my being to talk to me if I would only get still enough to hear His voice.

I though this would be a very easy matter, and so I began to get still. But I had no sooner commenced than a perfect pandemonium of voices reached my ears, a thousand clamouring notes from without and within, until I could hear nothing but their noise and din. Some of them were my own voice, some of them were my own questions, some of them were my own cares, some of them were my very prayers. Others were the suggestions of the tempter and the voices of the world's turmoil. Never before did there seem so many things to be done, to be said, to be thought and in every direction I was pushed and pulled, and greeted with noisy acclamations of unspeakable unrest. It seemed necessary for me to listen to some of them, and to answer some of them; but God said, "Be still, and know that I am God". Then came the conflict of thoughts for the morrow, and its duties and cares; but God said "Be still". And as I listened and slowly learned to obey, and shut my ears to every sound, I found after a while that when the other voices ceased, or I ceased to hear them, then there was a still, small voice in the depths of my being that began to speak, with an inexpressible tenderness, power and comfort. As I listened, it became to me the voice of prayer, and the voice of wisdom, and the voice of duty, and I did not need to think so hard, or pray so hard, or trust so hard, but that "still, small voice". of the Holy Spirit in my heart was God's prayer in my secret soul, was God's answer to all my questions, was God's life and strength for soul and body, and became the substance of all knowledge, and all prayer, and all blessing: for it was the living God Himself as my life and my all.

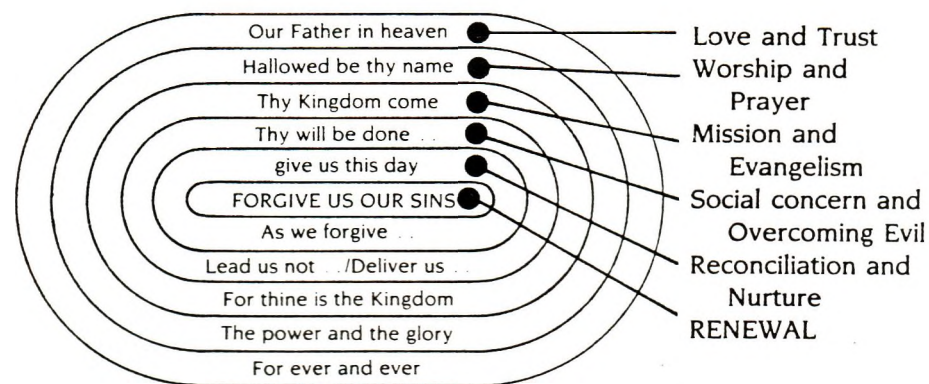
This is our spirit's deepest need. It is thus that we learn to know God; it is thus that we receive spiritual refreshment and nutriment; it is thus that our heart is nourished and fed; it is thus that we receive the Living Bread; it is thus that our very bodies are healed, and our spirit drinks in the life of our risen Lord, and we go forth to life's conflicts and duties like the flowers that has drunk in, through the shades of night, the cool and crystal drops of dew. But as the dew never falls on a stormy night, so the dews of His grace never come to the restless soul.

We cannot go through life strong and fresh on constant express trains; but we must have quiet hours, secret places of the Most High, times of waiting upon the Lord, when we renew our strength, and learn to mount up on wings as eagles and then come back to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint.

Marjorie Snowdon.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

### A local Church's checklist



The prayer Jesus taught us is full of expectancy - a 'Kingdom' prayer. It expresses our longing for God's future to break in upon ourselves and our world.

The prayer centres in a remarkable way on the plea for forgiveness. Matching clauses each side focus our thoughts on different aspects of our discipleship. Framing it all we affirm our trust in our ever-loving Father.

Each 'band' in the diagram can

therefore be the focus of group reflection on that particular aspect of the life of the local church. In each case the question is: "How are we expressing this part of the prayer in our local church life?" And it is worth considering each in terms of the three relationships - with God, with each other and with others.

At the centre of the prayer we hear again God's promise of forgiveness. Then, as we work out through the prayer and back through each band, the question is: "Where in our church life must we look for God's forgiving power to change and renew us?"

At the beginning and the end we re-affirm our trust in the living God.







## FEBRUARY DIARY

2	Sat	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist Drive
4	Mon	7.45pm	All Saints' Nursery/Playgroup Committee
5	Tue	1.45pm 7.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close Ladies Club - Dronfield Hand bells
6	Wed	11.00am	Monthly Morning Fellowship - 3 Akley Bank Close.
		8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship -126 Totley Brook Rd.
7	Thu	2.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
8	Fri	8.00pm	Mission Meeting - 2 Main Avenue
9	Sat	7.30pm	Totley Community Dance
12	Tue	1.45pm 8.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close Men's Fellowship - Hall
13	Wed	2.00pm	Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 12 Aldam Cl.
14	Thu	8.00pm 8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting - Crypt Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
16	Sat	10am-4pm 7.00pm	QUIET DAY at Shrewsbury Hospital Totley Community Whist Drive
19	Tue	1.45pm 7.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close Ladies Club - "Switzerland" - Mr. Kelham
21	Thu	2.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise Contemplative Prayer Group - Vicarage
23	Sat	7.30pm	Totley Community Dance
25	Mon	7.30pm	All Saints' School Annual Parents Meeting
26	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
28	Thu	7.30pm	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

## LENT GROUPS

It is hoped to organise Ecumenical Groups to study the Bishop of Sheffield's Lent Course. Full details of these will be available in the weekly church notices. The Wednesday Fellowship will be incorporated into these during Lent.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will be at 10.30am on Friday 1st March at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

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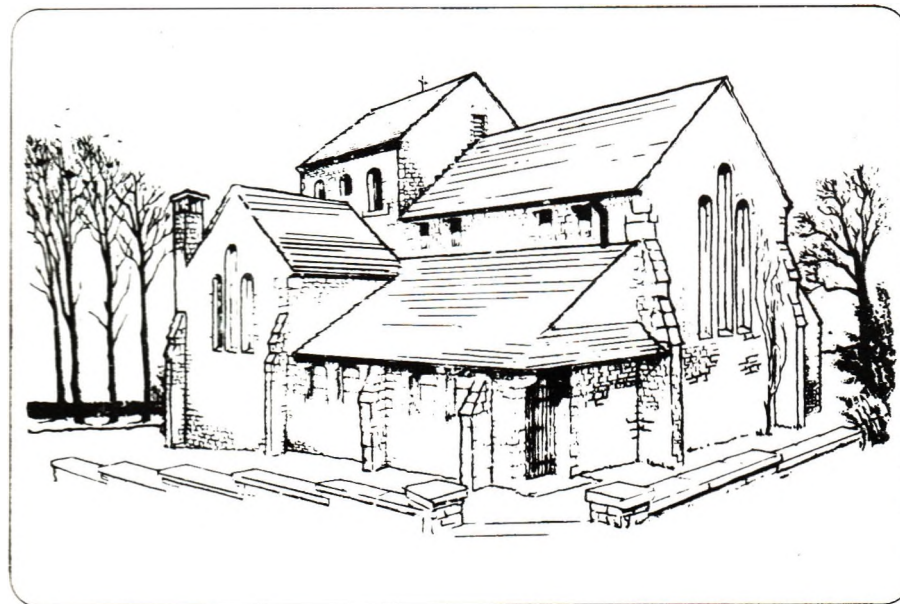
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## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear Friends,

With gratitude for his ministry and work amongst us, we offer our prayers and best wishes to Stewart as he prepares to take up his new appointment as Hospital Chaplain with the Southern Derbyshire Mental Health Unit - based primarily at the Kingsway and Pastures Hospitals in Derby.

His successor is to be the Rev. David Benson, at present Vicar of Thorne at the eastern end of our diocese. David is however familiar with most of the diocese as he was Youth Chaplain from 1972 to 1978. He is married to Margaret and has two sons and a daughter in their twenties. We look forward to welcoming him as our new Vicar at the Induction Service on the 11th June.

In the meantime, with the willing help of our retired clergy and our team of Readers, we plan to maintain our full range of Sunday and midweek Services. We encourage you to support them by your regular attendance.

We propose all enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals; hospital and sick visiting, and other cases of pastoral help, be directed to us. We plan to be available at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.15pm and can be reached by telephone at other times. In these and all other matters to do with the life of the parish we ask for your co-operation and understanding over the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

Cliff Job and Elsie Mayson

## GARDEN PARTY

The date of our Annual Garden Party and outdoor event has been brought forward to 11th MAY. Please make a note in your diary now - and look forward to an enjoyable afternoon.

## SERVICES IN MARCH

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 3rd LENT 3  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Colossians 1: 24-29 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Luke 9: 18-27 (JB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Genesis 2: 1-9 (TEV)  
New Testament: I Peter 2: 19-25 (TEV)
- 10th LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3: 4-18 (TEV)  
Gospel: St. Luke 9: 28-36 (NEB)  
10am Mothering Sunday Service and Holy Baptism  
(Thomas Hayden and Amy Higgins)  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB and Anointing)  
Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 17: 1-13 (NEB)
- 17th LENT 5  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Colossians 2: 8-15 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. John 12: 20-32 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Mark 10: 32-45 (NEB)
- 24th PALM SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-11 (NEB)  
Gospel: St. Matthew 21: 1-13 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Zechariah 9: 9-12 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. Matthew 21: 1-13 (NEB)

## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY TUESDAY

7.30pm Ladies Service for Holy Week  
(Rev. Pat Needham, Chaplain to Beauchief Abbey)

### HOLY WEDNESDAY

10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
8pm Informal Worship & Sharing (Church Hall)



#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

##### 8pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: I Corinthians 11: 23-29 (NEB)

Gospel : St. John 13: 1-15 (NEB)

#### GOOD FRIDAY

##### 10am Children's Service

##### 2pm - 3pm Devotional Hour by the Cross

##### 8pm Service of Tenebrae

(English Martyrs R.C. Church)

31st

#### EASTER DAY

##### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

##### 10am Family Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-11 (RSV)

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

##### 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

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

New Testament: St. John 20: 1-8 (RSV)

##### 7.30pm "Easter Praise"

#### EASTER PRAISE

It is hoped that we can again have a varied pattern for this Service and to that end suggestions and offerings will be most welcome. Our aim is to include Worship, Bible Readings, Dance, Drama, Teaching and Statements of Faith. Further Praise Services are planned for each quarter - Midsummer Praise (30th June) and Michaelmas Praise (29th September).

We hope that these services will prove to be inspirational to all of us because we desperately need to make our worship more meaningful for the whole of our congregation and also provide an acceptable basis for welcoming others into our fellowship as we set out into this Decade of Evangelism.

Maurice Snowdon.

#### EASTER COMMUNION

If you are housebound or have difficulty in getting to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home at Eastertide - please contact the Churchwardens who will make arrangements for you (362321/360122)

#### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"You are salt to the world".

(Matthew 5:13)

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - OPEN MEETING

The next in the series of Open Meetings under the title "The next ten years, a personal view" - will be led by Rev. Mick Woodhead, now Curate of Stannington. It will be held in the Church Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 12th March and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

#### BELTON HOUSE OUTING

A proposed church outing to Belton House: with extensive adventure playground and "Under-6s Corral" boat and miniature train rides, restaurant, etc. - Saturday 13th July. Price including entrance to House: Adults £6, Children £4.50. If interested, please sign the list in the Church Hall by 10th March or ring Ken (360872) or Mavis (351286).

#### LADIES CLUB

There will be no meetings in March as the first date clashes with our A.G.M. and the second with the Holy Week service.

Jane Lawry

#### DORE AND TOTLEY DAY CENTRE AND LUNCHEON CLUB

This January saw the 17th anniversary of the Dore and Totley Luncheon Club and Day Centre. As this club, for the housebound, is run solely by volunteers it is something of an achievement, and all who have helped should be proud of their efforts. But as the years pass by so do some of the volunteers as their circumstances change, so once more I am asking if anyone could share some time on Tuesdays - either with our visitors on a monthly rota, or perhaps more necessarily by cooking part of a meal every six weeks. Now for this club to reach 21st, 25th or ..... anniversary could mean help from you. Please contact Vivien Filleul (360872).

#### SPRING SALES

A Nearly-New Sale is to be held at All Saints' School on Friday 19th April at 2.30pm, and a Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th April at 2pm. If you have any suitable items please contact 361839 and 361743.



#### GUEST PREACHERS

During the interregnum we have the following coming as Guest Preachers to the 10am Holy Communion Service:

14th April	The Archdeacon of Sheffield
28th April	Rev. Roy Arnold (Chaplain to the Deaf)
5th May	The Ven. Michael Paton (former Archdeacon)

#### HOUSE GROUP

Are you	-	new to the faith?
	-	recently confirmed?
	-	still not sure?

If so, you are warmly invited to a new house group to share and discuss aspects of Christian life. Meetings take place once a fortnight. If you are interested please ring Liz Hayden (364944).

#### SUPER BOWL

On 2nd January the older members of Young Saints and Junior Choir went on an outing to Super Bowl. We had a great time. Mrs. Jockel won (with 114 points - Beginner's Luck!) on one lane and Lizzie won on the other. Winning didn't matter because we had a lot of fun.

We think it is good that we went because it is nice to get together doing something that is meant for young people of our age. Parties for young children are not quite the right thing for us.

We would like to thank Mrs. Wiles, Miss Scaife and Mrs. Jockel for organising the trip and accompanying us.

We would also like to thank all the people who went to Mrs. Jockel's coffee morning which helped to fund the outing.

Thank you for a very enjoyable day out.

Liz Powell  
Brian Ruthven

#### FAMILY PARTY - EASTER SATURDAY - 30th MARCH

Children's Games from 4.30 pm.

Tea for everyone - 5.15 pm

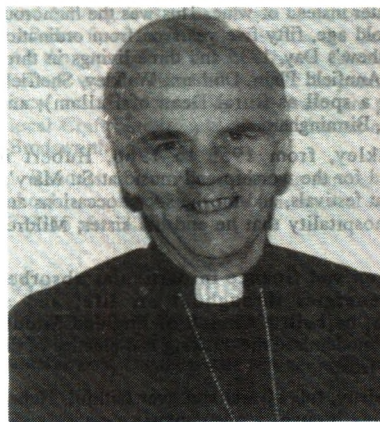
Games for All The Family - 6.00pm

Beetle Drive - 7.30pm

Please add your name to the lists in the Church Hall.

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# *Walking in the Newness of Life*

The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

I hope that many of you are enjoying reading the Lent Book and using it as a basis for meditation. If you haven't ordered a copy yet it is not too late to do so!

During this month we move from Lenten devotion to wait at the foot of the Cross and then to rejoice in the miracle of Christ's resurrection. We experience the death and resurrection of Jesus as part of our own walk with God in a new and challenging way.

Those mysterious and moving words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans express it very well: 'Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too might walk in newness of life.'

Paul in this passage may have been writing about a spiritual reality rather than an outward sign; but it is little wonder that in the history of the Church there has been a close association between Easter and the administration of Baptism. For in Baptism is signified all the grace of the Gospel: the gift of forgiveness through Christ's sacrificial death and the gift of new life through his resurrection; the gift to which faith is the appropriate response.

All this leads me to say that the sign of Baptism is quite properly an evangelistic one in the best sense. I don't believe the Church should go around baptising everything that moves. Gone are those distant days when baptismal enquirers filled in a form for the Verger; and turned up at the Church to have the baby done by the Vicar the following Sunday afternoon. We have a responsibility to help parents appreciate the content of the Gospel as well as the detail of the Baptismal rite. On the other hand I find myself increasingly worried by those parishes where to my mind almost harsh or unthinkingly insensitive requirements are made.

We are in the business of reaching people where they are: not where we should like them to be. I am all for principled positions and I recognise that principled positions are not always easily understood; but what is probity to us comes across as rejection to parents who with ill-defined and often hesitant motives still bring their babies to be baptised. Tell them about Christ; take them in preparation; but welcome in the child, for Grace is free; and the future faith response rests in the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit.

Enough comment on pastoral practice; let me conclude by wishing you all the fullness of Easter grace and the enduring presence of the risen Christ.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster

The Bishop of Sheffield's Lent Book 1991 is available through your Parish or by post from the Revd. Pat Dennis, Bradfield Rectory, Sheffield. S6 6LG, priced £1.30 including post and packing.



## Guten Tag!

Last call for the 'Kirchentag'!

You can read fuller details if you have the January News, but here in brief is what is planned concerning Sheffield Diocese's participation in the great gathering of German Christians in the Ruhr District this June.

Stuart Brindley, Vicar of Rotherham, is the co-ordinator for this visit. He hopes to hear from any more people who would like to go. Please ring him immediately on Rotherham 364341 to book a place.

Final details have not yet been arranged but the party expects to be away for a full week: Monday, 3rd June - Monday, 10th June. Travel will probably be by coach.

There are all sorts of activities - lectures, celebrations, services, seminars, discussions - a good many held in English and large numbers aimed specifically at young people. At the final gathering, some 80,000 are expected to be present.

Nearer departure time an evening will be arranged at which a video of a previous Kirchentag will be shown.

The cost will be around £140 per person. This will have to be found by participants personally - unless they can persuade their PCC's to fund them!

A word about the title. Many people know that 'Kirche' means Church and 'Tag' means 'day'. But 'Tag' has other meanings. 'Tagen' means to 'sit in conference'. 'Tagung' is a 'session'. So 'Kirchentag' does not mean 'Church day' but 'Church Assembly'. They 'tagen' for 'funf Tage' - if you see what I mean! But you won't really need to speak or read German!

## Shoestring Retreats

For those who would like to experience an Individually Guided Retreat but can't spare the time or money for a residential retreat or who are nervous about attending one for the first time: 'Shoestring Retreats' are being offered at St. Peter's Church, Abbeydale this summer. Retreatants will spend the morning and afternoon of Tuesday to Thursday in one week in a retreat based on the church premises. Some flexibility is possible in individual starting and ending times each day.

The retreats are open to laity and clergy, Christian and non-Christian. Cost per person: £12. A good way for you to begin the Decade of Evangelism?

For full details apply to: The Rev. Malcolm Alflatt, 21 Ashland Road, Sheffield. S7 1RH. Tel: 550719.

## Hubert Edgar George 1912-1991

"I am having a bath and therefore I cannot come," wrote Hubert George hastily to the Chaplain who was expecting him for the hospital chapel service. The occasion was the Sunday before Hubert died, when his arrangements were altered and he was given the ministrations of nurses instead of the ministrations of the Church, water instead of wine. This was the humorous Hubert of old age, fifty-five years on from ordination on St. Matthew's Day, 1935 and three livings in three dioceses - Annfield Plain, Durham; Walkley, Sheffield (including a spell as Rural Dean of Hallam); and Polesworth, Birmingham.

At Walkley, from 1953 to 1966, Hubert is remembered for the worship and music at St. Mary's, especially at festivals, and for the social occasions and excellent hospitality that he and his sister, Mildred arranged.

Education and finance in particular absorbed Hubert's energies throughout his life; and at Polesworth, he built a Church of England Middle School and modernised the thinking and practice of the Nethersole Trust.

To a ministry, full of zeal and ever faithful, Hubert Edgar George brought a phenomenal memory and a flair for business, together with a perception and a realism that served him and his people well. A.V.

## Appointments

The Revd. Christopher Milne Smith, Team Rectory, Walton St. Mary in the Diocese of Liverpool, to be Canon Residentiary at Sheffield Cathedral.

The Revd. Alan Grenville Richards, Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Beighton, to be Vicar of St. Augustine, Endcliffe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Christopher Hughes, Assistant Curate, St. Mary, Handsworth, to be Team Vicar in the Benefice and Team Ministry of Womborne w. Trysull and Bobbington in the Diocese of Lichfield.

## Make a Note of it



USPG

The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel announces "Celebration North - A Celebration of the Worldwide Church" at York Minster on SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 11.15 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. There'll be worship, seminars, workshops and fun for all the family, and more details will be available nearer the time. Put the date in your diary now.

## Grand Music

Readers of the News are invited to a GRAND MUSICAL EVENING with the South Yorkshire Police Brass Band and Male Voice Choir on FRIDAY, 12th APRIL at 7.30 p.m. at ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, WICKERSLEY, ROTHERHAM. All are welcome and tickets are available by 'phoning Mary Cooper on Rotherham 542848.

An added bonus is that all proceeds are going to the Bishop's £Million Appeal.

## Brodsworth Church Art Exhibition

An Art and Craft Exhibition is to be held in Brodsworth, near Doncaster, Glebe Barn on Easter Day, Easter Monday and Tuesday. It's open from 10.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. daily, home made refreshments are available and there is ample car parking space. At the same time in the ancient Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels is an exhibition of art and craft done by children from local schools within the Doncaster area. All the proceeds are for the Church fabric fund. It will be well worth a visit, and many of the paintings done by local artists are for sale. The Crafts are presented by local Craft Guilds, and there's also an exhibition of Brodsworth in bygone days.

Readers of the News wanting further information should contact Mrs. Kitty Thompson on Doncaster 723318 after 3.30 p.m.

## Wanting Organist?...

then contact Peter Goodman, F.R.C.O. who has recently moved into the area and is available to accept a suitable post. His telephone number is 0909 501089.

## Half-baked?

Did anyone spot the deliberate mistake on the front page of last month's Diocesan News, in the Bishop's Letter? If they did, they would have seen that the two basic reasons for Christians assembling on Sundays are "bible reading and bread baking".

I suppose that the Editor, the Revd. Gordon Taylor, very apologetic to the Bishop for not spotting the mistake, will console himself with the fact that before bread can be "broken", it does indeed have to be "baked" - but not on a Sunday!

The mistake conjures up images of whole congregations in the Diocese of Sheffield, and elsewhere, covered with flour!

## Big Wrap-up for the Bishop's Appeal

Saturday, 1st June is the day when Sheffield Cathedral will be wrapped up by young people from all over the Diocese... Wrapped up that is by a huge ribbon and bow!

Apparently 100 penny pieces laid side by side in a single line measure 1 metre, and so the Diocesan Education Team are asking children, young people and adults to collect as many 1p pieces as possible between now and then, and bring them to the Cathedral on 1st June. Hopefully the pennies will be counted in advance, and as they are handed in, they will be exchanged for a length of ribbon according to the value of pennies handed in. Everyone will then join together to form a band which will go (all being well) at least once all the way round the Cathedral before the end of the afternoon.

But that's not all! There will be other activities in the Cathedral for the children particularly to join in with, and the whole event finishes with a short service. The proceeds are for the Bishop's £Million Appeal, and details about times etc. are available from the Education Team at the Diocesan Office Tel: Sheffield (0742) 754386.

Why not join in with a group from your Parish?

## First Class Guide

Clergy in the Diocese recently received from the Department of Social Security, a very helpful 60 page guide entitled "What to do after a Death". The Revd. Roger Smith of St. Mary's, Doncaster, who commends the guide to readers of his church magazine, also points out that in the list of people to tell is included "the Post Office - so that they can redirect the deceased person's mail." Perhaps the Royal Mail can reach parts that other deliverers of mail cannot reach!

This useful guide is available from local DSS offices or the DSS Leaflets Unit, P.O. Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex. HA7 1AY.

## SHEFFIELD/GUILDFORD PARTNERSHIP

### Video Team

Eight people from Sheffield and seven from Guildford are busy preparing a video which will be available to parishes in both dioceses as an aid to further thinking and action at the beginning of this Decade of Evangelism.

The Revd. Geoff Anderson, a member of the Sheffield Team says that the twenty minute video, based on the themes of Glory, Intercession and Commission, to be found in the Eucharist, will also contain some visual surprises both for viewers in Guildford and Sheffield. He hopes that people in Guildford, will respond "but that can't be Sheffield!", when they see some of the more rural and beautiful parts of our Diocese.

The video to be launched after Easter is being produced in the studios of Guildford Diocese and also on location. It will be a further example of bridging the distance between our two Dioceses.

### New Links Officer



Meanwhile, in Sheffield Diocese, Margaret Barlow (see above right), who's been acting as Links Officer, hands over her file of Parish Links to Mrs. Doreen Murray, Lay Chairman of Snaith and Hatfield Deanery, who picked up her enthusiasm for the Partnership when representatives of both Dioceses met at Swanwick during 1990. As Voluntary Links Officer, Doreen will facilitate the linking of parishes from our two Dioceses, and can answer all kinds of questions about what partnership involves, and what new insights it can bring with it. She can be contacted at Ivy House, Kirk Bramwith, Near Stainforth, Doncaster. DN7 5SW. Tel: Doncaster (0302) 841853.

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# RETURN TO KENYA

At the end of last year the Revd. Simon Oketch returned home to Kenya after spending six months experiencing life and work in several of the Parishes in the Diocese. Sprotbrough, Cantley, Manor, Stainforth, Stannington and Abbeydale were as varied as is the Diocese of Sheffield, and Simon met a whole host of people who, through him, had eyes opened to the life of the Church in Kenya. They also learnt from him some of the things that he saw about the life of the Church here.

For the last six weeks of his visit, Simon was joined, thanks to the generosity of the Parish of Cantley, by Margaret his wife and their 17 month old twins.

Simon writes in his own words about his thankfulness for the opportunity to visit the Diocese, and gives some of his own observations:

"I thank God for the vision of our respective Bishops when they started with our link. I praise God for His wonderful plans in our lives, for giving us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the opportunities He has opened to each one of us in order to build and sharpen us so that we may be useful persons in His Kingdom. I thank the generosity of my excellent hosts, giving faithfully that which God had laid in their hearts to share. They have given the best for God. I have learned a lot about you and I hope you may have learned a lot from me, especially about the church in Kenya.

I go home burdened to pray for your Diocese, that God will provide all the required resources that you have planned to do in the future, and that He will give His wise guidance to your Bishop and your Diocese.

I put my observations and recommendations for an emphasis for the Youth Ministry in your Diocese and in the whole of Britain; to widen the scope of young people; and find out why some of them are not interested in the church. Finally, the issue about the Ordination of Women should be dealt with very prayerfully and thoughtfully so that it doesn't damage the image of Christ's Church."

His wife Margaret, a teacher, said she expected the English to be very reserved, but was pleased to find that they were very friendly. She did not like our cold weather and thought the churches were not lively enough and lacked young people.

*Ron Stevens, Chairman of the Maseno North and Nambale Link Committee reports that shortly an appeal will be made for donations from Parishes towards a final gift to the two Kenyan Dioceses on the closing of the Link at the end of this year.*



## CHINA EXCHANGE

For four weeks towards the end of last year, Victoria Harrison, of St. Mary's, Tickhill, joined a group of young people aged 18-25 from all over Great Britain, who went to China as representatives of the Missionary Societies. She came back eager to share experiences of the Chinese Church:

"Our trip took us to a number of the cities of China; Nanjing, Beijing, Shanghai, and to Hong Kong where we stayed in a number of hotels, guests houses and the YMCA or YWCA. It is difficult to describe the warmth of the welcome we received from the Chinese people. We went sightseeing, visited schools and universities, wandered amongst people in their everyday tasks, and ate endless amounts of beancurd. And we went to church, where the congregation was over 500 people, but at the Communion Service only those who were committed Christians stayed for the Communion part, and almost half the congregation left. When they talk of youth in China, they think not of teenagers, but of 20-40 year olds! They asked that we should pray for them and the problems they face in a non-Christian country. We told them that we needed their prayers too."

Victoria will be able to welcome a return group of Chinese Christians in September and October this year when they visit this country. They are journeying to Tickhill and it may be that others can meet them. In the meantime, Victoria will be glad to share her experiences of China, especially with Parish Youth Groups. She can be contacted on Doncaster (0302) 743700.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Each Thursday at 12 noon at Totley Rise Methodist Church there is a time of intercessory prayer for Peace and other needs of the world. Christians of all denominations are invited to share in this.

### ARTHUR BIRLEY

We give thanks to God for the life of Arthur Birley and his service to All Saints' Church as Sacristan for 43 years and Server for 53 years with all six incumbents.

Arthur was born in Derbyshire at Thornhill. He worked for Samuel Osborn and came to live in Totley in 1938 when he immediately linked up with All Saints'. During the Second World War he was a R.A.F. Navigator - acquiring Caterpillar Club status in having to bale out over enemy-occupied territory in Burma.

After the war he took on the leadership of the Rover Scouts in Totley, and his work in Scouting led him on to become Group Scout Master, Assistant District Commissioner and the Assistant County Commissioner for Leadership Training in Derbyshire. He was awarded the "Silver Acorn" for outstanding service to Scouting.

Arthur was a member of the Church Council for many years, and served as the first Chairman of the Church Hall Management Committee from 1964, after the Hall was built.

In all that he did - in serving and contributing to the life of All Saints', in Scouting, in his work as a Personnel Officer in the Steel Industry - Arthur was dependable and reliable, good-humoured, helpful and caring.

### GEORGE HENRY CLARK

A memorial service for George Clark, who donated his body to medical research, was held at All Saints' on 7th February. George was born at Woodseats, coming to live in the prefabs at Totley in 1953. He worked in Industrial Steels before becoming a free-lance gardener and, more latterly, a storeman/van driver for the Northern Trading Co. He was a member of T.O.P.S. and the Green Oak View Friday Afternoon Club.



### "THE TORN CURTAIN" by Roger Jones

In answer to the question "What is it about?" here is the Introduction which includes the titles of the songs in the first half. The second half is the setting of the Eucharist used at Doncaster in 1990.

We have started to rehearse immediately after coffee on a Sunday morning in the Hall. We shall sing the whole album at the Evening Communion Service in June (3rd week). If you would like to join us please let me know - you are very welcome.

Dorothy Hill-wilson

### INTRODUCTION

The Tabernacle was one of God's special ways of revealing himself to his people. They could sing I DANCE AND CLAP AND SING as they entered "his gates with thanksgiving". This brought them into the outer courts, and they were then to focus their thoughts upon the truth about God. I DELIGHT GREATLY IN THE LORD and COME LET US PRAISE THE LORD became mutual exhortation and encouragement as they came "into his courts with praise".

At that Point they could go no further. The Tabernacle represented God's presence among his people, but it also revealed the tragedy of alienation, showing how very near and yet how very far they were from his presence, demonstrating his holiness, his separation from a sinful world. He could be approached with awe and respect, but there was no entry to the Most Holy Place. The curtain hung dramatically as a symbol of the division that stood between God and Man because of sin.

IT WAS A THING MOST WONDERFUL that God became man. He offered himself as the perfect sacrifice, and when Jesus died THE CURTAIN WAS TORN in two, from top to bottom. In one single act of sacrifice and obedience the final division was destroyed. What we couldn't do for ourselves God did through his Son! This "new and living way" enables each one of us who believe in Jesus to reach the very heart of God. FOR WE SEE JESUS in the Most Holy Place and cry JESUS I COME BEFORE YOU. As we stand in the Holy of Holies, allowing his Spirit to come to us to bring healing and renewal, our adoration will be personal and intimate, and the words on our lips WE WORSHIP YOU.

"Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain.... let us draw near to God".

(Hebrews 10:19 NIV).

The Sacrament itself relies entirely upon the work of Jesus in bringing us into the Presence of God through the cross.

### PARISH BREAKFAST

3rd March	Mrs. Ruthven and Ms. Snowdon
10th March	Mr and Mrs. Glyn Waite
17th March	Mrs. Ludlum and Mrs. Lewis
24th March	Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Warrender
31st March	Mrs. Ibbotson and Mrs. Cook
7th April	Mrs. Firth and Mrs. Thompson

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Baptism

27th January	Thomas James Sparkes
17th February	Charles Philip Brodie
24th February	Gemma Siobhan Carr
	Amy Fox
	Emma Louise Kelley
	Emma Louise Rodley

#### Funerals

29th January	Arthur Birley (76) 61 Marstone Crescent
7th February	George Henry Clark (76) 22 Green Oak Drive
11th February	Edna Unwin (77), 60 Green Oak Road

### 5,000 DEAD

We rightly respond to tragedies like Hillsborough where scores of people are killed and hurt, but tend to neglect the 5,000 killed on our roads every year and the many more maimed for life. The Christian Road Safety League is an organisation committed to pray for all road users, concerned to reduce the needless loss of life of men, women and children. Their activities seek to promote all aspects of Road Safety. Further information from the League, 2 Glendor Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 4LP



## CHESHIRE HOME SERVICES

On the third Sunday of every month a service is held at the Cheshire Home in Mickley Lane for those residents who otherwise have little chance of public worship. That they are appreciated is shown by the fact that consistently over the last two years the attendance level of the residents has been 10-12 people. This in spite of the fact that Sunday afternoon is normally a prime time for family visiting.

We meet at 3.30pm in the lounge at the home and sing hymns and songs and say some prayers together - about three quarters of an hour in total. It is especially good when we get a good turn out of All Saints' congregation to help with the singing and generally to share the fellowship which these occasions offer.

We do want to emphasise that these services are open to all who would like to join in - regular members of the congregation or not. It is only necessary to turn up and you will be welcome, not only by those of us who go regularly but, more importantly, by the residents themselves.

Maurice Snowdon

## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

I have recently received news of two former members of staff:

Mr. Michael Tempan has now become Headteacher of an Infant and Junior School in Lancashire.

Mr. Roger J. Green (who still lives in Totley) has just had his sixth children's book published by the Oxford University Press. It is a mystery story, "Dreamgold" and costs £8.95. Two previous books are also available from the O.U.P.

## RED CROSS APPEAL

The Red Cross are urgently appealing for donations in order to begin to cope with the vast need for humanitarian aid and medical supplies arising from the Gulf War. Donations can be given through Church - contact the Churchwardens.

## WHAT A DIFFICULT TIME GOD IS HAVING

### **In God's name**

■ **WE are being faithful to the values which God almighty has inspired in us, for we have no fear from the forces of Satan, the devil that rides on your shoulders.**  
*Saddam Hussein, letter to George Bush*

■ **MAY God bless each one of them ... and may He bless the United States of America.**  
*George Bush, address to the nation*

■ **EACH one of them has Britain's wholehearted support, and the prayers of all of us for their safe return home. And our prayers are also for you, their families, who carry so much of the burden of Saddam's war. We are no less proud of you. Goodnight and God bless.**  
*John Major, address to the nation*

■ **THE Saddam Hussein regime is now clearly heading for early destruction. We can thank God for that.**  
*Paul Johnson, Daily Mail*

■ **I'VE been saying prayers since we got here.**  
*USAF Col. George Walton*

■ **IRAQ and Palestine will be together side by side and after**

**the great battle, God willing, we will pray together in Jerusalem.**  
*Yasser Arafat*

■ **JIHAD against Saddam, the enemy of God, is one of the greatest forms of holy war for the sake of God.**  
*Sheik Abdul-Aziz Bin Baz, Saudi's leading interpreter of Islamic jurisprudence*

■ **MATTHEW reminds us that the meek shall inherit the earth.**  
*George Bush*

■ **WE have followed the dictates of God to the letter and prepared ourselves very well for battle, if you choose and if Satan prods you to give battle. God is great. Let the lowly be accursed. (Signed) The faithful slave of God.**  
*Saddam Hussein speech*

■ **WHATEVER Saddam Hussein says about a holy war, we are the ones who have been given a special mission by God.**  
*Major Mohammed Abu Amnah, commander of one of Saudi Arabia's forward combat squadrons.*

■ **WE pray to God for victory for his soldiers.**  
*King Fahd, Saudi Arabia*

■ **EVERY time the sirens sound, we rush to this moun-**

**tain to shout Allah Akbar (God is great) and pray the missiles find their targets in Tel Aviv.**  
*Young Palestinian, West Bank*

■ **THE Jewish God will not allow this murderer Hussein to succeed. God will defend the state of Israel.**  
*Phone-in caller, London*

■ **WE know that this is a just war, and we know that, God willing, this is a war we will win.**  
*George Bush*

■ **IF Mr Bush makes the mistake of attacking us he will repent it for ever. If he depends on technical facilities, we are depending on God.**  
*Saddam Hussein*

■ **AS I have often said, we did not want war but we all know the verse from Ecclesiastes: 'There is a time for peace, a time for war.'**  
*George Bush*

■ **THERE come times when we must fight for peace, I pray we will be on God's side.**  
*Billy Graham*

■ **WE pray that God brings us peace very soon, that he shows those responsible that they should abandon immediately this war which is so unworthy of humanity.**  
*Pope John Paul*



## MARCH DIARY

- |       |     |         |   |
|-------|-----|---------|---|
| 1     | Fri | 10.30am | Women's World Day of Prayer Service                     |
| 2     | Sat | 2.00pm  | Jumble Sale - Ladies Working Party                      |
|       |     | 7.00pm  | Totley Community Whist - Hall                           |
| 5     | Tue | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close                     |
| 7     | Thu | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise - Church                             |
|       |     | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group<br>at Whirlow Grange Chapel. |
|       |     | 8.00pm  | Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue                     |
| 9     | Sat | 7.30pm  | Totley Community Dance - Hall                           |
| 11    | Mon | 7.00pm  | All Saints' School Governors - School                   |
| 12    | Tue | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close                     |
|       |     | 8.00pm  | Men's Fellowship - Mick Woodhead                        |
| 14    | Thu | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley<br>Grange Drive. |
|       |     | 8.00pm  | Service and Meeting for P.C.C.                          |
| 16    | Sat | 7.00pm  | Totley Community Whist                                  |
| 18    | Mon | 7.00pm  | All Saints' School Governors - School                   |
| 19    | Tue | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close                     |
| 21    | Thu | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise - Church                             |
|       |     | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road              |
| 22    | Fri | 9.30am  | All Saints' School Easter Service -<br>School Hall      |
| 23    | Sat | 7.00pm  | Totley Community Whist & Dance - Hall                   |
| 26    | Tue | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close                     |
| April |     |         |   |
| 2     | Tue | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close.                    |

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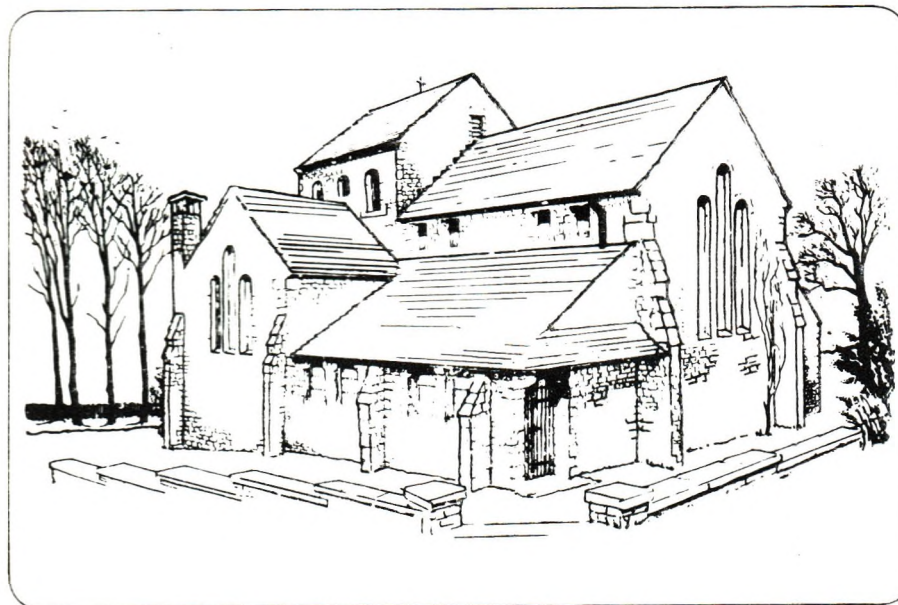
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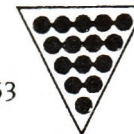
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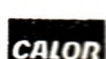
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## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear Friends,

The Festival of Easter is once again upon us and, after a long spell of dull and dreary weather, the gardens are set to become a blaze of colour as spring flowers unfold.

In Saint John's Gospel we read that Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life". It is appropriate, therefore, that as we celebrate Easter and the gift of new life brought to us all by Jesus, new life is springing up around us in the gardens and amongst the animals and birds.

We at All Saints' are soon to begin a new chapter in our church life under the leadership of our new vicar, David Benson.

Meanwhile thanks to the generosity of our retired clergy and the support of our team of readers, we have been able to plan a full range of services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day, details of which were to be found in last month's magazine.

A Happy Easter to you all.

Elsie Mayson and  
Cliff Job

## SERVICES IN APRIL

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| 7th  | EASTER 1<br><u>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br><u>10am Holy Communion (ASB)</u><br>Epistle: I Peter 1: 3-9 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. John 20: 19-29 (RSV)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>11.30am Cheshire Home Communion</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (BCP)</u><br>Old Testament: Exodus 16: 2-15 (NEB)<br>New Testament: St. John 6: 32-40 (JB) |
| 14th | EASTER 2<br><u>8am Holy Communion (ASB)</u><br><u>10am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: Revelation 19: 6-9 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. Luke 24: 13-35 (JB)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (ASB)</u><br>Old Testament: Ezekiel 34: 7-16 (NEB)<br>New Testament: St. John 10: 7-16 (NEB)                                      |
| 21st | EASTER 3<br><u>8am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 1-11 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. John 21: 1-14 (RSV)<br><u>10am Family Service</u><br><u>3.30pm Cheshire Home Service</u><br><u>6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-11 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. John 11: 17-27 (NEB)                                |
| 28th | EASTER 4<br><u>8am Holy Communion (ASB)</u><br><u>10am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: Revelation 3: 14-22 (RSV)<br>Gospel : St. John 21: 15-22 (RSV)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (ASB)</u><br>Old Testament: Proverbs 4: 10-19 (RSV)<br>New Testament: St. John 14: 1-11 (NEB)                                   |



## WHICH?

Reading the minutes of last year's A.G.M. the other day  
I came to:-

"11. Vicar's Report .....Disunity is the besetting sin of the church. There are five strands in the Church of England ..... Why can't our variety be our strength. Different strands can be bound together ..... into a strong rope ..... by (us) ..... being prepared to listen, understand and learn from each other ....."

I wondered why, nearly a year later, this challenge appeared not to have been taken up.

Was I the only member of the church who considered the report to be important?

Did the church have no machinery for parochial, as opposed to group, discussion?

Should I have done something? Ah! What about the church magazine.

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"There are five strands in the Church of England."

"Fine", we have been taught to reply, "breadth is our denomination's speciality". But is this a conviction, or are we merely paying lip-service to the idea, before we turn round to engage in a restricting rather than a broadening exercise, insisting, for example, that this hymn is too modern, or that too fuddy-duddy, depending on the point of view of our particular strand? We might even then happily go off to the broadening of an ecumenical meeting! In my limited experience, the distance between our strands seems no greater, and little different, to the distance between the various denominations.

Perhaps using the phrase "binding (our) strands together into a strong rope" is too close to Paul's "we are all members of one body" to evoke any special response, and we should therefore approach the problem from a less familiar direction.

The third-century theologian, Origen, developed the Old Testament concept of the immense power of God the creator -

"it is as if the extent of his wisdom is so great that we can only hope to view a fraction of it at one time....." This means that because of our human limitations there will be many differing views - all of the same thing. Is one to be preferred to another, or do we need them all to help us try to visualise the whole?

Perhaps the same is true of our five strands.

Perhaps we talk about "five strands" for the sake of convenience, and to satisfy our instincts for tidiness and classification; and there are really many more - one for each of us - being representative of the individual's path to God - our own personal programme.

Perhaps we should try to "learn (about) each other's strands."

John Hill-Wilson

## A MESSAGE FROM THE P.C.C.

Because the Church Accounts show that expenditure is exceeding income, the P.C.C. has decided that every church member is made aware of the situation. In 1991 All Saints' needs £2,400 each month in order to continue its life and work. In round figures All Saints' needs to raise its income by 25%. In truth, the only direct and effective way of ever achieving such a target is for every church member who gave to the life and work of All Saints' in 1990 to increase his or her level of giving to a level which he or she feels able to do in the hope that the combined effort will reach that target. Three months of the year have already passed. Will you please try and help now? Thank you.

## WITH THANKS

The Churchwardens have received a letter from Stewart expressing his gratitude and appreciation for his farewell gift, and he wishes us to convey his thanks to all who so kindly contributed. A cheque for £550 was presented to enable him to purchase a word-processor, together with a small zip Bible for use in his hospital work as a daily reminder of All Saints'.

As a thanksgiving for his ministry here and the support received, Stewart has given a small stainless-steel wine and water cruet set with tray for use at the midweek Communion Service.

Stewart's address will be c/o Chaplains' Department, Kingsway Hospital, Derby, DE3 3LZ.



## PARISH ROTAS

### Parish Breakfast

7 April	Mrs Firth & Mrs. Thompson
14 April	Mrs Smith & Mrs Davis
21 April	Mr & Mrs Filleul
28 April	Mrs Billard and Mrs Holdcroft
5 May	Mr & Mrs. Iosson

### Flowers

### Altar

### Memory Table

7 April	Mrs. Hodges	Mrs. Hodges
14 April	Mrs. Billard	Mrs. Coates
21 April	Mrs. B. Waite	Mrs. Jones
28 April	-	Mrs. Wiggett
5 May	Miss S. Jones	Mrs. Mayson

### Silver Cleaning

14 April: Mrs. Coates      28 April: Mrs. Simons

### Altar and Memory Table Flowers

There are some vacant dates during the year. If anyone is interested in doing the flowers please contact Dorothy Simons, 364937.

## LADIES CLUB

There will be no meeting on Easter Tuesday, 2nd April. On the 16th April we shall have a talk entitled "Nature's Gift - Royal Jelly", which will be given by Anne Ward of "The Bee Hive".

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

Thank you to all who helped in any way at the Jumble Sale held on 2nd March.

Mrs. C. Billard is holding a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale on Tuesday 9th April at 59 Sunnyvale Road from 10am. Our Lunch will be held a little later than usual - Saturday 8th June in the Hall - tickets £2.50 each.

Our next meeting will be held on 21st May in the Hall at 2.15pm.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I AM wisdom ... whoever finds ME finds life".

(Proverbs 8: v. 12 & 35)

# Sheffield Diocesan News

April, 1991

The Bishop of Sheffield writes:

## Death Thou Shall Die!



I keep going back to that gathering of the leaders of the Kingdom of Northumbria addressed by the missionary Paulinus way back in 627 A.D. I can't improve on Bede.

"Then one of the King's chief men said, 'This is how the present life of man on earth, King, appears to me. You are sitting feasting with your great men in the winter time; the fire is burning on the hearth in the middle of the hall and all inside is warm, while outside the wintry storms of rain and snow are raging; and a sparrow flies swiftly through the hall. It enters in at one door and quickly flies out through the other. For the few moments it is inside the storm and wintry tempest cannot touch it, but after the briefest moment of calm, it flits from your sight. So this life of man appears but for a moment; what follows or indeed what went before we know not at all. If this new teaching bring us more certain information, it seems right that we should accept it.'"

That man's 'new teaching' is perhaps 'old teaching' to us - but the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is as true in 1991 as it was in 627. Though we know it is good news it comes in a package we can be frightened to unwrap. Everyone delights in Christmas for a birth is good news. But Easter means death and though we know that that is even more inevitable than birth it is a message that we try hard not to hear. But you can't have resurrection without death. Standing by the cross we have to accept both the inevitability and the reality of death. But with Easter we learn that death is not a journey into darkness or nothingness: it is the gateway to a new life in which death has been defeated. For me what makes all this good news is the knowledge that it is the same Jesus who died on the cross who greeted Mary Magdalene in the garden. That the life of the world to come, whose nature we can hardly begin to imagine, is yet but a new chapter in the life which we are now experiencing and all is linked together by God's love for us. In that new life as the old hymn puts it -

"Father, sister, child and mother  
Meet once more."

I began with Bede and end with Paul.

"Therefore" (that is because of all the Gospel has taught us)  
"be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



## New Housing

Bishop David Lunn opened the second phase of South Yorkshire Housing Association's Meadowbank development on Thursday, 24th January 1991, visiting tenants and (the bishop being an enthusiastic gardener), planting a tree.

Bishop David remarked that inadequate housing lay at the root of many social problems, that it was an area in which expenditure produced obvious measurable results, and that it should not be beyond the cost of community and nation to provide suitable affordable homes.

He praised the Association, Rotherham Borough Council and the Housing Corporation for their contributions to the scheme and wished that many others could follow.

Also at the opening were South Yorkshire Housing Association staff and committee members and the Director of Housing of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council with the Chair and members of the housing committee.

The Bishop praised architect Roger Southworth's design for its excellent use of space and many traditional features which help the scheme fit naturally into the environment.



## Illustrated Barnby Dun

A fifty page booklet on the history of Barnby Dun Parish Church (with illustrations) is newly published and available priced £2.30 including post and packing. Phone Doncaster (0302) 886062 or 882462 to have it speeding on its way to you.

## New Diocesan Chaplain for the M.U.

Having been without a Chaplain since Canon Gordon Lacey retired last autumn, the Mothers' Union is delighted that Canon George Tolley has agreed to fill this gap in the Diocesan team. A native of South Staffordshire, Canon Tolley is now very much at home in South Yorkshire. Many people in the area and indeed throughout the country knew him as the Principal of the Sheffield City Polytechnic, a position he held from 1966-82. He is still much involved nationally in education and training.

From 1967-1990 he was honorary curate at St. Andrew's Church, Sharrow and in 1976 he was made an Honorary canon. Since 1979 he has also been a Church Burgess.

Now based at the Cathedral, he leads a busy life. The Mothers' Union is grateful for his acceptance of further commitment.

## Ancient Anston

John Fisher has added to his list of publications with a 68 page booklet on the history of Anston and its ancient parish church. Although the book is geared to the local church, it is in effect a history of the life and times of every local ancient parish church - their growth, their activities and traumatic testing down the centuries. It will be of great interest to people outside Anston. An added bonus for St. James' Church is the £1 donation which will go into the church extension fund for every book sold. It can be obtained from the Church Bookstall or John Fisher, 16 Ambleside Walk, North Anston, Sheffield S31 7HS, priced £3.00 including post and packing.

## On a Plate

In 1989 an extension was added to St. Mary's Church at Bolsterstone and to commemorate it, and to help fund the building of it, a china plate, depicting various aspects of church life at Bolsterstone over the last couple of hundred years, has been produced. It's a boxed limited edition of 1,000 and is available for £15 by phoning Sheffield (0742) 886067 or 882149.



## Light the Fire

If you are planning your 1991/92 programme and you need something special for that important service, then Singer/Songwriter Rodger Fisher is available for your special events.

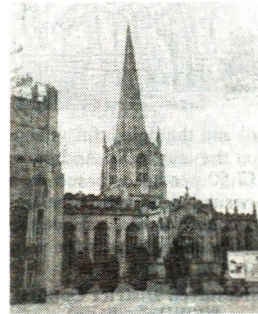
Rodger has had many years experience singing in the Churches and Church Halls of the Diocese of Sheffield (and beyond), taking part in services and special events throughout the church year. Last year Rodger was the tenor soloist at Daystar 1990, and prior to that he sang at one of the preparation meetings for the Decade of Evangelism at the Octagon Centre. His song "Light the fire within me" was specially written for that meeting and is the title track of a cassette which contains ten of his best songs. If you would like to know more, and perhaps listen to Rodger's cassette, write to him at: 40 Wood View, Conisbrough, Doncaster, South Yorkshire. DN12 2BJ or telephone Rotherham 869159.

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# Invitations from the Parishes...



Sheffield Cathedral

## Cathedral Flower Festival

The Cathedral will be holding a Flower Festival on July 10th, 11th and 12th, just before the start of the World Student Games.

If members of churches in the Diocese, or clubs and organisations were planning an outing during this summer, they might like to consider a visit to Sheffield, and the Cathedral on one of those days. More details from The Cathedral, Sheffield. S1 1HA. Tel: Sheffield (0742) 753434.

## St. Mary's, Handsworth

are holding their Craft Fayre on May Day Monday, 6th May in the Parish Centre, behind the Church, from 10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. There'll be candle-making, toys, cakes, sweets, dried flowers, jewellery etc. Refreshments will be served all day.

## Mexborough Parish Church

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

4th, 5th and 6th May, 1991 Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Around nine hundred years ago a Saxon called Swain is credited with building the churches of St. John the Baptist both here and at nearby Adwick upon Dearne. Through his family, Mexborough came to have connections with Nostell Priory and Monk Bretton Priory, eventually passing in the time of powerful reforming Archbishop de Gray (1216-1256) into the Patronage of the Archdeacon of York, hence its Peculiar Status. Basically a village church, connected with the Earls of Mexborough, the tower, nave and choir are substantially unaltered. The church possesses medieval bells, stonework and tombs recently rediscovered. A hundred years ago this year both aisles of the church were rebuilt along with an eastern apse. A charming village church, full of history, in an industrial town. Refreshments are available in the adjacent Parish Hall.

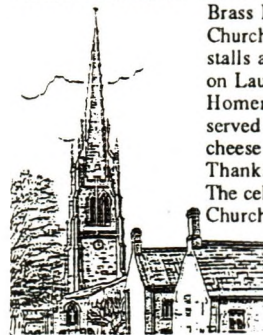


St. John the Baptist, Mexborough

## A Floral Tribute to the Prince of Peace

Readers are most warmly invited to the lovely church at Laughton-en-le-Morthen which will be filled with displays of flowers from the Bible for this year's Pentecostal celebrations.

During the special weekend of 17th, 18th and 19th May the church will be open from 10.00 a.m. till 9.00 p.m. Each day there will be added interest: Friday night is concert night with music from the Double Octave Choir supported by a Brass Ensemble. On Saturday in the Church School there will be various stalls and games, with an exhibition on Laughton - Ancient and Modern. Homemade afternoon teas will be served and in the evening - biscuits, cheese and wine. Whitsunday sees a Thanksgiving Service at 6.30 p.m. The celebrations will further swell the Church Restoration Fund, and there



Laughton-en-le-Morthen

can be no better day out than to visit Laughton Church and its charming village. If you need further information contact Mrs. J. Dobbs on 0909 562679.

## Marshland Parishes

The highlight of the annual "Rogationtide Blessing" evening on May 6th will be a "Service of Thanksgiving" in All Saints Church, Adlingfleet for the recently carried out restoration work on the tower etc., costing around £30,000.

The Bishop of Sheffield will be the preacher on this occasion, after he has carried out the annual "Blessing of Fields, Crops and Livestock". This will begin at 6.00 p.m. from Swinefleet Parish Church, going on to visit various farms and holdings and arriving at Adlingfleet in time for the Thanksgiving Service at 7.30 p.m. Many people throughout the Diocese will remember visiting this beautiful old church during the "Beating the Bounds" exercise last year, and the warm hospitality that was extended to all.

This hospitality will again be extended on the evening on May 6th when all are warmly invited - either to start from Swinefleet at 6.30 p.m. as we begin our journey around the farms, or maybe just to share in the Thanksgiving Service at 7.30 p.m. at Adlingfleet. Whichever you decide, be assured of a warm welcome.



## 'Towers and Steeples' Church Tours in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire is renowned for its wealth of fine churches and North Kesteven District Council, in the heart of this pleasant county have put together a special tour for groups visiting six of the most fascinating churches that can be discovered here.

The District Council are working with local churches and Lincoln Diocesan Tourism Consultant, Dr. Charles Kightly to promote the area's church heritage. Last year, the Council promoted a 'Towers and Steeples' Day Tour for locals in North Kesteven and the tour proved so popular the idea was developed to encourage group visits.

A full day can be spent exploring the magnificent parish church of St. Denys, Sleaford and the delightful village churches of Nocton, Navenby, Brant Broughton and Burton Pedwardine. Also included on the tour is St. Andrew's, Heckington, one of the most glorious decorated churches in England. The tour costs £7.50 per head (based on a minimum of 20 persons) and is fully inclusive of guiding fees, a donation to each church visited, morning coffee and afternoon tea. Lunch can also be booked for an additional cost. All the group need to do is choose a date, provide the coach for transport and North Kesteven's Tourism Department will take care of all the other arrangements for your visit.

For further details of this tour contact Lorraine McGrath, Tourism Officer, North Kesteven District Council, 81 Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. NG34 7EA. Tel: (0529) 414155 ext. 427.



## Appointments

The Revd. Harold William Everest, Vicar of St. Lawrence, Tinsley, to retire on 30th September, 1991.

The Revd. Andrew Hallidie Smith, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Elsecar, to retire Spring/Summer 1991.

The Revd. John David Benson, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Thorne, to be Vicar of All Saints', Totley, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Dr. Cecil Peter Williams, Vice-Principal, Trinity College, Bristol, to be Vicar of All Saints', Ecclesall, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Graham John Marcer, Priest-in-Charge, St. John, Moordown, Bournemouth, in the Diocese of Winchester, to be Assistant Curate, St. Cecilia, Parson Cross, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Susan Mary Oakley, temporary Chaplain to Lodge Moor Hospital, to be Parish Deacon, St. Paul's, Howell Hill, in the Diocese of Guildford.

## CPAS Day at the Cathedral

A team from the Church Pastoral Aid Society is to mount a day of training and practical help in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, 4th May. It is part of a rolling programme in which CPAS aims to go to three cathedral cities in each of the ten years of the Decade of Evangelism.

The day has the support and backing of Bishop David and invitations have gone out to all the clergy of the diocese as well as free church ministers. They are being encouraged to bring a party of leaders from each of their churches.

The Rev. Gavin Reid, Consultant Missioner for the Decade, will be the main speaker. There will be a wide choice of seminars and workshops led by CPAS staff. There will also be an extensive range of resources for examination and purchase.

CPAS recognises that it is only a number of bodies concerned with the Decade and that the diocesan staff are already at work preparing local churches. The day is offered to complement and encourage the work that is already going on.

## Running for Runaways

Running for Runaways is The Children's Society's successful national campaign - based in the Sheffield Appeals Office - to involve runners in raising money for the Society's pioneering work with young runaways at risk on the streets of our cities.

We now have the news that the Sheffield Marathon 1991 will be run for the benefit of The Children's Society! This is doubly important because this marathon is also the World Student Games Marathon, and forms part of the Games events programme.

Anyone wanting more information or even entry forms should contact: UNIVERSIADE SHEFFIELD MARATHON HEADQUARTERS, Alpha House, 10 Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FS. Tel: (0742) 780302.

Victim Support Sheffield is a registered charity which offers support and advice to victims of crime. Wherever possible, victims are visited by a trained volunteer in their own home. A preparation course for new volunteers will be held on:

13th April, 1991	10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
20th April, 1991	10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
8th June, 1991:	10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, and can make all these dates, please phone our office on 758411 or call in at 69 Division Street for further information.

## Letter to PM

Rotherham Branch of the Christians Unemployment Group (CHUG) has appealed to the prime Minister for more financial help to overcome unemployment and its effects in and around Rotherham. In the letter to Downing Street, the Revd. Raymond Draper, Rector of Wickersley and Chairman of CHUG, highlights the damage to health and family life which has been caused by unemployment, especially over the last ten years.

CHUG is continually trying to respond to people caught up in long term unemployment and to unemployment issues, and the letter went to Downing Street as part of that ongoing concern.

## GLEANINGS FROM GUILDFORD

~ some items from our link diocese newsletter....

### Keep the Church Boring

For decades, the Church of England has stood as a proud bastion of our history and heritage.

You could go anywhere and be assured of the same quality of unintelligible service, cold buildings, hard pews, unsingable hymns, unfriendly welcome and boring sermons.

But not anymore. Major Windbag, life president of KCB explains.

"For over 50 years I supported my local parish church in the traditional way. I never attended its services, never gave it any money and opposed everything the vicar said.

"But it seems that such loyal service counts for nothing these days. I find it quite galling when all these young Turks and long-haired yobbos come along wanting to preach the gospel, make the services relevant and help the poor and needy. They have no respect for our history and heritage."

Doris Battleaxe, the Hon Secretary agrees.

"I have been even more involved in the church that the Major. For over 83 years, I was acting secretary of the Great Stink Pond branch of the Young Wives Tuesday Morning Tiddleywinks Coffee Club Social Committee. But that seems to count for nothing with the young today, who just have no respect for those who hold senior positions in society.

"If the church continues turning its back on its heritage and tradition, who knows where it may lead? We may even find ourselves raising money to help the inner cities or even, heaven help us, planning a decade of evangelism."

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Readers are invited to sell all their possessions and to send the proceeds with their life savings to Diocesan Appeal Fund Trust (DAFT).

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The Fleet and District Courier recently carried an advertisement for a "full-time bar parson" to work in Heath End.

Presumably only Spirit-filled clergy need apply.

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A vicar's wife tells of an unusual affliction. For periods she becomes invisible and even ceases to exist.

She first noticed this when a parishioner called to see the vicar. On being told he wasn't in, the parishioner said, "oh well, as there's no-one in, I'll try again later."

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The Christian communication body "Feed the Minds" is used to being called other things, such as "Feed the Maids" and "Feed the Miners".

Recently a telephone operator asked if they were "Feed the Lions". David Payne, their communication officer, tells us this is "not a totally inappropriate title for a Christian organisation."

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A head teacher in the diocese has received a letter from a parent saying that her son must not go to the baths until he has learned to swim.

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To show that the church keeps up to date with current affairs and is concerned with social issues, we remind you of a law passed by Parliament in July requiring children under 14 to wear a hard hat while riding a zebra.

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The Revd Alan Boddington, Rector of Farnborough, one of the star winners of this year's clergy golf team, came second in the Inter-Diocesan Golf Competition for individuals.

He told his parishioners he was "off on a course".



### SPECIAL EVENT

Our Special Event this year is to be a Spring Country Fair. This will be held on 11th May at 2pm. There will be stalls, sideshows, competitions, attractions for children, afternoon teas, a pet show and much more. Contributions are requested for the following stalls:

Nearly New (Pauline Perkinson)  
Cake Stall (Ladies Club)  
Plants & Gardening (Church School)  
Children's Books and Toys (Lorna Davis)  
White Elephant & Adult Books (Dudley Nixon)  
Craft Stall - any home-made articles including pickles, preserves, needlework, woodwork, knitting etc. (Mrs. Valerie Loft & Margaret Gillott).

There is also to be a dog obedience demonstration and a cake-making competition with classes for MEN, Ladies and Children. Please put this date in your diaries and come along on the day to help us make the event a huge success.

Our new vicar, the Rev. David Benson, and his wife hope to be with us on this occasion.

Elsie Mayson

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for your prayers, support and understanding. Having almost completed a two-year post-graduate Diploma in Counselling I've the opportunity to develop an area of work I gave up to concentrate on family and parish life many years ago. I am continuing my voluntary work with "Cruse" and some part-time Psychology lecturing. For the time being, and while I remain in Sheffield, I look forward to worshipping at All Saints' on a less regular and committed basis.

Beryl Rayner

### JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to Helen Powell and Valerie Ruthven on attaining their Dark Blue Ribbons, and to Amy Wrigglesworth on achieving her Light Blue Ribbon. Well done!

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Baptism

1 March	Joseph William Highfield
3 March	Justin Howard Kingcombe Rowles Sarah Whitten Rowles Rebecca Kingcombe Rowles Charlotte Katrina Rowles Hannah Alice Ayling Rowles
10 March	Amy Elizabeth Higgins Thomas George Hayden

#### Funerals

28 February	Ian Pendall (29), 140 Green Oak Road
4 March	Dorothie Frances Gisborne (88), Blenheim Nursing Home
5 March	Eric Newman Bardwell (79), 55 Meadow Grove

Ian Pendall Ian, who died suddenly, had lived all his life on Green Oak Road. As a boy he was a member of All Saints' Cubs and Pathfinders, becoming afflicted by failing sight as a teenager. He was a student at the Queen Alexandra College for the Blind and Partially-Sighted at Birmingham. For a number of years he had worked in the Sharrow Industries Workshop, and coped well and courageously with both epilepsy and blindness.

Eric Bardwell lived in Heeley prior to his marriage at All Saints' in 1940 and his move to Meadow Grove. As a skilled coachbuilder he worked for several Sheffield motor traders before being employed for many years at the Queen's Road Garage of South Yorkshire Transport.

Dorothie Gisborne spent all her life in Nottingham. She came to the Blenheim Nursing Home about a year ago, to be near her nephew who lives in Dore.

### QUOTATIONS

Politeness is to human nature what warmth is to wax.  
Schopenhauer

Nothing brings happiness to some people,  
anything brings happiness to others.

Leo Rosten



## THE 1000 MEN WALK

What is it? It is a three-week long walk down the Pennine Way from May 11th to June 2nd 1991, by 300 or so men each week (making approximately 1000 men in the three-week period). These men are all Christians from different denominations working together with over 160 Pennine Churches for the purpose of meeting and talking to people about the Lord Jesus Christ and His Good News. The plan is to walk for a day, holding meetings in pubs etc. that evening, and staying in that place the whole of the following day carrying out whatever programme of evangelism the local churches have arranged. The men will be split into teams of 10 to visit all the places taking part. The object is not to walk the whole of the Pennine Way; only a token team of 20 men will be doing that; also it would be unwise for a large party to walk the more eroded parts of the Pennine Way.

This walking mission is the vision of Rev. Daniel Cozens, an Anglican Minister, who, with Rev. Peter Adams, another Anglican Minister, have formed the "Through Faith Missions". The 1000 Men Walk is their biggest mission yet.

You can play your part in this as a prayer partner. Please contact D. Nixon (352663) for details.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

4 The Grove  
12th March, 1991

Dear Editor,

With reference to the problem of multiple Christmas cards which Rosalie Carter raised in the February magazine, could I suggest the way we solved a similar dilemma at work.

We nominated a charity and instead of sending each other cards we all signed one big card and put the money we saved in a jar. The money raised was sent to the charity with the card.

We have done this for several years. The main point is to decide during the summer that you are going to do it, before anyone buys their cards.

Colin Wells

## THE MYSTIC BEAUTY

"O, London Town has many moods,  
and mingled 'mongst its many broods  
a leavening of saints  
and ever up and down its streets,  
if one has eyes to see one meets  
stuff that an artist paints.

I've seen a back street bathed in blue,  
such as the soul of Whistler knew;  
a smudge of amber light,  
where some fried fish shop plied its trade,  
a perfect note of colour made -  
oh, it was exquisite.

I once came through St. James's Park  
betwixt the sunset and the dark,  
and oh the mystery  
of grey and green and violet!  
I would I never might forget  
that evening harmony.

I hold it true that God is there  
if beauty breaks through anywhere;  
and His most blessed feet;  
who once life's roughest roadway trod,  
who came as man to show us God,  
still pass along the street."

The above applies to any city, town or village with or without a "chippie". The poem is by Henry Ernest Hardy who wrote under the name of Father Andrew.

One of life's little lessons:

"I walked a mile with Pleasure,  
she chatted all the way;  
but left me none the wiser  
for all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,  
and ne'er a word said she  
but, oh, the things I learned from her  
when Sorrow walked with me!"

Compiled by Rex B.



## APRIL DIARY

- 2 Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 4 Thu. 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 6 Sat. 7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 9 Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
8.00pm Men's Fellowship - Hall
- 10 Wed. 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 11 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
12 Marstone Crescent  
8.00pm P.C.C. Meeting - Crypt
- 13 Sat. 7.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 16 Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 17 Wed. 2.00pm Afternoon Fellowship - 332 Baslow Road  
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
- 18 Thu. 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 20 Sat. 7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 23 Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm These I Have Loved - Hall
- 24 Wed. 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Road
- 25 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 27 Sat. 7.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 30 Tue. 1.45pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close

The Wednesday Fellowship will re-start on April 10th at 1 Quarry Road, when the evening will be spent discussing future plans.

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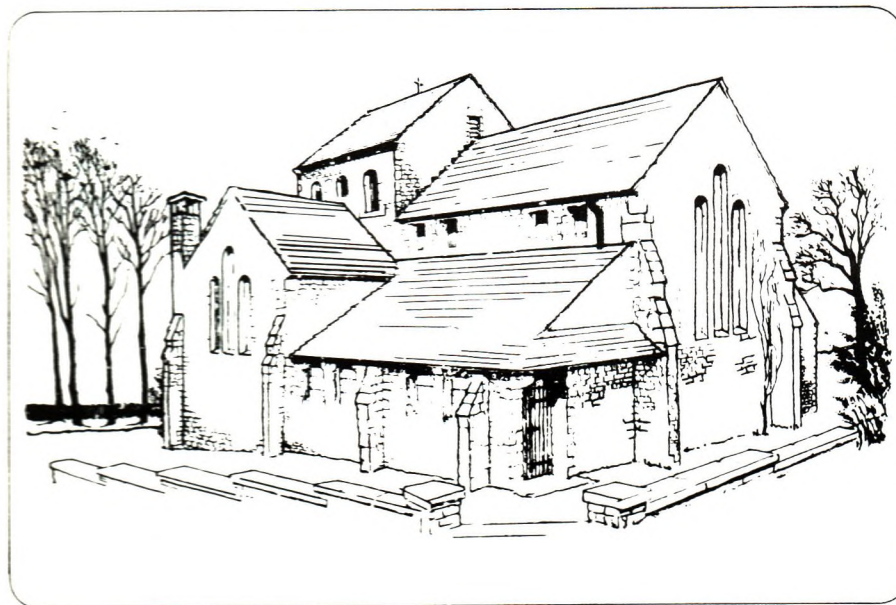
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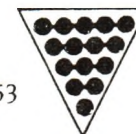
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Holy Week, 1991

"TRAVELLING ON"

Dear Friends in Totley,

Margaret and I send you greetings from the Eastern end of our Diocese. We are looking forward to "travelling" Westwards along the Hull to Manchester railway and to living and working amongst you. All being well (though the sorting out process fills us with absolute dread) we shall be moving in mid-May. When one has been in a Parish for over 13 years, one has collected quite a lot of odds and pieces . . . we plan to hold a huge car boot sale!

"Travelling On" has been the theme of Bishop David's Lent Book which we have studied, with great profit, along with Thorne Methodist and Pentecostal friends. It's a good general theme for the life and work of the Christian Church. May God forgive us for the times we have stood still, or stagnated, or (worse still) gone into reverse in our Churches. The Decade of Evangelism challenges us all to "travel" forward in faith and grasp the many opportunities that God gives us to witness to the faith that is in us. In my view, this is best done ecumenically and at the local level, so we do look forward very much to working together with our neighbouring Christians in Totley.

"Travelling On" invariably implies a bit of changing . . . there are not too many through trains on today's railway system! However, we must be sensitive so that we do not just change for change's sake, but the Decade is going to challenge us to carry out those changes that will enable more people to come to Faith and worship the Risen Lord. We must work and pray together so that we discover what changes God wants for Totley, and seek His help and guidance in implementing them.

We rejoice at the marvellous team you have at All Saints' - Wardens and Lay Leaders, Readers, Retired Clergy, Pastoral Workers, etc. We are really looking forward to joining your team and working with you - "travelling on" together, seeking to spread the Good News of Jesus and His love for all.

God bless you and your family,  
With our good wishes,

DAVID AND MARGARET BENSON

SERVICES IN MAY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 5th     EASTER 5  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 21-28 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. John 16: 25-38 (NEB)  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. John 16: 12-24 (NEB)
- 9th     ASCENSION DAY  
Deanery Service - 7.45pm Holy Trinity, Millhouses
- 12th    SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Ephesians 1: 15-23 (TEV)  
Gospel : St. Luke 24: 45-53 (JB)  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 1-15 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. Luke 24: 45-53 (JB)
- 19th    PENTECOST  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Family Communion  
Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11 (RSV)  
Gospel : St. John 14: 15-26 (JB)  
3pm Pentecost Praise - Open Air Whit-Sing  
at English Martyrs R.C. Church  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Genesis 11: 1-9 (NEB)  
New Testament: St. John 20: 19-23 (RSV)
- 26th    TRINITY SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3-14 (NEB)  
Gospel : St. John 14: 8-17 (JB)  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 (RSV)  
New Testament: St. John 14: 8-17 (JB)



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Holy Matrimony

6 April Sarah Jane Hodges and Neil Andrew Stokes

### Funeral

28 March Sydney Gall (77), 39 Hutcliffe Wood Road.

Sydney Gall married Irish Ethel (nee Turner) formerly of Totley Bents, at All Saints' Church, Totley on 27th March 1937. They moved back to Totley in 1941 and lived in Queen Victoria Road until 1977. Sydney spent most of his working life with Steel, Peech & Tozer (now part of British Steel) but from 1966 until his retirement in 1978 he worked with Pickford Holland (now part of J.J. Dyson group). he was a keen horserider, cyclist and fisherman with an avid interest in history and wildlife. In addition to his wife, Sydney leaves a son, Barry, and a daughter, Gillian.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Parish Breakfast

5 May	Mr. & Mrs. Iosson
12 May	Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lawry
19 May	Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
26 May	Mrs. Powell & Miss Bird
2 June	Mrs. Cryan & Mr. Hazlehurst.

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
5 May	Miss S. Jones	Mrs. Mayson
12 May	Mrs. Harvatt	Mrs. Harvatt
19 May	Mrs. Tym	Mrs. Pearce
26 May	Mrs. Carter	Mrs. Beeley

### Silver Cleaning

12 May: Mrs. A. Waite                      26 May: Mr. Beaumont

### LADIES CLUB

The first meeting in May will be on the 7th when Margaret Wiggett will host a Scrabble evening for us; the second meeting will be on the 21st when the Committee will organise a Plants & Coffee Evening to raise money for club funds. There will not be a meeting on 4th June.

Don't forget - the Ladies Club is running the Cake Stall at the Spring Country Fayre - we hope you are all busy baking!

Jane Lawry

## THE MERRY MONTH OF MAYBE

As spring, with all its busyness, gives way to a more tranquil time of summer, the "maybes" begin. "Maybe we could afford a new car, or a caravan, maybe a new set of summer clothes is called for, maybe we should travel abroad this summer". But in other parts of the world the maybes are a little different. "Maybe the child I am carrying will be born alive, maybe my children will not be hungry much longer, maybe the rains will come to provide for a harvest, maybe God will answer our prayers for help".

Maybe you have heard of child sponsorship through Christian Children's Fund. I am a sponsor for nine-year old Catarina who lives in a poor village in Guatemala. She sends me delightful letters and drawings and for my modest monthly contribution she receives regular schooling and health care.

Maybe you could spare just a little of your comparative wealth to help another child. Desperate children are waiting to hear from you with your good news. If you would like to know more please contact me - Sue Wright, 361612. It only costs a little but can mean so much.

### LADIES WORKING PARTY

Our Summer Lunch will be held on Saturday 8th June in the Hall, tickets £2.50 each from members.

Next meeting: Tuesday 21st May in the Hall at 2.15pm.

### WHIRLOW GRANGE CONFERENCE CENTRE - OPEN DAY

The Friends of Whirlow Grange Conference Centre are holding an Open Day on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May. There will be the usual stalls, exhibitions, music, children's games etc. Admission 20p, children 10p. Contributions for the stalls and cakes for both the stall and the teas would be most welcome. Please contact Marjorie Snowdon (362822).

### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"ALL POWER has been given to ME in heaven and on earth".  
(Matthew 28:18)



## 2. FLEXIBILITY

"Disunity is the besetting sin of the Church .... There are five main strands in the ... Church of England ... All Saints' contains them all...Different strands can be bound together ... by twisting them into rope"; they can also be bound together by enclosing them in an outer casing to form flex, which is made with a varying number of cores or strands inside. Perhaps an outer casing is just what our church's strands need to give them cohesion and align them in the same direction - properties I would have thought to be especially necessary during a decade of evangelism - an outer casing brought into being by our "being prepared to listen, understand and learn from each other". (Vicar's Report, A.G.M., 1990).

To look at, every strand is different, but inside, each core is made of the same shining copper, so the differences conceal the similarity; the covering of the strands can, however, be pulled aside to reveal the core if we wish. If this is also true of our church strands, then I believe it is important that we should try to distinguish between the two components, for our differences are surely due to the variety of the coverings, while the common core, when we find it, should be something to unite us. For the time being, I am going to suggest that the inner core corresponds to those words of Jesus we can find in the New Testament, and the covering to the words subsequently added by the church which, for convenience, I shall call "dogma".

After the Ascension as the young church grew, its members began to examine and voice the implications of Jesus' ministry, so that things he did not actually say became part of the church's teaching - "dogma" was being created. Unfortunately, individual members saw different implications, which gave rise to the varying strands that have proved such a problem for the church ever since.

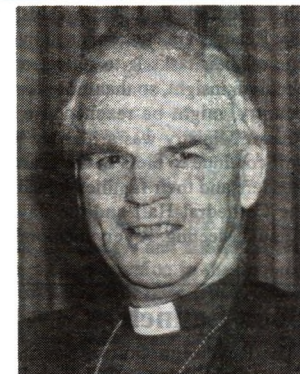
One of the early cases of disunity is recorded in 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13. Writing only about twenty-five years after the Ascension, Paul says "I beg you in the name of Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose ... Some of you are saying "I am a follower of Paul"; and others say that they are for Apollos or for Peter; and some that they alone are the true followers of Christ.

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MAY, 1991

## WHAT CAN LITTLE PEOPLE DO?

*asks the Bishop of Doncaster*



Gerard Hughes in his book - 'Walk to Jerusalem' tells of a conversation he had with a bar-tender in a Yugoslav town. They were reflecting together on some of the problems facing the world. As the conversation came to an end the man asked: 'but what can we little people do?'

I must say at once that Christians in the Sheffield Diocese are not exactly fourth division material; but as we look at the post-Gulf War World we can't entirely escape that same sense of helplessness. The war in the Gulf, inevitable and necessary as it may have been, is behind us; but the instabilities and the uncertainties remain - not least the nearly intractable difference of interest between Israel and the Palestinians. Nor can we ignore the thousands killed and the ecological near-disaster.

Although in one sense it is painfully true that we are little people; in another sense it is not true at all; because we believe in God who is greater than our small expectations. Think of that marvellous passage in Isaiah 40 about the everlasting God who gives power to the faint and who increases the strength of those who have no might. Or changing to a New Testament picture; there are infinite possibilities for feeding the multitude with our own particular equivalent of five loaves and two fishes.

One thing we can undoubtedly do; and that is to show added respect for Muslim communities in our midst. I am one of those who wishes to share the good news about Christ with people of other faiths; but in recent months Muslims in this country have been going through a pretty difficult time and they need our understanding.

At the same time I want to pay tribute to the young men and women who have been serving their country and the United Nations in the armed forces. They, and their families too, merit our warm support. Grudging recognition is not enough. Triumphalism is out of place; but both military parades and appropriate services of thanksgiving to God are not.

Other issues are now occupying us. Our television screens have long since replaced desert images with European community consultations and plans for Poll Tax Reform. Elections, local and in due time national, are in the air; and they should be matters of major concern to us and much in our prayers. Yet even if the memories of six tense and anxious months begin to fade we must not forget the Middle East. We shall continue to commit Arab and Israeli to him who holds the earth in his hands.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster



## Great 75th

It was a proper family occasion during March when the Diocesan Lay Readers celebrated their 75th Anniversary. Along with their families and representatives from the Parishes and Civic Dignitaries, they welcomed the Bishop of Sheffield and the Archbishop of York to the Eucharist at Sheffield Cathedral. The Archbishop, during his sermon said that Readers are "teachers and leaders in a secular world", and one of their tasks is to reflect on their lay experience with Christian insight, so that those for whom religion is a foreign country, might be reached. He concluded by saying that Reader Ministry was a Ministry which God had blessed and will continue to bless in the years to come. After the service Readers and their families joined invited guests for lunch in the Cathedral Hall and the day ended with the Readers' Annual Meeting. A very memorable day!



## Book Launch

The Revd. Jim Cotter, wearing another hat is also Caims Publications at 47 Firth Park Avenue, Sheffield S5 6HF, and invites readers to the launch of two books on **Saturday, 11th May at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield.** Simon Bailey's book 'Stations' is modelled on the traditional Stations of the Cross and conducts the praying reader to a number of 'stopping places' in neighbourhood, church, home and then the human body. Simon Bailey is Rector of Dinnington and enjoys helping people, especially young people, to pray directly and wholeheartedly.

Jim Cotter's own book 'By Stony Paths' is a version of Psalms 51-100, following the successful publication of a new version of Psalms 1-50 last year. The Psalms included here, which are neither a translation nor a paraphrase, share the concerns and metaphors of today, and each one is provided with a suitable refrain for individual or corporate use.

If you'd like to go to the launch, give Jim Cotter a ring on 0742 431182, a few days in advance.

## The Community of the Resurrection Mirfield

Commemoration Day is on **Saturday, 13th July, 1991**, and begins with the Eucharist at 12 noon and the Bishop of Blackburn as preacher. The West Yorkshire Police Band play during the afternoon and there's a Punch and Judy Show before and during tea, with Solemn Evensong at 5.00 p.m.

Programmes (which are free) are required for admission to the grounds, and service sheets are available for 30p. Visitors provide their own food but tea and coffee area available. There's a Bookstall, Tuckshop and Plant Stall. Applications for Programmes and Service Sheets should be sent to: The Commemoration Day Secretary, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. WF14 0BN. Please enclose stamps for the cost of postage, but not envelopes.

## Appointments

The Revd. Steven Donald, Assistant Curate, Cheadle All Hallows, in the Diocese of Chester, to be Assistant Curate of Ardsley and Incumbent Designate of Kendray, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. James Bentley Blackman, Assistant Curate, St. Peter, Hoyland, to be Assistant Curate, St. Wilfrid and St. Luke, Harrogate, in the Diocese of Ripon.

Captain John Hotchin, Church Army Officer (NSM) in the Diocese of Worcester, to be Church Army Officer (Youth & Community Worker) on Arbourthorne (Manor Parish), in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Stuart Campbell Bonney, Deputy Chaplain, H.M. Prison, Armley, Leeds, in the Diocese of Ripon, to be Chaplain, H.M. Prison, Moorland, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Robert James Harris, Vicar of Bramley & Ravenfield, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Priest-in-Charge and Incumbent Designate of Boulton St. Mary, in the Diocese of Derby.

The Revd. Paul Selwyn Russell, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brinsworth w. St. Mary's, Catcliffe, in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Brinklow w. Harborough Magna and Easenhall, and Monks Kirby w. Pailton and Stretton-under-Fosse, in the Diocese of Coventry.

The Revd. Stephen Paul Dickinson, Hon. Curate Purston cum S. Featherstone, in the Diocese of Wakefield, to be Assistant Curate, SS John & Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Jeremy Cobb, Assistant Curate, St. Peter's, Greenhill, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Team Vicar of Redruth w. Lanner and Treleigh, in the Diocese of Truro.

## Harthill Spring Fair

Harthill Church will be holding their Spring Fair on Monday May 6th this year. The Fair will be held at The Paddocks, Union Street, Harthill, and will start at 2 p.m. There will be many attractions with something for everyone. Bring your family and friends and join in the fun

## Diocese of Sheffield - Pastoral Workers Association

### Helping to lead worship

The Pastoral Workers Association invites you to a workshop which has been arranged for all lay people who may be involved in helping to lead worship in their parishes.

It will be held at Whirlow Grange on Saturday, 8th June, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. The cost, including a buffet lunch, will be £5.00.

For further information please contact:

Mrs. Jan Foden, 10 Chapelfield Way, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S61 2TL. Tel. Sheffield 464660 or Mr. John Bouch, 42 Cumberland Drive, Ardsley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S71 5DF. Tel. Barnsley 288550.

## Alan Greaves Hurst, 1917-1991

His passing on the 17th February took from the Church on earth and the Diocese itself one who was greatly loved and admired by all who knew him.

After curacies in London and Swinton, S. Margaret, Fr. Alan, as he was always known, took over at S. Andrew the Apostle, Hoyland Nether in 1957 and remained there for 28 years until his retirement in 1985. A man of gentle perception and impressive humility, all founded on personal devotion and prayer. He was a convinced Catholic with considerable knowledge of and love for the Orthodox Liturgy. Those who came to faith through his patient teaching and example will be ever grateful for his pastoral gifts. His humour, his calm dignity, his simple wisdom, commended him to all who met him.

Following his move to Sheffield he helped out in the parishes of S. Matthew and S. Mark. It was typical of him that when he knew he was suffering from terminal illness his desire was for the prayers of Blessed Mary and the Saints and of his friends as he resigned himself to the tender mercies of Christ in the better life. His wishes were granted. May his soul receive from God, whom he loved and served so faithfully, the peace and refreshment of Paradise.

G.H.

## Diocesan Summer Fair

The Diocesan Summer Fair will fill the Cathedral Forecourt on Saturday, 22nd June from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., and there'll be a variety of stalls. Any parish who wishes to join in by providing a stall should contact Tony Davis on 0742 367095 or 0742 363173. All the proceeds are for the Bishop's Appeal.

## Family Fun Day 22nd June, 1991

The Family Fun Day organised by the Young Families Department of the Mothers' Union will be on Saturday, 22nd June from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

It will be in the lovely rural area of the Diocese centred on the County Primary School at Snaith. Take the M18 to Thorne (exit 6) then the A614 and A645, or the M62 (exit 35) then the A645. The fun is free including a bouncy castle, drama, dressing-up, music and games. Come alone or with the whole family and bring a picnic lunch. Hot and cold drinks, crisps and ice-cream will be available.

## Neighbours

Two six session courses about the world in which we live and our response to it. One course (**All our Neighbours**) is concerned with awareness of the world, our sustenance, our standard of living, the stranger in our midst and the traditional viewpoint and belief of the Bible and the Church. The other (**Knowing our Neighbours**) is concerned with awareness of our immediate neighbourhood and parish, our place in the community in which God has placed us, and our understanding of our faith in relation to our neighbours.

They may be used in any order and reflect the concerns of the year for the Decade of Evangelism. The courses are designed for use by housegroups in parishes in the Autumn of 1991 and the Spring of 1992 and will be available in July.

All our Neighbours is closely tied into the main Act of Worship in the parish on Sundays and allows for the weekly Liturgy to reflect the discussion in the groups. **Knowing our Neighbours** will also raise issues which may be closely related to the parish worship on Sundays and may well raise matters for consideration by the whole parish.

For more information contact Mrs. Nancy Johnson, the Adult Education Officer, on either Sheffield (0742) 666456 (Home) or Sheffield (0742) 754386 (Office).

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum

**STUDY DAY: The reality of Caring for People with HIV and Aids.**

This will take place on **Tuesday 11 June at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre** and will be a mixture of working in small groups and in plenary sessions. The aims of the day are: • to dispel myths • to build on existing strengths and skills • to focus on those involved either professionally or voluntarily in the care of individuals with HIV or AIDS.

The day will be led by Professor Ann Faulkner, Dept of Communication Studies at Sheffield University and also of the Trent Region Palliative and Continuing Care Unit. Details may be obtained from Professor Faulkner, PCCC, Little Common Lane, Sheffield S11 4NE, Tel: 620174; or from Muriel Williamson, Tel: 582164.

## Mission with China

The local "Mission with China" group are organising a half day conference at Bawtry Hall on May Day Bank Holiday, Monday, 6th May from 2.30 to 8.00 p.m. "INSIGHTS - a look at the Church in China today".

The main speaker will be Dr. Donald Dale, who is based in Hong Kong.

Other agencies working in China will be represented. For booking and further details please contact Jenny Barlow.

## Whirlow Open Day

The Friends of Whirlow Grange are holding an Open Day at Whirlow on Spring Bank Holiday, Monday, 27th May. There will be stalls, demonstration, exhibitions, music and games. It starts at 2.00 p.m. and finishes at 5.00 p.m. and admission is 20p. for adults and 10p. for children. It's fun and fellowship for all ages. The Friends would be grateful for and items for the stalls, especially cakes, books, bric-a-brac etc. Contact Marjorie Snowdon on Sheffield (0742) 362822.



**THE BISHOP** said that it was a special joy to be at St Bartholomew's: to see the tangible fruits of so many people's hard work. The Revd Bill Bazeley (Team Vicar of Netherthorpe) welcomed everyone to the Church and Community Centre which was shared, he said, with the Shiloh Apostolic Church (a black led Church). He pointed to work outside in conjunction with the South Yorkshire Housing Association, building flats for young people, including some set aside for young black people with mental problems.

**THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** by the Bishop of Sheffield ranged over the topics of the Gulf War (with a special plea to continue in prayer for all in authority); Politics in general (including a call for more decisions to be made locally: for a Local Income Tax and for consideration to be given to Proportional Representation). Finally he underlined the present financial crisis confronting the Church Commissioners and hence the Church in general. "I don't believe this is all bad news" he said, because it would make the Church at the local level take the matter of Finance more seriously. "Our financial problems are not going to be solved by London, but by ourselves" he said.

**A PRESENTATION** about the work of the Diocesan Education Committee was made and this led on to a rather muddled debate before Synod members went on to approve the present staffing arrangements of the Education Team, subject to review when any further proposals are made about resourcing the work of the parishes. Synod members also instructed the Education Committee to examine better training for school governors and better support for religious education and collective worship in both Church and County Schools.

**ENCOURAGEMENT** for everyone came from the Revd Dennis Lennon, Diocesan Advisor in Evangelism who said that he had already spoken to some 60 meetings of all kinds throughout the Diocese. He felt that many of the stepping stones to get people to faith were already in place, but the missing stepping stone was that which would enable more and more to move from a general acceptance and support of the Church into a true and living Faith in Christ. It should become "normative to share our faith" not through confrontational missions but maybe through simple means such as a meal together - "pie and peas leading on to a Basic faith and Experience course".

**THE LIFE of the FAITH IN THE CITY** committee - it was agreed by Synod members - is to be extended for five years from June 1st to 1992 and that the Faith in the City Development Worker's post is to be continued for a further five years likewise. This decision was arrived at after a Presentation of the Faith in the City scene by clergy and people of Urban Priority Area parishes in the Diocese.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS** at the March Diocesan Synod consisted of receiving a report from the Finance Committee, plus two items of constitutional interest aimed at - among other things - making the Finance Committee smaller and more manageable, and also at tying in membership of the Committee with actual membership of the Diocesan Synod.

**PARISHES** which have used the Diocesan COVENANTS' ADMINISTRATION SCHEME will soon after look after their own covenanted giving. The Diocesan Scheme is being wound up after a visit from the Inland Revenue Audit Section had discovered alleged discrepancies in the book-keeping among a sample of six parishes using the Scheme. The Diocese is still awaiting news of how much the Inland revenue is to claim back in monies allegedly overpaid. The Revd Jim Moore (Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee) said that the auditors had found a number of errors, the most serious being that it had not always been possible to provide clear evidence that money promised under Covenant had actually been received. It is understood that similar audits have been carried out in other Dioceses and in the Roman Catholic Church. The Bishop said that he was dismayed at the Government allowing its officials to "go down this nit-picking road when there is not the slightest evidence of deliberate skulduggery in the Church of England on this matter". He felt it to be "a very serious dissuasive" to Churches and Charities.

**THE THIRD MAJOR PRESENTATION** of the Synod on March 2nd came from the INDUSTRIAL MISSION IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE with contributions and rounds of applause for the Mission from the Coalface and the Fire-place (British Coal and South Yorkshire Fire Service). Synod members went on to approve new procedures for monitoring the work of the Mission and also improving diocesan representation on the Industrial Mission Council.

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL** representatives from Sheffield Diocese, as approved by the Diocesan Synod, are to be: the Revd Gordon Taylor, the Revd Alan Richards, Professor David McClean and Mrs Barbara Packer.

**NEXT MEETING** of the Diocesan Synod will be July 6th at Edenthorpe, Doncaster, the last meeting of the present Synod.

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And so, in effect, you have broken Christ into many pieces". (The Living Bible translation).

Other examples of early church disunity can be found centred on Galatians 1: 6-11, II Corinthians 11: 5-6, 1 John 2: 21-22, Jude 1:4. It seems unfortunate that the later church did not retain Paul's breadth of vision, for some strands soon became "heresies" and were cut out - often brutally - and the details comprise much of subsequent ecclesiastical history.

The next question to ask is "How is it that members of Christ's church can see differing implications in His teaching? Or, to come back to the Vicar's Report, "Why are there five main strands in the life of the Church of England?"

## ON MESSENGERS

Messengers come in all sorts and guises. Years ago, messenger boys (school leavers at 14 years) were employed to carry messages to other local firms. Today we have adults used by large firms as internal postmen, and bank messengers still bear that title to carry messages and documents to local branches and clients, the latter two being in uniform. Looking further back, the telegram boys in heavy blue serge-like uniforms, pillbox hat and belt with pouch to hold the telegram, had the help of cheery red bicycles to speed the message. I suppose the only qualifications were honesty and common-sense for these jobs.

Our next messengers are exceedingly different.

The dictionary defines "ANGEL (n) - a messenger from GOD". They were chosen by virtue of their spiritual qualities viz. an innocent benign spirit, being pure from guilt and moral guilt. They have no uniform, but from earliest times have been depicted as wearing white robes and the possessors of wings, to show their ethereal superiority over mere mortals. But I would suggest there are angels today, often the messengers bring the message itself. Mother Teresa and Leonard Cheshire come to mind - you may think of others. They are not word spinners, they are doers, following the words of St. Francis of Assisi - "Spread the Gospel, use words if necessary".

Rex B.



## THANK YOU

Our thanks to Mrs. Claire Billard, who has made new covers for the cushion which holds the Altar Book. They follow the colours of the liturgical year - white, violet, red and green.

## SPRING COUNTRY FAIR

Please remember items for the various stalls at the Spring Country Fair on 11th May:

Nearly New (Pauline Perkinton)  
Cake Stall (Ladies Club)  
Plants & Gardening (Church School)  
Children's Books and Toys (Lorna Davis)  
White Elephant and Adult Books (Dudley Nixon)  
Craft Stall - any home-made articles including  
pickles, preserves, needlework,  
woodwork, knitting, etc.  
(Mrs. Valerie Loft & Margaret Gillott)

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The final Open Evening in our series in which local clergy talk to us about their personal vision of the next ten years, will take place in the Church Hall on Tuesday 14th May at 8pm.

The Bishop of Sheffield has kindly agreed to let us into his personal views; we hope as many people as possible will attend.

During April our speaker was Rev. Grant MacIntosh from St. John's; the discussion provoked from his talk was lively and enjoyable.

Robin Carter

## COVENANTS AND ENVELOPES

In view of the excess of expenditure over income it is hoped that everyone will review their level and method of giving to the church. For those who do not already use them, envelopes are now available from Mrs. Maureen Allum (351262). For everyone who pays income tax, regular giving ought to be backed up by a Covenant. To find out more about this speak to Maurice Snowdon (362822) who is now the Covenant Secretary for the parish. Either of these people can be contacted at home or after church services.

## Newsletter No. 16

Theodore and Diana Srinivasagam,  
Indian Evangelical Mission,  
7 Langford Road,  
Bangalore, 560 025.

February 28th, 1991

Dear Friends,

The Kukna tribe live in South Gujarat in a hilly dry area. We call it the Dangs Mission Field after the name of the district. Many of the Dangs Field missionaries had been at the Gujarat State Convention in Surat on the West Coast of India. I (Diana) travelled with them by bus on Sunday afternoon, February 10th, finally arriving in Galkund at about 8pm in the dark. I stayed with the doctor and his wife, Paul and Pauline Murugan, in their tribal hut. The government have provided nice tiles for the roofs, but the houses are still made of a wooden frame, with bamboo matting for walls. The walls are then plastered with mud and cow dung to keep out some of the draughts. It was chilly at night. I slept "first class" on a steel cot, with my head only inches from Paul and Pauline's heads, separated by a curtain. They had made their home as comfortable as possible - yet still certainly tribal.

For 3 days I visited Paul's clinic, walked to a nearby village for health education, took photos, made suggestions and even performed minor surgery, and learned a lot. On the last day P.S. Thomas (my boss) and Arthur Khambhatta (Field Secretary) caught up with me in Galkund, having visited the other missionaries in their villages. At night all 17 missionaries gathered in Solomon's home next door for a session all together. Six families with 7 small children slept on the floor that night. I still slept "first class".

There are many believers among the Kukna people - though not in the big village of Galkund. There is a great need for development work and primary health work. Pray for the team as they work together and feel stretched to the limit. The visit was of great benefit to me personally as I try to understand the medical work.

Theo had been able to streamline administration in the office quite a bit, but there are still a few problems. We had a special workshop of the Mission leaders for 3 days to sort out a Manual for the Mission that has been



hanging fire for years. It outlines all the principles on which we work. A second section will deal with all the little details. It is really a very big undertaking. No one really enjoys it, but it will be useful. Pray for clarity and for its finalisation.

(to be continued next month)

#### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 13th-18th

There will be the usual House-to-House Collection during this week. More volunteers to collect would be welcomed. Please contact Marjorie Snowdon (362822).

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As in previous years the week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be marked by short times of prayer in the various churches of the local Christian Council. Details for this year are as follows:-

Sunday	May 19th	Whit Sunday Sing and Praise Grounds of English Martyrs' Church	3.00pm.
Monday	20th	United Reformed Church	9.00pm
Tuesday	21st	Totley Rise Methodist Church	7.15am
Wednesday	22nd	English Martyrs' Church	9.00pm
Thursday	23rd	St. John's Church, Abbeydale	7.15am
Friday	24th	Dore Methodist Church	9.00pm
Saturday	25th	All Saints' Church	8.00am

It is hoped that all these services will be as well supported as possible.

#### WHIT SUNDAY SING AND PRAISE

Please come and join in a Whit Sunday service in the grounds of the Catholic Church on Sunday May 19th at 3pm.

The service is being organised by the Dore, Totley & Bradway Christian Council.

We hope that you will all bring your tea with you, (and deck chairs if you like) so we can Praise the Lord and then eat together. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Robin Carter

#### QUOTES

All sunshine makes a desert.

Arab proverb

An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.

Booth Tarkington

## 'RESPECT FOR ANIMALS'

**RESPECT for animals, says an international group of churchmen, is 'not a simple question of kindness, however laudable that virtue is. It is an issue of strict justice. In all our dealing with animals, whether direct or indirect, the ethic for the liberation of life requires that we render unto animals what they are due, as creatures with an independent integrity and value'.**

The group, brought together by the World Council of Churches in France last Autumn, said this had been a neglected topic for Christians. They also considered peace and justice, the 'integrity of the ecological community' and biological diversity.

## 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.

The Archbishop of Canterbury  
Dr Robert Runcie

## AFTER THE FUNERAL

*AS I made my way to church for the funeral service, I noticed a queue of people waiting for the bus to take them shopping. It seemed almost sacreligious; how could they carry on as normal while people were in the depths of grief?*

*But after the funeral I had to go home and prepare lunch. As I worked, I wondered if Mary left Golgotha and went home to prepare lunch for John and anyone else who stopped by with words of comfort? I wondered if she found more comfort in attending to familiar homely tasks, as she proved to herself that life had to go on.*

*After Jesus' death, Peter said 'I'm going fishing — and so he did. It was his way of trying to heal a broken heart, by carrying on with the normal things of life.*

*It is at times of loss and grief that our faith is tested to the very limits. It is in our normal day to day tasks that ease of mind can be found, and in that ease of mind God can once again speak to us of his plans for our future. It isn't easy. Working through grief is never easy.*

*But as we go shopping for human things, God can speak to us of spiritual things. If we let him.*

ANNA McLEAY



## MAY DIARY

- |    |      |         |   |
|----|------|---------|---|
| 1  | Wed  | 8.00pm  | Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road                                       |
| 2  | Thu  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise - Church   |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent                             |
| 4  | Sat. | 7.00pm  | Totley Community Whist - Hall   |
| 7  | Tue. | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close   |
|    |      | 7.30pm  | Standing Committee - 220 Baslow Road  |
|    |      | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club - Scrabble Evening  |
| 8  | Wed. | 7.00pm  | Churchwardens' Institution - Cathedral  |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Wednesday Fellowship - 99 Prospect Road                                       |
| 9  | Thu. | 7.45pm  | ASCENSION DAY - Deanery Service at<br>Holy Trinity, Millhouses.               |
| 11 | Sat. | 2.00pm  | SPRING COUNTRY FAIR   |
|    |      | 7.30pm  | Totley Community Dance - Hall   |
| 13 | Mon. | 7.30pm  | Pastoral Committee - 108 Sunnyvale Road                                       |
| 14 | Tue. | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close   |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Men's Fellowship - Hall - Speaker:<br>Rt.Rev.David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield. |
| 15 | Wed. | 2.00pm  | Monthly Afternoon Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Road                             |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road  |
| 16 | Thu. | 2.00pm  | under Fives Praise - Church   |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | P.C.C. - Crypt  |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent                             |
| 18 | Sat. | 7.00pm  | Totley Community Whist - Hall   |
| 19 | Sun. | 3.00pm  | WHIT ECUMENICAL SING & PRAISE -<br>Grounds of English Martyrs                 |
| 20 | Mon. | 9.00pm  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - U.R.C.   |
| 21 | Tue. | 7.15am  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - T.R. Methodist                                   |
|    |      | 12.15pm | Liaison Lunch - Church Hall   |
|    |      | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close   |
|    |      | 2.15pm  | Ladies Working Party - Hall   |
|    |      | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club - Plants & Coffee Evening - Hall                                  |
| 22 | Wed. | 8.00pm  | Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent   |
|    |      | 9.00pm  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - English Martyrs                                  |
| 23 | Thu. | 7.15am  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - St. John's                                       |
|    |      | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent                             |
| 24 | Fri. | 9.00pm  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Dore Methodist                                   |
| 25 | Sat. | 8.00am  | PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - All Saints'                                      |
|    |      | 3.00pm  | HOLY MATRIMONY - John Parr & Sally Jones                                      |
|    |      | 7.30pm  | Totley Community Dance - Hall   |
| 28 | Tue. | 1.45pm  | Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close   |
| 29 | Wed. | 8.00pm  | Wednesday Fellowship - 30 Abbeydale Park Rise                                 |
| 30 | Thu. | 8.00pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent                             |

## JUNE

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| 1 | Sat. | 3.00pm | HOLY MATRIMONY - Mark Rayner & Rachel Swift |
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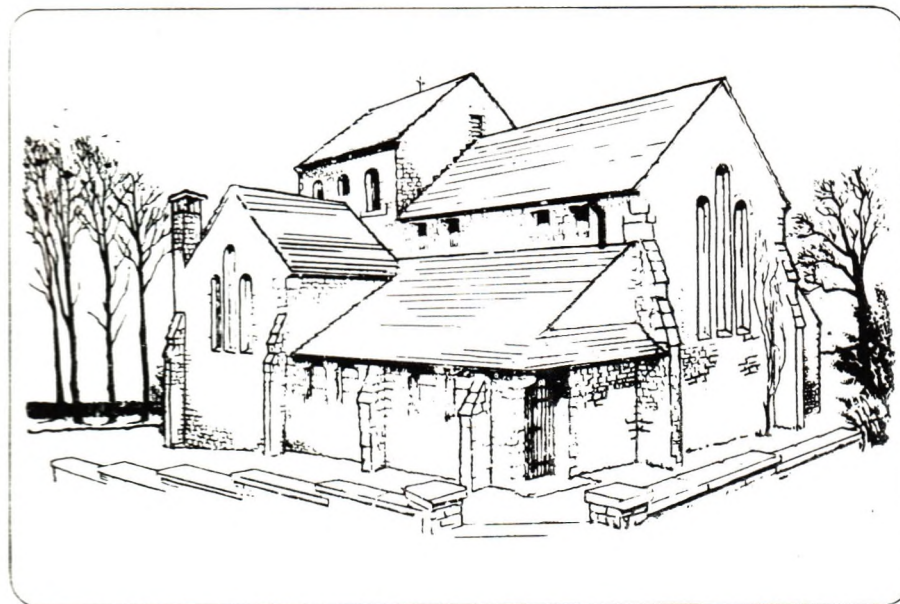
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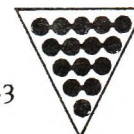
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## WHO'S WHO? A PROFILE OF DAVID AND MARGARET BENSON

They are both Yorkshire born and bred (but NOT "strong in t'arm or thick in t'ed"). David coming from Boston Spa in the former West Riding and Margaret from Kingston-upon-Hull. Our new Vicar was educated at Tadcast Grammar School, and, after a number of years working for Air Ministry in Cambridge, and National Service on a "V" Bomber Station, went to Durham and St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead for Theological Training. He was ordained 30 years ago this Trinity Sunday, in York Minster (where he hopes to go this year to take part in the Ordination Service). He served his Title at St. Martin's, Hull where his Vicar was Leslie Stanbridge (who hopes to attend the Institution) and who eventually became Archdeacon of York. David also met Margaret in Hull where she was Parish Youth Leader, and they were married at St. Martin's Church in September 1962. Margaret went to Kingston High School then trained as a Teacher at Hull Training College and Radbrook College, Shropshire.

They have three grown-up children - Suzanne, aged 20 is working as a Supervisor at Butlins; Steven (her twin) works for the Home Office as a Farmer with his elder brother Peter, aged 24. The family pet is a Cairn Terrier called Holly. After their marriage, David and Margaret served in the Parishes of St. Martin and Marfleet in Hull, moving in 1968 to the Parish of Ingleby Greenhow w. Kildale, in Cleveland, where David was both Vicar and Assistant Diocesan Youth Chaplain. They were soon to move to Sheffield on David's appointment as full-time Diocesan Youth Chaplain by Bishop Gordon Fallows. The family spent over six happy years living in Victoria Road, and the children loved their trips into Derbyshire ... particularly when it snowed!

Their last move in January 1978, was to their present Parish of Thorne where they have made numerous friends, and where Suzanne, Peter and Steven have been educated and embarked upon their various careers. David and Margaret have been totally involved in the community, where Margaret has been a Supply Teacher, Founder Member of Thorne Inner Wheel Club and a Pastoral Worker with young families. David helped to found Thorne Camera Club (where he won all the trophies last year!) has been Chaplain and Bulletin Editor to Thorne Rotary Club, Chaplain to the Eastern Division of South Yorkshire Fire Service, Thorne Sea Cadets and Thorne Air Training Corps.

When time allows, his other interests lie with model railways, steam trains and Rally cars ... rumour has it that the R.A.C. organisers have already approached David with a view to running a Special Stage in the Church grounds!!!! Margaret's interests include music, painting, anything "crafty" and walking their Cairn terrier "Holly".

So you see folks, David and Margaret will be interested in the things that you are interested in, not the least in helping to bring the love and care of Jesus into our community here in Totley.

From: our "Roving Reporter"

## SERVICES IN JUNE

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

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|------|---|
| 2nd  | PENTECOST 2<br>8am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><u>10am Holy Communion (ASB)</u><br>Epistle: I Peter 2: 1-10 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. John 15: 1-5 (JB)<br><u>11.30am Cheshire Home Communion</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (BCP)</u><br>Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 4-16 (NEB)<br>New Testament: Acts 2: 37-end (NEB) |
| 9th  | PENTECOST 3<br>8am Holy Communion (ASB)<br><u>10am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. John 15: 5-11 (JB)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (ASB)</u><br>Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8: 11-end (NEB)<br>New Testament: Acts 4: 8-12 (NEB)            |
| 16th | PENTECOST 4<br>8am Holy Communion (ASB)<br><u>10am Holy Communion (BCP)</u><br>Epistle: Galatians 3: 23 - 4: 7 (TEV)<br>Gospel : St. John 15: 12-17 (JB)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong (ASB)</u><br>Old Testament: Isaiah 63: 7-14 (RSV)<br>New Testament: Acts 8: 26-38 (JB)         |
| 23rd | PENTECOST 5<br>8am Holy Communion (BCP)<br>Epistle: Ephesians 5: 1-10 (NEB)<br>Gospel : St. Matthew 19: 16-26 (NEB)<br><u>10am Family Service</u><br><u>3.30pm Cheshire Home Service</u><br><u>6.30pm "The Torn Curtain" -</u><br>including <u>Holy Communion (ASB)</u>                                   |
| 30th | PENTECOST 6<br>8am Holy Communion (BCP)<br><u>10am Holy Communion (ASB)</u><br>Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17 (RSV)<br>Gospel : St. Luke 15: 11-end (RSV)<br><u>10am Young Saints</u><br><u>6.30pm Evensong</u><br>Old Testament: Micah 6: 1-8 (RSV)<br>New Testament: Ephesians 4: 17-end (RSV)            |



## THE FUTURE OF ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

Most of you will know that earlier this year the Sheffield Education Authority had, as part of its Schools' Review, put forward a proposal that the two schools in Totley should amalgamate to become a new school. This was not popular with either school, and joint Governors' Meetings were held, and a joint statement sent to the L.E.A. stating that they were happy with their respective schools and preferred the "status quo".

On May 15th we received the welcome news that the amalgamation proposal had been dropped. Our parents were most anxious that we should have a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church and that the Rev. Stewart Rayner, who had worked so hard for the school, be invited back to lead the service. (By the time you read this, the service will have taken place).

Had the amalgamation gone ahead it is likely that the new school would have been a Church School. There are some people who think that this would have been the best outcome for the Church - and it certainly would have had some supporters from both schools. There was opposition to this idea from many County School parents which sadly was based upon false information being passed around regarding the nature of a Church School; for example:

1. two hours a day spent in Worship;
2. the children have to learn the Creed of the Anglican Church;
3. the Vicar comes in to school to check attendance at Church;
4. if you attend the school you must attend the church services.

I would like to say a big thank you to our Governors (led by Stewart Rayner and Cliff Job) who worked so hard, and the staff, parents and many friends and supporters of All Saints' School. I was very proud of our parents, who behaved throughout in a Christian and dignified manner.

We have had very encouraging "feed-back" from the Diocesan Education Authority - they see us as the Church Aided School for the South-West of the city, and they intend to replace our HORSIA buildings with new buildings (subject to the approval of the Department of Education & Science). We have an extremely healthy waiting list for places, and on our site (which must be the most attractive in the city) we have plenty of room for expansion. So life is looking very rosy for All Saints' School and we thank the Lord.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Parish Breakfast

2 June	Mrs. Cryan and Mr. Hazlehurst
9 June	Mrs. Jockel and Miss Scaife
16 June	Mr & Mrs. Loft
23 June	Mr & Mrs. Carter
30 June	Mrs. Job & Mrs. Murrell
7 July	Mrs. Ruthven and Mrs. Snowdon

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
9 June	Miss Perfect	Miss Wilson
16 June	Miss Gillott	Miss Gillott
23 June	Mrs. Perkinson	Mrs. Parsons
30 June	Mrs. Hill-Wilson	Mrs. Simons
7 July	Mrs. Bryer	Mrs. Billard

### Silver Cleaning

3 June	Mrs. Powell	17 June: Mrs. Firth
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## PARISH REGISTERS

### Funerals

3 May	Archie Thomas (87) 42 Queen Victoria Road
10 May	Alec Watson (70) 18 Lemont Road
17 May	Doris Hammond (91) Green Oak View.

Archie Thomas was born in Totley and went to All Saints' Church School. At 13 he worked at Totley Hall as a stable boy and later at the fore-runner of the Y.E.B. He was an all-round athlete and won a gold medal for Yorkshire.

### ALEC WATSON

Alec Watson and his wife, Joan, came to live in Totley 37 years ago. They became members of All Saints' Church and Alec served on the P.C.C. He was also a member of a small committee which planned our Garden of Rest and a member of the Hall Committee which worked and raised the money needed to build our Church Hall. After leaving the forces at the end of the war (during which he served in the R.A.M.C.), he joined the Fire Service and served in it for 40 years. As a fitting tribute to him, members of the Fire Brigade formed a Guard of Honour at his funeral at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. He was also a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for 15 years. He had many interests and was always willing to help, in any way he could, at All Saints' and in the community.

He leaves his widow Joan, son Christopher, and his three grandchildren, and to them we offer our sincere condolences.

Joan Watson wishes to thank everyone for their sympathy and condolences and contributions to the Diabetic Association on the death of her beloved husband Alec. Her son and family



join with her in gratitude for the love and support they have received from so many people.

Doris Hammond - lived most of her life in Darnall - she moved to Greenhill to be near her daughter. She became resident in Green Oak View three years ago, after losing her sight.

### 3. REFLECTIONS

How is it that "there are five differing strands in the life of the Church of England?" (Vicar's Report, A.G.M. 1990).

Two months ago, I suggested that we might be stimulated to some fresh thoughts on the subject, by looking at one of the themes of the third century theologian Origen, who said "it is as if the extent of God's wisdom is so vast that we can only hope to view a fraction of it at any one time"; he went on "and its power is so brilliant that, like the sun, it is impossible for us to view it directly". To twentieth century Christians used to thinking in terms of God the loving father, who provides us personal contact with his son Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit; this image may seem too remote; especially in a scientific age, when we pride ourselves on knowing so much. We must, however, remember that Jesus himself in his teaching used the indirect method of the parable, or as the dictionary says "comparison" - "the kingdom of heaven is like..." Today, we frequently resort to using a "comparison", only now the in-word is "model". This "comparison" is necessary because our brain can only imagine something we have actually experienced; if this experience is lacking we have to substitute the next best thing. Like Origen we still have to say "It is as if ..."

Jesus wanted the light of God's wisdom to reach every corner of the earth; accordingly his disciples and succeeding generations of Christians have relayed his Gospel down the centuries acting as if they were reflector dishes in a sort of telecommunication system; nowadays we receive such clear broadcasts from as far away as Australia, that we are inclined to expect these messages reaching us from Jesus to be identical to the originals, but in reality, a little bit of the transmitter's personality seems to intervene each time to modify the reflection.

For example, both Matthew and Luke, when writing their gospels only about fifty years after the ascension, had before them what most authorities would agree was originally the same account, yet:

In Matthew 5:42 we find:

Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

while Luke 6:30 reads:

Give to everyone who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods, do not ask again. (R.S.V.)

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JUNE, 1991

## ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL



### I. These are three truths we can't escape:

1. We are human and we all share the common experience of being human. The biologists can set 'homo sapiens' within the hierarchy of mammals. But we are universally certain that we are not alligators, lions or even chimpanzees!

2. We are equally certain that though we may all be human we are not all alike. Our humanity finds itself divided into an almost infinite variety of races, nations, languages and tribes.

3. Tragically the evidence of history overwhelmingly proclaims that our loyalty to that distinctive segment of humanity which we proclaim as ours is so much greater than our underlying commitment to humanity itself that the story of homo sapiens is an appalling catalogue of "man's inhumanity to man". Cruelty, injustice, torture, terror, war and attempted genocide is the inescapably distinctive mark of humankind on planet Earth. And the result of modern technology and civilisation is that we see more of each other than we did before and both our hatreds and efficiency of our killing machinery steadily increase.

### II. To these three truths we can respond in three ways:

a) Man is a killer; "you can't change human nature" and therefore we must make sure that our nation's defences (and indeed our front door) are sufficiently strong to make sure that it is not us that gets killed. We can see the political history of mankind as an attempt so to arrange the affairs of the world that most of us survive. And parallel with "power politics" goes the politics of compassion as the 'haves' try to help the 'have-nots'.

b) Yet in the end most of us believe that our humanity can do better than this: so a second response is to try and play down the divisions of race, language and nation and strive to create a society in which all that is best in our common humanity works together to make One World.

c) But, for me, a trivial personal experience convinces me that (a) is defeatist and (b) is illusion! For I am ridiculously proud of the fact that I am a pure-bred Geordie with hardly a drop of south-of-the-Tyne blood in me. I don't want to be a Yorkshireman or a Devonian or even a Chinaman or an Eskimo. I see the world through Geordie eyes and am glad of it. But not for a second do I want to conquer and control anyone else. And the last thing I want is for everyone else to become like us. We would lose our humbly cherished distinctiveness. I speak lightly of this but underlying what I say is the important third response. This accepts as God-given and therefore good that infinite variety of "races, nations, languages and tribes" which make up this world we know. We are all different, all human, all made "in God's image and after his likeness" and so, all equally and infinitely important.

III. All this is of the greatest of importance for mankind - and for us in Great Britain. The Venerable Bede, writing in 731 AD, boasts rather quaintly that "there are five languages in Britain just as the divine law is written in five books". But then after the Viking-French conquest of 1066 centuries without invaders permitted the growth of an Anglo-Saxon arrogance and exclusiveness from which the Celts in these Islands, the peoples of India and Africa, and in our day, many living in this country who don't look or sound like Anglo-Saxons, have suffered. If it is God's will to make his children so various should we not rejoice at having the visible signs of that variety within these British Isles? Is there any excuse for us not showing here that it is possible for people to love and work together happily whilst rejoicing that they are different? And those of us who take the name of Christian have the very special responsibility of remembering that our neighbours, like ourselves, are loved by God as His Children.

(Singing to the Lord with cheerful voice: a later article will work out some of the religious implications of all this).

DAVID LUNN

Bishop of Sheffield



## Roses, Roses, all the way

The Garden Open Day at Bishop David's Snaithing Lane, Sheffield home is on Sunday, 23rd June from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome. As well as the opportunity to see the lovely garden, there's an added bonus - the Bishop will be launching his sensational new book, with illustrations, entitled "Roses Wild", about the roses in his garden! It is a closely guarded secret as to whether the Bishop will be wearing a white rose on that occasion!



Head Shepherd or Head Gardener?

## Flowers and Crafts

St. Mary's Church at Beighton welcomes visitors to the CRAFT FAIR and FLOWER FESTIVAL on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th June from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Church Hall will have numerous Craft Stalls which include: dried flower arrangements, water colours, military figures, decoupage, quilling, tatting, sugar craft, exotic flowers and a cake stall. Refreshments will be served all day. In the Church will be floral displays on the theme "All God's Gifts" by many of the village organisations. Beighton Historical Society will be displaying a collection of photographs of old Beighton. Visitors will be most welcome.

## Happy Christmas 1991

Plan now to get off to a good start. Reserve Saturday, 16th November, 1991 to join, as singer or audience, in a 'Come and Sing' performance of Handel's 'Messiah'.

Singers arrive in time for a brief rehearsal starting at 6 p.m. Audience arrives for a 7 p.m. performance.

The place: All Saints Church, Woodlands, Doncaster.

The cost: £1 for everyone.

More details later.

## Clifton Completion

A Concert is being held to mark the completion of restoration work at St. James' Church, Clifton, Rotherham, including the overhaul of the church organ. The principals are: Soprano - Janet Vout; Tenor - Trevor Pigott; Oboe - Jill Crowther; Organ/Piano - John Silvertown. The main work in the programme is Sonata on the 94th. Psalm by Julius Reubke. Ticket-programmes are available for sale by ringing Rotherham 36 7544 or 363082.

## Burghwallis Barbecue

The Friends of Saint Helen's Church have arranged for a "Barbecue and Fun" in the gardens of Home Farm and Parkside Studio, Old Village Street, Burghwallis on Saturday, 29th June from 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to support The Friends' work for the Church. 50p Admission. Further details from Josie Robinson on 0302 - 701348.

## Unemployment Vigil

There's a VIGIL of PRAYER on Friday, 21st June from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the CHAPEL ON THE BRIDGE, ROTHERHAM. The Vigil is organised by CHUG (Christians Unemployment Group) as part of a new programme to respond to rapidly rising unemployment. Everyone with a concern for those unemployed is most welcome at any time during the day.

## Sheffield - Guildford Partnership



It was an exciting evening at Padley House Country Centre at Moss, Doncaster, when 25 people met to share the experience of their parishes in their links with parishes in the diocese of Guildford; all the more so when four groups of people realised that they represented four parishes from one Deanery - the Deanery of Ecclesfield! An added attraction of the evening was the first showing of "Us and Us", a new 20 minute video, produced jointly by Sheffield and Guildford, introducing the two Dioceses to each other.

The video is available in our Diocese through the Deaneries and is particularly available for any parish considering a link with a parish in Guildford, as well as for those who already have links. The Revd. Geoff Anderson of Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham (Tel: 0742 463487), one of the directors of the video, is hoping to organize a visit of young people aged 15-29 to Guildford. If you're interested, give him a ring!

**DON'T FORGET THE  
DIOCESAN SUMMER  
FAYRE ON THE  
CATHEDRAL FORECOURT  
ON SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE  
from 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.**

## Appointments

Revd. Derek G. Honour, Assistant Curate, All Saints, High Wycombe, in the Diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate in the parish of Brightside and Wincobank in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Joanna C. Honour, Assistant Curate, St. Birinus, High Wycombe, in the Diocese of Oxford, to be Parish Deacon (NSM) in the parish of Brightside and Wincobank in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Mark Waters, Priest-in-Charge, Brislington St. Anne, in the Diocese of Bristol, to be Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. William Brian Gornall, Vicar of Torrisholme, in the Diocese of Blackburn, to be Assistant Curate at St. Peter's, Greenhill, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Patrick John Dennis, Rector of Bradfield, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector of Braithwell and continuing as Ecumenical Adviser and Secretary to the Committee of Mission & Unity and Secretary to the South Yorkshire Ecumenical Council.

The Revd. Canon Noel M. Harrison to retire as Diocesan Director of Education but will continue as Rector of Tankersley in the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Ven. Desmond Cannelley will be Acting Director of Education and continuing as Archdeacon of Doncaster.

The Revd. Brian R.W. Hayes, Assistant Curate, St. Leonard's, Norwood, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of the parishes of Gazeley w. Dalham, and Moulton w. Kentford, in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Revd. Jonathan R. Clatworthy, Chaplain in the University of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Denstone and Ellastone w. Stanton, in the Diocese of Lichfield.

The Revd. Andrew Peter Bowsher, Assistant Curate, Darfield All Saints, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Priest-in-Charge of Halifax All Souls, in the Diocese of Wakefield.

The Revd. Michael James Godfrey, Curate-in-Charge of St. Saviour's, Chadderton, Oldham, in the Diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of All Saints', Woodlands, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. David Anthony Bowles has resigned from the Benefice of St. Oswald, Millhouses, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Philip Murray Brown, Assistant Curate, St. Mary's, Greasborough, to be Vicar of Thorne St. Nicholas, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Music Interest?

St. Alban's Church at Wickersley, Rotherham would like to appoint an Assistant Organist to work with Mr. B.Y. Baker, the Organist and Choirmaster. There is a wide range of worship opportunities with Sung Holy Communion (A.S.B. & 1662), Morning and Evening Prayer (1662), Special Services of Readings and Music and informal Family Services. There is also the opportunity to work with four music groups. Further details are available from: the Revd. Raymond Draper on Rotherham 543111.



## Alzheimer's Disease Society

### Carers' Support Team

Mrs. S. was an active and popular woman who raised three children as well as working for many years in a local shop. After retiring she still filled her days with activity, being involved with various community groups and having a wide circle of friends. She and her husband enjoyed long walks together in the Derbyshire countryside. Her children all moved to different areas of the country, but regularly came to stay: over the years, there was an increasing brood of grandchildren visiting too, bringing much joy to Mrs. S. and her husband.

A happy, fulfilled old age..... until something started to go wrong. Mr. S. was the first to notice that his wife was becoming increasingly forgetful and withdrawn. There were odd incidents: meetings not attended, shopping trips resulting in five loaves of bread and not much else, inappropriate remarks in conversation, questions repeated several times in the space of a few minutes. Sometimes when one of their children phoned Mrs. S. was clearly not sure who she was talking to. Previously a pleasant, good natured person, she became increasingly prone to flashes of bad-temper and periods of sullen withdrawal; and as the months passed she became less able to cope with the everyday tasks of cooking and housework.

Eventually Mr. S. visited his doctor to discuss the situation, and learned that his wife was developing dementia. With the passage of time his wife has deteriorated further, and now requires constant supervision and care. Mr. S. feels that he has lost his lifetime companion and lives instead with someone who needs help with everything from getting dressed to going to the toilet; someone who often does not even recognise him.

This couple, like many others, have had their old age wrecked by the cruel disease of dementia. (The majority of people with dementia are elderly - but in some rare cases the disease strikes people considerably younger, even in their thirties or forties). Our Carers' Support Team exists to help people who are caring for someone with dementia - people who, like Mr. S., are looking after someone in their own home who is severely confused. Members of the Carers' Support Team are volunteers who visit and befriended these caring relatives, to give them support in their stressful and often isolating task. The team operates throughout Sheffield, but is very much in need of new members.

If anyone reading this thinks they might like to help, do please get in touch. You do not need to know about dementia before you start, as we run a short course to prepare volunteers for this aspect of their work. Enthusiasm, a warm personality, and a genuine wish to help carers are much more important qualities. If you have a few hours a week to spare and are interested in joining us, please contact:

Judith Windle, Alzheimer's Disease Society, Floor 2, Sheaf House, Leadmill Road, Sheffield S1 2BP. Tel: 768414.



## Sheffield STAR

Patients in Sheffield Hospitals come from a very wide area and their relations often have long distances to travel to visit them. It was in response to this, and the need of some visiting relatives to find overnight accommodation, that the ladies of the Mothers' Union in Sheffield over ten years ago founded STAR - Sheffield Temporary Accommodation for Relatives. Mrs Lily Morris who organizes the scheme is usually able to find accommodation in caring Christian homes for relatives, often within the hour of a request being made.

She reports that this year, many exceptional things have happened - there were the preparations made for receiving casualties from the Gulf War, and relatives visiting Sheffield for the Hillsborough Inquests. As a result she now has an extra emergency list of 50 homes where she can offer accommodation to relatives in times of need. A big 'thank you' to all who are involved in STAR and offer accommodation in their homes.

### Please pray for those to be made Priest in the Cathedral on 29th June, at 7.00 p.m.

Ian Andrew DAVIS, serving at St. Lawrence, Hatfield.

Nicholas Anthony DAWSON, serving at St. Saviour, Mortomley.

David Charles GLOVER, serving at All Saints, Wath-upon-Dearne.

Ian George WALLIS, serving at St. Leonard and St. Mary, Armthorpe.

Peter WALSH, serving at St. Wilfrid, Cantley.

Stephen John WILLETT, serving at St. John, Chapeltown.

Philip Andrew WILLIAMS, serving at Christ Church, Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge.

Michael WOODHEAD, serving at Christ Church, Stannington.

### Please pray for those to be made Deacon in the Cathedral on 30th June, at 11.00 a.m.

Andrew Mark COLEBY, of Cranmer Hall, Durham  
To serve in the parish of Christ Church, Heeley.

Andrew COOPER, of St. Stephen's House, Oxford  
To serve in the parish of Rawmarsh w Parkgate.

Keith John Edward HALE, of St. John's College, Nottingham  
To serve in the parish of St. Mary, Greasbrough.

Peter John HOPPER, of Northern Ordination Course  
To serve in the parish of All Saints, Aston.

Kevin Edward TONES, of Ridley Hall, Cambridge  
To serve in the parish of St. Peter, Warmsworth.

James William MATHER, of St. Stephen's House, Oxford  
To serve in the parish of St. Leonard and St. Jude, Doncaster.

Jane TILLIER, of Ripon College, Cuddesdon  
To serve in the parish of St. Mark, Broomhill.

Judith TRICKETT, of St. John's College, Nottingham  
To serve in the parish of St. Thomas, Kimberworth.

Robert Edward WHITEHOUSE, Formerly of Oak Hill. Now  
Parish Evangelist, Woodlands, Doncaster  
To serve in the parish of St. Leonard, Norwood.

## All Saints', Owston, Nr. Doncaster....

is tucked away behind the A19 Doncaster to Selby Road in its attractive surroundings on a minor road just beside the White Lodge Restaurant (formerly Dario's). Readers are invited to the Flower Festival "Proverbs - the Power of Words and Speech" on 12,13,14, July from 10 a.m. Refreshments are available, and its a lovely place for a party to visit. If you'd like to know more about refreshments for groups please 'phone Doncaster 721617.

## Family Silver



The Revd. Murray Brown is shortly to become the new Vicar of Thorne, and he and his family are looking forward to settling in to their new home and parish, whilst the people of Thorne are getting ready to welcome them.

One of the treasured family possessions that Murray takes with him is the silver Chalice and Paten made for him by his father, William, who before his retirement worked as a manager in the London Assay Office. Making chalices, rather than marking them, is not normal day to day activity for Assay Office Managers - but of one thing Murray can be sure - the Hallmark on his chalice has a very personal touch!

## Ecology

The topic of this year's annual conference of the Christian Ecology Link is to be "Health and Salvation: Person or Planet". The venue is to be Cliff College, Calver near Sheffield and the date: July 5th to 7th 1991. Full details available from Joan Hart, Administrator, 17 Burns Gardens, LINCOLN LN2 4LJ. Phone (0522) 529643.

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The main point has not been changed, yet by altering the wording of the second part of the verse, Matthew implies that Jesus's followers can expect what is borrowed to be returned, while Luke's wording says that they should not - already a small amount of "dogma" has been added to Jesus's original message. The point is made more clearly by comparing the whole of the material in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6: 20-49) with the parallel parts of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:-7:29) using a detailed commentary.

The differences between our strands, then, can be explained by thinking of them as altering reflections of differing viewpoints of THE SAME MESSAGE contained in their shrouded central core; dis-covering this message is the next problem, for the previous paragraph implies that a thin layer of "dogma" must therefore cover all the teaching of Jesus recorded in the New Testament.

John Hill-Wilson

### THE REVEREND FREDERICK ADAMSON, A.K.C.

The Reverend Frederick Adamson came to be the second Vicar of All Saints', Totley, in November, 1947.

Having studied theology at King's College, London, he was ordained in Derby Cathedral in 1939. During most of the war years he served as curate at Heanor parish church, near Derby. In 1943 he took up the post of Priest in Charge at St. Luke's, Glossop, leaving there to come to Totley in 1947. He greatly enjoyed his work here, and his daughter, Valerie, recalls many happy as well as serious moments during that time.

Leaving Totley in 1962 he moved to a large mining parish (St. Helen's, Hemsworth), where he stayed until 1976 when he moved to the Ripon Diocese to become Rector of West Tanfield with Well and Snape. Five years later he retired to Morland in Cumbria, but ill-health made it necessary for him to move down to Burton Salmon, near Pontefract, to be nearer to his daughter. He died on the 25th March, 1991, aged 74 years.

### CHRISTIAN AID MAY DAY TREK

Amy Wigglesworth, Dawn Wiles, Barbara Sellers, Stella Jockel, Harry Draper and George Hazlehurst wish to thank everyone who sponsored their enjoyable day; the amount raised was approximately £323.

### THE TORN CURTAIN

The first part of "The Torn Curtain" will be presented in the Church Hall at 6.30pm on 23rd June, to be followed by the Eucharist in Church using the setting sung at Doncaster last year and which may be familiar to many of you - please try to join us.

Dorothy Hill-Wilson



The computer, which arrived yesterday, has yet to be installed in its beautiful new room. I think Molly will handle it initially as she has had some experience, but she only works part time because of her small child. Accounts are the first to go on. We need a new accountant and other experienced finance staff. Praise God with us for the amazing ways in which He provides for our financial needs. Major needs are still pending, such as the new small hospital building planned for north Gujarat. We have part of the funds. The approved budget for 1991-1992 (for about 350 missionaries) is Rs 8,700,000 (£255,900 - a huge sum for India). Inflation has gone up in the last few years and has reached double figures.

India produces some of its own petrol, but the Gulf crisis has meant a scramble to buy from other countries. Some buses and trains have been cancelled, and lorries are badly hit. Already crowded transport has become almost impossible at times. Pray for all those who travel a lot.

Praise God for 22 new missionaries in July 90, and for a further 13 accepted in January 91. Very few leave each year - we keep growing!

Church conventions are a very valuable means of reaching out to the ordinary church members to share God's vision for the millions in India who have never heard the Gospel. Many make a public commitment by raising their hands, or standing, to help in Missions by prayer, or finance, or any other way possible. And some are called to go. It is not easy to follow up those who commit themselves. Pray that they will be obedient to God and become actively involved. Theo spoke to the biggest group he has ever addressed in early February - an estimated 13,000 at the Saunday Service. Mizoram State in North East India is about 90% Christian, but tribal. Pray they will be bold enough to leave their area and come and evangelise the heart of India.

Praise God that I am now making some headway with the medical administrative work. However, we want to find someone to replace me for this task. The main reason is that it is not considered good to have family members in leadership together.

Although I am not in top leadership, I am a little too near for comfort! Secondly, I simply don't have time to care properly for the missionaries' health - my original job - and a job I would retain. So often they get sick with what should be preventable diseases - typhoid, hepatitis, TB and malaria being the most common.

The minority Central Government is unstable, and so are many of the State Governments. We need some strong and "clean" leaders - though the "clean" usually aren't tolerated for long! Some parts of the country (not Bangalore) are violent. One of our missionaries was in a bus at night that was attacked by bandits. He was beaten and robbed. Another couple had to flee for their lives from their village because of outside persecution.

Last - and usually neglected, are our personal affairs! This newsletter is late; I still haven't bought furniture . . .

Theo's parents are almost 89 and 82. They need to write proper wills, and Amma has property in Bangalore that still requires Theo's legal attention - but where's the time, and inclination, to do it? Pray that this hurdle will be overcome.

Thank you, everyone, for your love and prayers. So many sent Christmas letters and greetings, some have sent gifts, and your love is greatly appreciated. If only I could write to you all personally!

With our love and prayers,  
Theodore and Diana Srinivasagam

#### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

This will be held again from Saturday 11th May until Saturday 15th June. It is open from Monday to Saturday between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Admission free. The following children from the Church School have work exhibited:

Louis Brook, Andre Le Brun, Paul Elliott, Laura Ferguson, Sarah Ito, Hannah Johnson, Charley Barber, Nicola Ridgway, Louise Collins, Rosie Ferguson, Julia Ward, Becky Barber, Stefania Ilardi, Katie Herring, James Dixon, Simon Winn-Smith, Jason Ito, Elizabeth Flint, Ross Norbron and Jolene Heald.

#### FAMILY BARBECUE FOR MIDSUMMER'S DAY - 21st June, 6-8pm

Tickets available from School (361934) or Elaine Ferguson(361839) or Lorna Davis (369878).

#### SPRING COUNTRY FAYRE

Elsie and Cliff would like to thank, most sincerely, all who contributed in any way towards making this event a most happy occasion. We were very fortunate with the weather and the full programme of events, plus the variety of goods for sale and the entertaining sideshows made for a very enjoyable afternoon. The proceeds of £850 will be shared between the Kurdish Refugee Appeal and All Saints' Church Funds.



April 1991

Tony and Pam Lindsay,  
c/o Anglican Diocese of Bo,  
PO Box 21,  
Bo,  
Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bo. The year is passing quickly and work wise it seems to get more busy as time goes on.

The Liberian Refugees are still with us. Tony has been placed as the Anglican Co-ordinator for food distribution in Bo, which gives him greater insight into the administration side of things. The "Cause/Canada Relief Programme" from Canada are doing a great job with supplies and many of their helpers are volunteers (all ages) who come out to Sierra Leone for varying periods of time (from four to eight months) the idea being that as volunteers are recruited, then 95% of all contributions given can go to food aid rather than on administration staff expenses.

This is the hot time of the year when we have trouble with lack of water. Many wells in our area are dry and the remainder are locked for long periods of the day to help keep the water clean. Where we are living, our 400 gallon water tank now leaks beyond repair (we've had it welded on three occasions to date) the new metal is stronger than the old! So we depend entirely on local wells now, "O for water on tap, pure bliss". However, we seem to manage very well, God is good!

The sewing group meets on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, its number fluctuates but on the whole it is increasing. We try to use only materials that can be bought locally and the only things we find difficult are thread for embroidery and knitting wool, most other things can be found if we search in Bo market thoroughly enough!

On the clergy side, in one week, we are to have the most extensive move round in the past three years, all the clergy except two are to move to different stations. Some are happy, some are not and consider that anything out of town is a demotion and into the "bush". The idea behind it all is greater evangelism within the diocese, putting manpower and experience where it is needed most. At the cathedral we are losing two and gaining one. Please pray that all will go well and they and their families will settle happily into their new stations.

Since January 1991 we have acquired ourselves a semi-permanent guest; she's called Nicole, a nineteen year old American volunteer here in Sierra Leone until the end of May 1991. Her first place of stay didn't work out, hence she is with us. She's working at Bo Hospital in the children's ward, gaining experience in giving the medicines out and looking after the ward.

The economic situation here is still not good and everyone is waiting to see if the elections next month will be multi-party or not.

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Now that the Easter Services are over, Bishop Michael leaves for Ireland and England for various meetings including going to CMS, then he will attend the consecration of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, as Dean of the Province of West Africa, he is standing in for Archbishop George Brown, who cannot go because of the situation in Liberia. Easter... with new life for all, a new Archbishop and the Decade of Evangelism. Christ came to give life anew. Hallelujah!

With our love and prayers,  
Tony and Pam

PRAISE SERVICE - 30th JUNE

This Praise Service, which will start at 6.30pm will be special for two reasons. It will be the first "Praise Service" after the arrival of our new vicar and it will also be special in that we shall be helped by a group from the Oaks Christian Fellowship, Dronfield who have kindly offered to come and share this occasion with us. Since the start time will be the usual 6.30 time of Evensong we shall also be incorporating elements of the liturgy into the evening. Do make a special effort and come and join in. We have had some great Praise Services in the past and this will be no exception.

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At the end of the summer term Jenny Emmens is leaving as the head of the nursery/playgroup. We would like to thank Jenny for all her hard work during the last 4 years.

Applications to fill her position are invited, and information about the position can be obtained from the Church School, Tel. 361934.

The new appointment would be expected to start at the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1991.



# JUNE DIARY

1	Sat	3.00pm	HOLY MATRIMONY - Mark Rayner & Rachel Swift
		7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
4	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
5	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road
6	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
8	Sat	2.00pm	ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE SUMMER FAIR
		7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
11	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
12	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
13	Thu	8.00pm	Standing Committee - 74 Main Avenue
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
14	Fri	7.30pm	INDUCTION OF REV. DAVID BENSON
15	Sat	3.00pm	HOLY MATRIMONY - Anthony Hinchcliffe & Vicki Lonsdale
		7.30pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
18	Tue	1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
19	Wed	3-4.30pm	Book Fair - All Saints' School
		8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd.
20	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
		3-6.00pm	Book Fair - All Saints' School
		8.00pm	P.C.C. - Crypt
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
21	Fri	3-4.30pm	Book Fair - All Saints' School Hall
22	Sat	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
23	Sun	6.30pm	THE TORN CURTAIN - Hall
24	Mon	3-4.30pm	Book Fair - All Saints' School Hall
		7.30pm	Governors' Meeting - All Saints' School
25	Tue	3-4.30pm	Book Fair - All Saints' School Hall
		1.45pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
26	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Drive
27	Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
29	Sat	7.30pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
30	Sun	6.30pm	MIDSUMMER PRAISE - Church

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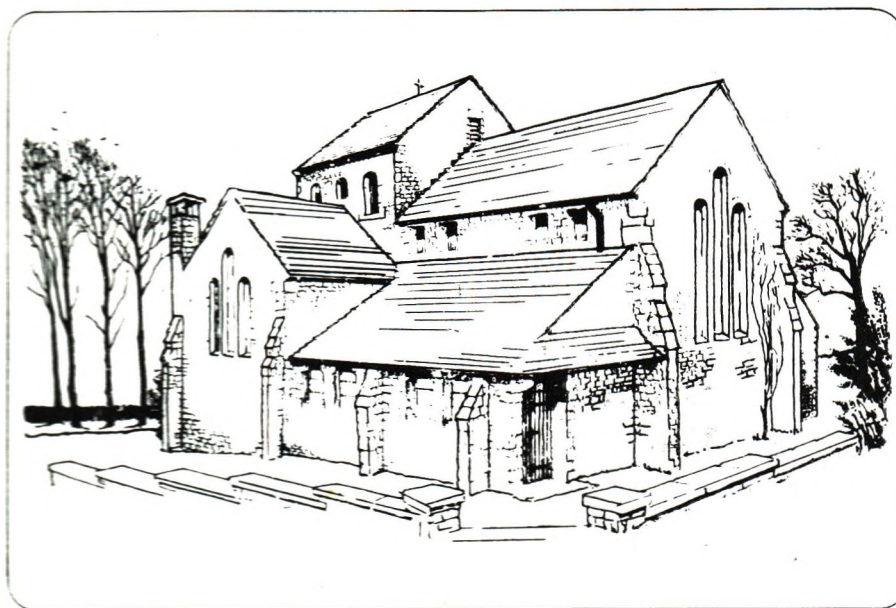
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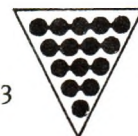
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## FROM THE VICARAGE

### KEEPING AN "EYE" ON THINGS

Dear Friends,

As I write these words, I am still not officially Vicar of Totley, but looking forward to the Service of Collation and Induction. Margaret and I are settling in nicely, and we do thank you for your warm welcome and good wishes. We are still unpacking boxes and trying to find a home for everything.

If you see me going about the Parish wearing (at times) dark glasses, I haven't joined the Mafia . . . even though we run a Fiat! Since I met many of you at the Garden Party, I have had an eye operation (detached retina) resulting from my stupid fall in the snow in February. Things seem to be going well, but the eye doesn't like bright light - though we haven't had much of that recently.

"Keeping an eye on things" is not a bad way of starting one's ministry in a new Parish. I hope therefore to spend these early months visiting groups and organisations and families - getting to know you all and "seeing" what goes on and where. I very much hope that those of you who run groups and organisations and do all those unseen but valuable jobs in our Parish will please continue to do so. Our ministry must always be a shared one, so that no one person can ever be expected to perform all the tasks. As St. Paul reminded the Corinthians (1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 4-7, NEB translation) "There are varieties of gifts ... In each of us the Spirit is manifested ... for some useful purpose".

So, what is your particular gift? Are you using that gift in God's service? I very much hope so.

God bless you and your family,

J. David Benson

## SERVICES IN JULY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10 am.

### 7th PENTECOST 7

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

and Baptism (Jonathan Michael Beeley)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12: 27-13: end (NEB)

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

10am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10: 12-11: 1-end (NEB)

New Testament: Romans 8: 1-11 (JB)

### 14th PENTECOST 8

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Galatians 5: 16-25 (JB)

Gospel: St. John 15:16-end (JB)

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (JB)

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13 (NEB)

### 21st PENTECOST 9

8am Holy Communion (ASB)

10am Family Service

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

(BCP Epistle and Gospel)

### 28th PENTECOST 10

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Philippians 2: 1-11 (NEB)

Gospel: St. John 13: 1-15 (NEB)

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 24: 9-17 (NEB)

New Testament: Galatians 6: 1-10 (NEB)



#### 4. DIS-COVERY

So Matthew and Luke, working with what was originally the same document in front of them, wrote this:-

##### Matthew 5:42

Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

##### Luke 6:30

Give to everyone who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. (R.S.V.)

In the first line of each verse, the difference between "him" and "everyone" was probably due to the choice of word when translating from Jesus' Aramaic into the Greek of the New Testament, while the more obvious difference in the remainder of the verse, pointed out last month, possibly occurred because Matthew was editing his sources for Jewish readers, while Luke had the different culture of a Greek church in mind; both passages are, in any case, a transcript of an earlier written report, making them at least third-hand accounts.

From the above example, one can see that, much as we would like, no official "Hansard" report of Jesus' teaching exists; the Gospels were written for a different reason, and in a variety of styles that are less direct than our "scientific" minds are used to. For though the Gospels are part of the "Christian's standard reference book", they are not what we today would call historical records and we should perhaps regard them more as a collection or anthology of accounts, which actually differ only slightly in most cases, but can occasionally appear to contradict each other. Because of this, biblical scholars have, during the last hundred years or so, devoted much of their energies towards trying to dis-cover the "real Jesus" beneath this layer of "dogma".

Traditionally, theological arguments are supported by quoting a single text; however, because of the above, when there is a parallel text available, might it not be more logical to compare one with the other. If our scholars cannot quite bring the "real Jesus" into focus for us, perhaps we could remember Origen, and realise that the broader the image the nearer we are to being able to appreciate the whole - rather like looking at the Gospels in stereo. This comparison is made considerably easier if somebody has done most of the work for us, so to start with, here are two ways of

comparing texts:-

1. "Gospel Parallels" by B.H. Throckmorton, Nelson 1979, for instance, has the passages set out in columns, like the examples above, with identical words occurring on the same line, enabling differences to be spotted easily; they can then be explained by referring to a commentary on the Gospel concerned.
2. A concordance will list all references to "begging", for instance, enabling us to discover what else Jesus had to say on the matter.

Perhaps, now that we have tried to dis-cover something about our strands, we can begin to see them in a new light. There is, however, still the problem of "packaging".

John Hill-Wilson

#### PRAISE SERVICE

A Praise Service is to take place on Wednesday 17th July in the Church Hall at 8.00 pm. It is a Praise Service that has been inspired by the visit of Mike Warren, a christian reader and former R.E. teacher, to our Wednesday Fellowship Group. It will include dramatic readings, sketches, re-telling of biblical events and characters, singing, praise, worship and fellowship.

The invitation is open to all fellowship groups and all members of our church. Refreshments will be provided.

"The Word of God is living and active"

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

M. Mellon

#### CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

The total collected by the All Saints' team in Totley this year was £1,047.52. This is a magnificent total and far exceeds the totals for previous years. Many thanks to everyone who collected and to those who gave generously.

Marjorie Snowdon



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Holy Matrimony

1 June Mark Rayner and Rachel Swift  
15 June Anthony Hinchliffe and Vicki Lonsdale

### Holy Baptism

7 July Jonathan Michael Beeley

### Funerals

14 June Ada Woodhead (72), 25 Green Oak Avenue  
31 May Ernest Jackson (91) Woodside, Back Lane,  
Totley Rise

Ada Woodhead was born in Darnall and came from Attercliffe to live in Totley 20 years ago. She had been a cook at the Polytechnic and had 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

### Ernest Jackson

Ernest Jackson lived for many years in Totley. he was sub-postmaster at Totley Rise Post Office for 50 years and had recently celebrated his Diamond Wedding Anniversary with his wife Annie. He was also for many years a keen bowler, playing for the Cross Scythes team.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Parish Breakfast

7 July Mrs. Ruthven and Mrs. Snowdon  
14 July Mr & Mrs Glyn Waite  
21 July Mrs Ludlam and Mrs. Lewis  
28 July Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Warrender  
4 Aug Mrs. Ibbotson and Mrs. Cook

### Flowers

7 July  
14 July  
21 July  
28 July  
4 Aug

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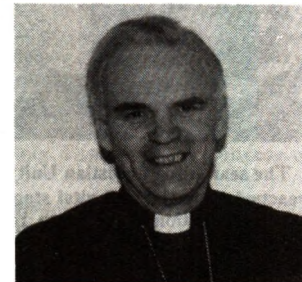
8 July Mrs. Gray      22 July Mrs. Carter

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

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## “AN URGENT AND IMPORTANT QUESTION”

*writes the Bishop of Doncaster*



It is many years since I heard the Communion Service read in public; either on Ash Wednesday or at any other time; although there may be faithful souls in some parts of the Diocese who are still taking it to heart.

For those of you who haven't come across it in practice let me remind you that it is a service of denunciation against sinners which the Prayer Book requires to be used on the first day of Lent.

I ought to be more concerned perhaps with its pronouncements of judgment; but what has always intrigued me is one denunciation in particular: 'cursed be he who removeth his neighbour's landmark'.

I used to wonder what it meant and it was a little time before I discovered to what the denunciation referred. In Old Testament times, as land allocations were properly identified, boundaries could be marked by an inscribed stone. Consequently it was a temptation for the less scrupulous to move a landmark to their own advantage.

July is hardly the Lenten season and I am not complaining about neighbourly intrusions into taking land from our gardens; although oddly enough this has happened to us on two occasions. What I am wanting to emphasize is the importance given in both the Old and New Testaments to the neighbour and how the neighbour should be treated.

It is there in the Ten Commandments; and strikingly so in Our Lord's summary: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. The Good Samaritan is the classic example of what being a

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neighbour means. Paul refers to neighbourliness on more than one occasion. The writer to the Hebrews goes one further in reminding us that in entertaining strangers we may be entertaining angels unawares; a phrase with an echo that carries straight back to the angelic visitations of the earlier part of the Old Testament.

In a Decade of Evangelism 'Who is my neighbour' is a question we have to ask ourselves as we face up to what being a neighbour means. It is a question of importance and urgency; because if God is calling us to share our faith and to witness to Christ we do not do it in a vacuum. Neighbours aren't cardboard cut-out figures to practice on: they are people for whom Jesus died and who he loves.

I am glad that in this coming Autumn and Winter we are in a position to be able to offer parishes some help in responding to these questions. Two six session courses have been prepared and will be available in July. One deals with our response to our immediate neighbours; and the other with wider issues of justice and our christian responsibility to other parts of the world. Either or both courses can be used. A suitable time for one course might well be between St. Luke's and St. Andrew's day; with the alternate course being used in Lent next year. So I hope parishes will bear these courses in mind. Specimen copies will be available from the Reverend Patrick Dennis in July; and orders will be taken from early September.

With best wishes,  
WILLIAM,  
Bishop of Doncaster



## UNITY MOVES.....MOST IMPORTANT STAGE



The search for Christian Unity in South Yorkshire reached a crucial and vital stage on May 18th with the inauguration of the South Yorkshire Ecumenical Council at Herringthorpe United Reformed Church in Rotherham.

Church Leaders of all the major Christian denominations attended the meeting at which officers of the new council were commissioned.

It was last year that the old style British Council of Churches was closed down as the major forum for Christian Unity nationwide, prior to the setting up of a new national organisation called Churches Together in England. The major new component in this organisation is the full support of the Roman Catholic Church.

The South Yorkshire Ecumenical Council is the area based unit of Churches Together in England, to cover our part of the country, to encourage and foster Christian Unity and co-operation.

Nominated as the first Chairman of the Council is the



Revd. Bryan Rippin, who is Chairman of the Sheffield Methodist District. A Roman Catholic from Deepcar, Sheffield - Mrs. Dorothy Savage is Vice Chairman, and a member of the Salvation Army from Doncaster Mr. Keith Marriott is the Hon. Treasurer. The Secretary and Interim Ecumenical Officer on a part time basis is the Revd. Patrick Dennis who is also at present Rector of Bradford.

The Ecumenical Council will provide regular meetings of Church Leaders to pray, study and deepen trust, and each main denomination is in addition represented by four other people (a mix of ordained and lay) who have key roles in the life of their church and know the South Yorkshire scene.

It was a red letter day when the Council was inaugurated in May, and evangelism, homelessness and working with young people were on the agenda. It's now up to the churches to see that they make the most of this new beginning as together they seek to share in God's mission.

## Pathological Grief

The Northern Area Forum of Cruse Bereavement Care have organised a Day Conference for carers, both professional and lay, to explore some factors which aggravate the grief process. Included in the programme are items on the death of a child, gay bereavement and problems in grieving. The Conference is at The Queen's Hotel in Leeds on Thursday, 11th July and further information and application forms are available from V. Watts-Jones, 91 Abbeydale Park Rise, Sheffield. S17 3PE. Cruse is a national organisation for the care of the bereaved which now has more than 150 branches throughout the country.

## Guyana Diocesan Association

The Annual Festival Solemn Mass for 1991 is on Saturday, 13th July at St. Mary's Parish Church, South Elmsall with the Bishop of Guyana, the Rt. Rev. Randolph George. Lunch is available and further details from the Secretary: J.R. Whitehead, 73 Park Lane, Pontefract. WE8 4QJ. Tel: (0977) 702928.

## Greenbelt '91

A 'bus is running from St. Timothy's, Crookes, Sheffield direct to Castle Ashby for Greenbelt '91, departing lunchtime Thursday, 22nd August and returning lunchtime Tuesday, 27th August. Any individuals or groups who would like to join St. Timothy's should contact Jean Rutter on Sheffield 332827 or write to Ted Scolfield, 6 Wasdale Ave, Halfway, Sheffield. S19 5HB. The pick up points are to be arranged, and the fare will not be over £12.

## St. Katherine's, Loversall, Near Doncaster

Welcome you to the Flower Festival on 20th & 21st July on the theme of the "I AMs" of the Bible. The Church is open on the Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on the Sunday between 12 noon and 6 p.m. Loversall is a charming village in a conservation area off the A60 Doncaster to Tickhill Road, and is well signposted.

## TO RUSSIA - WITH LOVE

Bishop Kenneth Skelton visited Donetsk and Moscow earlier this year with the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus and found that his travels and his experiences have left an enduring impression on him.

### A LAND OF CONTRASTS

"We had been warned to be ready for anything, so we didn't know what to expect! And what we found was a land of contrasts. The brightness of a sunny day in Moscow and the beautiful buildings of the Kremlin: and the dreary, apparently endless, blocks of anonymous flats in which seemingly everyone (including the President) lives. And the greyness of Donetsk - a lovely city no doubt in the summer, with thousands of rose bushes along the streets and as many trees as Sheffield, but at the end of the winter grey: grey earth, grey buildings, grey sky, grey people. And buildings ill-maintained and dirty, a hotel without any obvious management, dud light-bulbs and TV, appalling food (you know the song about "One meat ball"), empty shops: but children who could speak (yes, speak) English, musical ability and training far surpassing ours (five Music Schools in Donetsk alone), an efficient rail service, no graffiti, and friendly and hospitable people who thought we were courageous to visit the USSR at this juncture.

### RELIGION HAS SURVIVED

But most fascinating - no, incredible - contrast to me was between the official Soviet atheism and the glasnost of the Freedom of Religion Act of last October. The bedrock of Russian religion had survived "Soviet times", which were now openly referred to as being in the past. In Donetsk it proved difficult to track down churches and clergy and clear evidence of Christian faith, but we did find them: an Orthodox church, beautifully restored, with 200 people at a Holy Week service on a Wednesday afternoon; a school class of 20 teenagers, all but four of whom had been baptized; a Protestant pastor able to preach openly in the streets, and building a new church for a congregation doubling in size; Bibles and Christian literature openly on sale; an hour's recital by the Music Academy Youth Choir consisting entirely of sacred music; the Orthodox priest freely elected (against five other candidates) to the City Council; the young teacher pulling out from under his pullover a cross, and saying "I'm a Christian in my soul".

### CHRIST IS RISEN

And Easter in Moscow: the banner across one of the main streets proclaiming CHRISTOS VOSKRES - "Christ is risen"; and the Metro extending its night service by an hour for the convenience of worshippers (where in Christian Britain...?). And the immense crowds at the churches - Moscow Cathedral packed to the doors for the midnight service, the congregation including Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Pavlov - with the candles (for everyone) and the incense and the gold leaf and the icons and the music and the sheer endurance of devotion - and all four and a half hours of it shown on Soviet Television. The cries of "Christos voskres: voistinu voskres" (yes, we say the same in Rite A - but more decorously), repeated over and over again, took on a new meaning for me. There has been a resurrection. The world, for Soviet citizens, is still grey and threatening: but Christ is risen and there is hope."

## Appointments

Mr. John Hoare, Headmaster from Somerset, has been appointed Assistant Director of Education (Schools) in the Diocese of Sheffield from 1st September, 1991.

The Revd. Gavin Wakefield, Curate of Aston (in charge of Swallownest) in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Team Vicar of Christ Church, Billericay, in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The Revd. James Wheatley, Assistant Curate, Newcastle St. George, in the Diocese of Newcastle to be Assistant Curate, Mexborough St. John, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Gordon Taylor, Rector of Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Beighton St. Mary, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Graham Fairhurst, Assistant Curate, Whiston St. Mary, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Elsecar Holy Trinity, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Nigel Antony Clemas, Vicar of Kirkdale St. Mary and St. Athanasius in the diocese of Liverpool, to be Team Vicar of St. Stephen, Netherthorpe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Hilary Moya Hotchin, NSM Redditch St. Stephen in the Diocese of Worcester, to be Parish Deacon, Handsworth St. Mary, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. David Sennitt, Vicar of Moorends St. Wilfrith, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Hexthorpe St. Jude, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Dialogue

"Religion is Art, not Money" (W. Blake)

Practising artists, some engaged on church commissions, will be in dialogue with Simon Bailey, Rector of Dinnington, on Wednesday, 24th July from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Cathedral Chapter House. Organised by the Open Church Group, the meeting is for all. Contact John Giles for more information at Sheffield Cathedral (0742) 753434.

## A Welcome to Thurnscoe

St. Helen's Thurnscoe, near Rotherham are holding their Art Exhibition and Craft Fair on Saturday, 6th July from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 7th July from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Paintings are for sale, and all the crafts will be demonstrated. The event is becoming somewhat of a highlight for people who used to live in Thurnscoe as they renew their friendships each year.

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## Enneagram Workshop

A basic Enneagram Workshop will be held on Saturdays 26th October and 2nd November, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. each day at St. Peter's Church, Abbeydale, Sheffield. Cost will be £10 per person. Bring your own lunch - tea and coffee will be provided.

The Enneagram is an ancient system of personality types which can help us deepen our level of understanding of ourselves and others. Whilst it is compatible with modern psychological insights, the Enneagram offers a powerful spiritual model of human personality. It sees our personality as being based ultimately upon our relationship with God but moulded by early childhood experience. It is a flexible system which recognises the shifts in our personality as our circumstances change. It also offers a specific path towards wholeness for each personality type.

No system of personality typing can say everything about a person - each individual remains unique. The Enneagram can help us grow in self-knowledge so that our movement towards freedom and fulfilment of our potential is facilitated.

This workshop will give a basic introduction and the opportunity for participants to apply the material to themselves.

To book write to: The Rev. Malcolm Alflatt, St. Peter's Vicarage, 21 Ashland Road, Sheffield. S7 1RH, or 'phone (0742) 550719 for further information.

## St. Martin's Church Firbeck Saved From Redundancy

The need for urgent roof repairs has threatened the future of St. Martin's Church, Firbeck. But now the villagers and Friends of St. Martin's have thrown their weight behind an ambitious fundraising programme to rescue the Church.

More than £15,000 has already been committed for the project to save the Church which dates back to the sixteenth century. The remainder of the total £55,000 repairs costs will be met by applications for grants and by fundraising.

The repair work will start in September and a series of fundraising events will be held over the coming months, including a major raffle, quiz and several social events. The highlights of this year's money raising campaign will be the Firbeck Festival Week to be held from 31 August to 8 September. The festivities include a flower festival at St. Martin's, a visit by the Bishop of Sheffield, a concert given by Benjamin Frith, the celebrated international pianist, a fashion show, a brass band and Morris dancers display, children's events and, to round off the Week, on 8 September, a Historic Vehicle Cavalcade and Fair will be staged at Sandbeck Park, the home of the Earl of Scarborough.

Details of the fundraising events will be published later. But anyone interested now in hearing more about the programme should contact Alan Tolhurst on Rotherham 814590.

## Gift to Nambale

If you admire fine needlework and have time to fill whilst visiting Sheffield, it's worth popping into the Cathedral during the next few weeks. A beautiful banner, a gift from Sheffield Mothers' Union to the Diocese of Nambale in Kenya, stands on the steps of the Shrewsbury Chapel. Nambale has a special link with the Diocese of Sheffield and is also linked into the M.U.'s world-wide chain of prayer which is strengthened every day at noon. It was the members of the Mothers' Union in Nambale who expressed a wish for a banner, and they will not be disappointed!



Designed by Mrs. Marjorie Quine of Ecclesfield, a former art teacher and designer of fabrics, the banner was stitched by Mrs. Jean Beevers of Ecclesfield and Mrs. Peggy Taylor of Holmesfield. There is applique, gold and bead work which took countless hours of dedicated application. The fact that materials have been chosen to suit the climatic conditions in Nambale illustrates the care and research involved.

The scene on the banner depicts Nambale. Mount Elgon surmounts the hills, forest and lakes where the people live in their mud huts with straw thatch, or wooden slatted homes, from which they produce tea and coffee or fish.

The banner was blessed at a short service in the Cathedral Hall by Canon George Tolley, the Diocesan Chaplain who reminded the M.U. Council and members of the Sheffield Maseno North/Nambale Committee that embroidery and hangings for use in worship go back at least 5,000 years to Old Testament times.

Incorporating two white roses of Yorkshire, the banner which is a symbol of loving concern for the women of Nambale, will be taken to them as soon as it can be arranged.

Kibei,  
Kapsokuony Esquare, P.O. Box 101.

Letter from Tom Kipkewoi in Kenya

Dear Dad Filleul,

I'm fine and still experiencing God's showering of blessings through His amicable sustenance. I do hope you are so fine as per the acquaintance I received from your lovely card I received just before Christmas and New Year festivities. I was excited very much and may God bless you richly for this kindness, for I had one of the most interesting moments on Christmas Day.

We went home on 15th December for the three weeks Christmas holidays and it was a marvellous mini-vacation especially Christmas Day when I delivered a sermon "The Significance of Christmas Day to the Christian Community" at our parish church. I felt it was a blessed day being punctuated with other niceties and come-together fellowship. There is quite a distinction between our Christian celebrity and yours - the latter being too much commercialised and enhanced dedication.

We are closing our College on the 9th February - a week to go, and I'm still suspended as to what to partake for the 10 week holiday - hoping a vocational job will be the best alternative. I haven't found one but I believe I will with my luck and God's Capability. Well I'm going on well with my academic work - standing up where I slide off and correcting errors where necessary. My innermost prayer is to God for safety, peace and He may make us strong in faith as we experience His love that flourishes for ever.

In a bid to secure a chance in your local universities to further my studies in them, I'm working very hard hoping God will surpass the impossibilities to be possible so that I may be re-united with you once more.

Ken and Viv Filleul thought people who knew Tom from his visit last year would be interested to read his letter and to receive his best wishes.



## QUOTES

The world is being screwed up by people who are clever;  
what the world is short of is people of integrity.

Chris Mullins

It is a dead-end job; you've no sooner learned the skills  
than you are redundant.

Claire Rayner on Motherhood

There are two freedoms - the false, where a man is free  
to do what he likes, and the true where a man is free to  
do what he ought.

Charles Kingsley

## BLACK AND WHITE

In the hospital ward were a grizzled greyhaired coloured grandad, and in the opposite corner was a whitehaired Scottish grandad. Whether the coloured man was Caribbean or African I know not, a measure of my ignorance in such matters, no doubt widely shared. As you would expect, their families visited them down to grandchildren and you can imagine the sparkle in the grandads' eyes and the smiles on their faces when the grandchildren arrived. For under the skin both grandads' hopes and fears for their families were the same - for them to be happy and successful, black or white we were all created by the same maker, to love one another, to help one another and it should be incredible to Christians to countenance any church condoning any reduction in the hopes of coloured people by accepting apartheid, as did up to recent times a certain South African church. One of their views was "it was God's will". God's will is that we should love and help one another, witness Christian Aid, Oxfam and others - that is God's will and his will transcends any political thought that may challenge and oppose the Christian view. That it is possible for black and white to live side by side in amity and, in some cases to marry, for a daughter of the white grandad had married a coloured man, and when the "mixed" grandchildren came to visit him, the sparkle in his eye and the smile upon his face were as bright and wide as when his white grandchildren appeared.

Rex B.

## LADIES CLUB

Our annual outing this year takes place on Tuesday July 2nd when we shall be visiting the Cultural heritage Museum on Ecclesall Road and afterwards going to Castleton for a meal.

The last meeting of the school year will be the Strawberry Evening which will again be held in the Church Hall on July 16th. There will be no meetings in August.

## UNDER FIVES

The Under Fives group are very happy to report that our numbers are growing and to celebrate this, we held a picnic and games afternoon on May 16th. Mrs. Beeley very kindly came and showed the children how to make bread and everyone had a go at kneading the bread and making their own rolls. Following our picnic lunch, there was a short craft session and numerous play items to play with.

At 2 o'clock we held our usual lively "Under Fives Praise" service.

We are very grateful to those members of the congregation who came to help and play with the children. Our next Praise Service is on July 4th and on July 18th we shall be going for another picnic at Lorna Davis's house and spending the afternoon in Millhouses Park.

Any mums with young children are welcome to join us. For details phone Jane - 368566.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday July 17th. Eric and Dorothy Simons will be pleased to see you between 10am and noon at 220 Baslow Road.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

Abide in ME and I in you ... apart from ME you can do nothing.

John 14:4 and 5



## BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday 28th September, 10.30am - 3.00pm at Hallam Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Charles Street, Attercliffe, there will be an Ecumenical Day entitled "Getting Together to Discover the Bible" run by the B.R.F. The speakers are Sheffield's Professor John Rogerson (one of the B.R.F.'s editors) and Dr. Christine Dodd (B.R.F. Co-ordinator for Hallam Diocese), who will guide participants through:

"Why Bother with the Bible"  
"Insight into Parables", and  
"The Challenge of the Bible"

The emphasis will be on informality with a free lunch of soup and rolls. Mr. Richard Fisher, B.R.F.'s Marketing and Sales Manager will also be present with lots of materials and available for any questions.

There is no charge for this day. Anyone interested please contact Vivien Filleul, 360872, by the end of July in order to advise the organisers.

## BOOKS EVENING

An open evening is being held on Tuesday 16th July at 8.00pm at 116 Green Oak Road for anyone who would like to see the range of Christian books for sale by the Lion Publishing Co. There will also be an opportunity for discussions with the firm's local representative.

## QUOTES

A church which fails a class or race is a church which is failing in her mission, especially when it comes to the disadvantages.

Jim Thompson, Bishop of Stepney

No man is an island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent.

John Donne

Love cannot be taught, it must be given.

Marcello Bernadi

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Perhaps it is time to remind everyone who might need transport to Church that there is a Car Rota in operation. There is also a copy of this list in the Church porch.

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D. Firth	364190	(3 people most Sundays, 10am)				
S. Jockel	369413	10am (3)	6.30pm (3)	6.30pm (3)		
V. Loft	360759	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am
H. Perfect	367440	(Usually 1 seat each 6.30pm)				
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Numbers in brackets indicates number of seats available.



## JULY DIARY

- 2 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 3 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 4 Thu. 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 6 Sat 7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 9 Tues. 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
8.00pm Men's Fellowship - Hall.
- 10 Wed 2.00pm Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship -  
79 Sunnyvale Road  
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
- 11 Thu. 8.00pm P.C.C. - crypt  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 13 Sat. OUTING TO BELTON HOUSE  
7.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 16 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club Strawberry Evening - Hall  
8.00pm Books Evening - 116 Green Oak Road
- 17 Wed 8.00pm Praise Service - Hall  
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - Hall
- 18 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
- 20 Sat. 12.30pm Holy Matrimony-Michael Baldwin and Tracey Leslie  
3.00pm Holy Matrimony - Craig Wilkinson and Joanne Wain
- 23 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 24 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road  
8 - 10.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 25 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
- 27 Sat. 1.15pm Holy Matrimony - Peter Baron & Sally Scaife  
3.00pm Holy Matrimony - Alan Wiggett and Karen Schofield  
7.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 30 Tue. 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 31 Wed. 8.00pm Wed. Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road  
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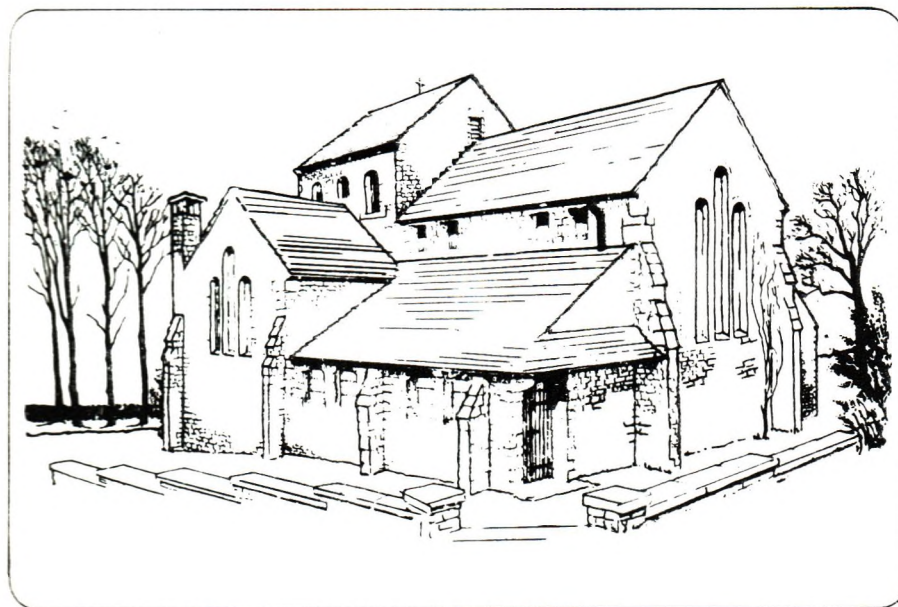
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## FROM THE VICAR

### OUR WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

I have really enjoyed our varied, lively worship at All Saints' during my first weeks as your Vicar. Despite the slight confusion resulting from my misunderstanding of the "alternating system" everyone seems to have entered into the services with enthusiasm and joy - long may that continue.

Arising out of your completed Survey Forms at the beginning of the year, the P.C.C. (at its September meeting) will take a fresh look at our Services and attempt to produce a more standardised, less confusing pattern. It will still be what our Bishop used to call our Thorne pattern, "liquorice allsorts". However, I do feel that we should try to cater for as many interests as possible without going completely overboard.

In the meantime could I share with you some of my beliefs about Worship:-

- \* When we come to worship, we come not only to receive (from God and others), but we come to give (to God and others), and we do miss you when you are absent.
- \* It is always a privilege to worship God who allows us to enter His presence and receive forgiveness for all our sins and failures. Worship should always fill us with awe and wonder.
- \* It should not be a matter of "picking and choosing" which particular Service we like best. I would be delighted if every member of All Saints' family came to all the various Services at the particular time you normally attend.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

God bless you and your family.

J. David Benson

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

- 4th      PENTECOST 11 - "The Serving Community"  
            8am    Holy Communion (BCP)  
            10am    Holy Communion (ASB)  
                    Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10  
                    Gospel: John 13: 31-35  
  
            10am    Young Saints  
11.30am   Cheshire Home Communion  
12.00noon Holy Baptism  
6.30pm    Evensong (BCP)  
                    Old Testament: Exodus 18: 13-26  
                    New Testament: Acts 6: 1-15
- 11th      PENTECOST 12 - "The Witnessing Community"  
  
            8am    Holy Communion (ASB)  
            10am    Holy Communion (BCP)  
                    Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-end; 6: 1-2  
                    Gospel: John 17: 20-26  
  
            10am    Young Saints  
6.30pm    Evensong (ASB)  
                    Old Testament: Ezekiel 33: 1-9 and 30-33  
                    New Testament: Acts 16: 6-15
- 18th      PENTECOST 13 - "The Suffering Community"  
            8am    Holy Communion(BCP) - Rev. William Hossett  
            10am    Family Service  
            3.30pm   Cheshire Home Service  
            6.30pm   Holy Communion (ASB) - Canon John Collie  
                    Epistle: Acts 7: 54-end; 8: 1  
                    Gospel: John 16: 1-11
- 25th      Pentecost 14 - "The Family"  
  
            8am    Holy Communion (ASB)  
            10am    Holy Communion (BCP) and Holy Baptism  
                    Epistle: Ephesians 5: 25-end; 6: 1-4  
                    Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16  
  
            6.30pm   Evensong (ASB)  
                    Old Testament: Genesis 29: 9-20  
                    New Testament: Mark 3: 31-35



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

7 July Jonathan Michael Beeley, 132 Cliff Field Road

### Funerals

25 June Hannah Elizabeth Bottom (85), "Green Oak View"

2 July Mary Foster (88), 31 The Grove

4 July Ann Dawson (83), 44a Green Oak Road

9 July Alan Arthur Haywood (75), 1 The Causeway, Dore

Irene Williams (Ro Carter reports) used to live in the prefabs with her husband Frank before moving to 76 Green Oak Avenue. Increased immobility forced her to move to the care of "Green Oak View" last autumn. All her life, she had given efficient and friendly domestic service to several Totley households. She appreciated her home Communion as a source of personal strength.

Hannah Bottom was born in Sheffield and, with her husband Billy, served various local groups. She had been a "Green Oak View" resident for over ten years, and was known there as a "character".

Mary Foster came from Birley Carr, but had lived in Totley for the past 60 years. She had no family of her own, but her nephew Robert and his wife Barbara had taken her on outings and brought her to their home at Christmas. Until her fall in April, she had been quite independent, and had enjoyed her life. She was very fond of cats.

Ann Dawson is survived by her husband Harvey and son Peter. An ex-Liverpudlian, Ann came over here to work in a Derbyshire Hotel. She and Harvey were married 42 years ago, and Ann's special love was working with the residents of the Cheshire Home, until serious arthritis confined her to her house.

### ALAN ARTHUR HAYWOOD

A congregation of over 150 people came to All Saints' on 9th July to pay tribute to a humble, talented, Christian servant. Alan was born in Sheffield 75 years ago and apart from a period of study at the Sorbonne and Army Service, had lived and worked in our city. He was the first person to gain a First Class Honours combined Russian/French Degree at Sheffield University, and, after qualifying as a Teacher, went to Firth Park School where he became Head of Russian. He wrote four Russian Text Books, which became Standard Works. His interests were wide - sport, painting, cooking

and entertaining, gardening, but chiefly music. At Firth Park, Alan was a keen supporter of the School Choir and Orchestra. At All Saints', Alan was our beloved Organist and Choirmaster for over 25 years.

"Retirement" for Alan meant increased activity! In 1986 he was awarded the Pushkin medal for "outstanding services to the teaching of Russian" - Alan was only the second person to receive that award. He also undertook a course in Slavonic Studies for which he received an M.A. degree. Time was very precious to Alan; a gift from God to be used to the full. Alan and Judith struck a true ecumenical partnership when they married on Valentine's Day in 1989, and they shared many happy experiences.

Alan's illness was only diagnosed a few weeks ago, and he and Judith shared his last days with characteristic courage and faith. Our home Communion was the last act of worship we shared together, and I count it as a real privilege to have known and worked with Alan albeit for only four weeks. He acknowledged that God had given him a full life, and enabled him to share his many talents with others. As we at All Saints' say thank you to God for Alan's work amongst us, and we pray that He will strengthen and uphold Judith in the coming months.

## NEW TESTAMENT GREEK CLASSES AT NORTON COLLEGE - 1991/1992

For the fourth year Norton College is continuing to run its very successful daytime classes in New Testament Greek.

The vast majority of those attending these classes have been part-time adult students, most of whom have never studied Greek and some of whom have little or no knowledge of other foreign languages. On the other hand there have been several students who have some knowledge (perhaps acquired many years ago!) who have either started again from scratch or joined Year 2 from the outset.

Further details of this and other courses in the Classical languages, literature and archaeology can be obtained from John Wade at Norton College, Dyche Lane, Sheffield, S8 8BR (Tel: 372741) or at home, 63 Wollaton Avenue, Bradway (Tel: 360820).



## PARISH ROTAS

### Parish Breakfast

4 Aug	Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Cook
11 Aug	Mrs Firth & Mrs Thompson
18 Aug	Mr & Mrs. Filleul
25 Aug	Mrs Smith & Miss Davis
1 Sept	Mrs. Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft

Flowers	Altar	Memory Table
4 Aug	Mrs. Jockel	Mrs. Smith
11 Aug	Mrs. B. Waite	Mrs. Hardy
18 Aug	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Collison
25 Aug	Mrs. Noton	Mrs. Heap
1 Sept.	Mdms Powell & Ibbotson	Miss Bird

### Silver Cleaning

5 Aug	Mrs. Billard	19 Aug	Mrs. Bryer
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## "YOU HAVE TO LAUGH"

That is not an order, I'm not going to tell you a joke, although I know a good one about prominent American politicians. Laughter is a serious business as all famous comedians will tell you, requiring much thought and hard work to bring about success. Repartee is different, professionalism is not needed to create laughter and a favourable response. Take the day centre at a Sheffield hospital where elderly and infirm are brought in for therapy, where socialising is an important part, which in their unfortunate circumstances they cannot fully pursue. A good start is the camaraderie of the ambulance crew, carried along with banter and bonhomie by the nursing staff as they assist their patients - friends? - to walk painfully and with much effort, or wheel-chaired to the ward to meet their regular companions. A cloud of happiness, comfort, well-being, call it what you will, surrounds their progress. They are momentarily lifted out of themselves, pain seemingly less severe. I'm sure this cheerful manner is not part of training for ambulance crews and nursing staff. It springs from caring, and caring is a form of loving, perhaps the beginning of loving. The song says "Money makes the world go round, go round"; partly true, but more important and effective is caring and loving. We cannot manage without it, at some stage of our lives, and when spiced with humour and laughter, doubles in value.

Rex B.

# ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL SING TO THE LORD WITH CHEERFUL VOICE

## Bishop David writes:

Way back in June I argued that the things that make us humans different in our various "races, nations, languages and tribes" are God-given and therefore good. We are not meant to be all the same! Yet despite being so different from each other we are all "made in God's image and after His likeness" and so all equally and infinitely important to Him.

(I thought it a helpful article on one of the most important of subjects - racialism and how we can live together in this world - and I was a bit disappointed that it aroused next-to-no-interest. If you've still got your June Diocesan News read it again).

And that argument has important consequences for our religion. For if "God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in Him" then religion must have been one of God's foundation gifts to us. In religion there is a meeting of mankind with the Creator. Without it we would have lost the distinctive mark of our species. It must come from God and at least in its fundamentals must be good. And all the evidence we have suggests that always, as there have been differences of race and cultures, so also there have been differences of religion. If we accept (and surely we must) that the varieties of race, language and outlook are of God, then we must accept that varieties of religion too are within the divine plan.

But it would be wrong to go on to say that all religions are the same. Very clearly they are not! Even within Christianity the variations are immense and I have to say that certainly in the past (and presumably in the present) you can distinguish between harmful and beneficial brands of Christianity. And so too with other religions.

These arguments are difficult for those who, like me, are staunch adherents of traditional Christianity. For we believe that God has revealed himself uniquely in Jesus Christ and that it is only through Jesus Christ that a person can be saved. But in the Global Village in which we

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can now live we are constantly made aware of the multitudes who serve God faithfully without, it would appear, that saving faith in Jesus. Unlike our forefathers we now know too much about each other to be able to dismiss the faith of our Muslim brother (for example) as "the worship of devils". Often he serves the One God with a devotion and fervour that shames us. Nor can I believe that it could possibly be true that God, our loving and heavenly Father, rejects the love of the countless multitudes who, through the ages, have served Him in the best way that they knew.

The way forward in all this for me is found in Our Lord's words to Peter when he is asking about His plans for the Beloved Disciple "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" (John 21:22). We do not know the precise way in which God relates to the rest of humanity but we do know that it is through Christ that we have come to the Father. For us Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is my Saviour. I believe that it is God's will for me that I am to be a minister of the Gospel. In Jesus there is Good News for the world. And it is because of that that I believe it possible both to recognize the reality of the religions and to work for God with people of other religions without any disloyalty to Jesus, the Word made flesh.

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



## German Link

Imagine the financial implications for the Church if 9% of the Income Tax paid by the citizens of this country went to pay for the work of the Church: for its clergy and community halls. This, in fact, is exactly what happens in Germany where most folk pay their Church Tax cheerfully. Those who wish to opt out can do so in the knowledge that they cannot then either be buried or married by the rites of the Church. This was just one of the fascinating facts discovered by the 30 people from the Diocese of Sheffield who travelled in June to the Hattingen-Witten area of Germany's Ruhr district, to further enhance the link between the Church in our two areas. The Bishop of Doncaster led the party from Sheffield and enjoyed with everyone else the tremendous generosity of the German hosts: members of the Evangelische Kirche (mainly Lutheran but part Calvinist) with which the Church of England as a whole is linked through what is known as the Meissen Agreement.



Mrs. Gill Timmins - those Daystar T Shirts get everywhere!

The Sheffield visit to Hattingen-Witten - two communities just outside Sheffield's link city of Bochum - also co-incided with the great Church Festival known as Kirchentag. Gill Timmins, from Doncaster, one of the Sheffield party says "To try to explain Kirchentag in English is as difficult as describing a three-dimensional object in a two-dimensional world. To think in terms of a conference, for instance, is the understatement of the year. For five days (in the three Kirchentag centres: Bochum, Dortmund and Essen) the air is electric as thousands of people from all over Germany converge for this bi-annual event. And this year, for the first time, people were able to come from East Germany, Poland and even Russia".

Gill continues: "The coalmines in the Hattingen-Witten area were closed about 25 years ago. The countryside is beautiful and our visit - staying with the clergy and people of the local churches - was over all too soon".

This autumn a party of youth leaders from Hattingen-Witten are to meet with youth leaders from Sheffield, as the next stage of this great and happy link is built up in Christian love.

## Arksey goes into Europe

The small community of Arksey near Doncaster, has very wide horizons, for recently there was a miniature invasion of French young people who came to stay with families in the village at the invitation of the Youth Club. That visit was returned by young people from Arksey who thoroughly enjoyed their continental visit to Amiens. No one in Arksey at least appears to be dragging their feet over going into Europe! Not to be outdone by all the younger visitors to Europe, Canon Colin Hickling, Vicar of All Saints, was one of the party from the Diocese who went to the Kirchentag. Amongst many other things that he was impressed with, was the sheer scale of the enterprise - 102,566, mainly lay people from all over Germany and beyond. The closing service which was a Communion was held in the football stadium at Gelsenkirchen and was attended by roughly 80,000 people.

## Bishop of Sheffield going wild...about roses

It may come as no surprise to find a Rambling Rector in the driveway leading to the home of the Bishop of Sheffield but the presence of Red Max Graf and Fritz Nobis sounds altogether like a clandestine gathering of Left Wing activists. Fortunately both Lady Curzon and Lady Penance occasionally put in an appearance to add a more Conservative touch, but, in any case, the names in question belong not to people but to roses and they all pop up in a glorious profusion of colour in a new book called "Roses Wild" written by the bishop about the roses in his garden at Bishopscoft, Snaithing Lane, Sheffield.

When he is not caring for the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Sheffield, the Bishop is often to be found working in the large garden around his Sheffield home and sporting a sweat-shirt bearing the title "Head Gardener". His great love of things horticultural spills over into his new book which the Bishop believes to be, in fact, the most comprehensive listing of facts and information about wild roses, together with some of their "uncles, cousins and aunts, or - more precisely - their legitimate and illegitimate children and grandchildren".

Most of the roses described and listed are to be found in the Bishop's garden, but just occasionally - as with the Rose called "Felicite Parmentier" the Bishop admits to breaking the Tenth Commandment (Thou shalt not covet) over one or two roses not in his collection.

Although proud to be from the North East of England, the Bishop inevitably includes a chapter on Yorkshire's emblem, the white rose which turns out to be a rose called "R. alba maxima" which has been around since the 15th century and which is also known as Bonnie Prince Charles Rose. "When covered with its double white flowers, it is every child's picture of a rose bush" writes the Bishop.

Almost 140 different rose are mentioned in the 47 page publication which costs £2.75 (inclusive of postage and package) from the Bishop of Sheffield, Bishopscoft, Snaithing Lane, SHEFFIELD S10 3UG, or £2 if bought at SPCK (the Cathedral Bookshop) in Sheffield. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Church Urban Fund

## Summer Days

Shine, Jesus, shine is the theme for this year's Flower Festival at Tickhill Parish Church. Based on favourite hymns and worked by various organisations from the village, the Festival runs over the Bank Holiday Weekend 22-26 August inclusive. The church will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Refreshments are available. If you would like to know more about refreshments for groups please 'phone Doncaster 743700. A central feature of the Festival will be a carpet of flowers. Proceeds from the Festival are to be divided between the Bishop's Appeal and the Sheffield Headquarters of the Church Army.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake, near Doncaster are holding an Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, Sunday and Monday 24, 25, 26 August daily from 1-6 p.m. Refreshments are available and there is a variety of craft stalls. Why not visit this lovely church and area of Doncaster whilst the Exhibition is on?

St. Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton invite you to the Art Festival on Sunday 25 August 12-7 p.m., Monday 26 August 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Tuesday 27 August 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You can buy souvenirs and refreshments whilst you're there.

Braithwell Playing Fields is the place to go for the St. James' Church Summer Fair on Saturday 31 August from 2-5 p.m., and its not too far a journey from Rotherham.

## Pick up a Penguin!

Christ Church Cathedral in the Falkland Islands is celebrating its centenary next year and the Revd. P. Millan, of The Vicarage, Chipping Camden, Glos. GL55 6HU. Tel: 0836 840671 is organising a visit to the festivities and to historic and wildlife sites, departing on 17th February and returning on 29th February 1992. If you've got £3,000 to spare and want to go, it's worth giving him a ring.

## Stage Stuck?

Portable outdoor stage, 28ft x 15ft approx. in kit form with detachable canopy - previously used for ecumenical gatherings, marching events and mystery plays, available to a permanent home with covered storage space.

Contact Malcolm Jones for information on: Sheffield (0742) 304982

## Danensian Choir

The Danensian Choir a Doncaster based choir specialising in Anglican Church Music is looking for a MUSICAL DIRECTOR to lead them on visits to the great cathedrals e.g. Canterbury, Norwich, Durham etc.

For further details please contact Charles Cooke on 0302 853512 11a Tickhill Road, Balby, Doncaster.

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## BISHOP'S £MILLION APPEAL UPDATE

### All Wrapped Up!

Hundreds of children and adults from all over the Diocese wrapped up the Cathedral during June with Yellow ribbon, exchanging the length of ribbon for the pennies that they had collected during the previous weeks. The ribbon, well over a mile of it eventually went round the Cathedral 5 and a half times. A great day was shared by all, and the Cathedral was bursting with activities for both the children and others to join with. And the Bishop's Appeal was over £1,000 nearer its target!

On the weekend afterwards, the Diocesan Summer Fair on the forecourt of the Cathedral raised almost £1,100 for the Appeal. With all those people in Sheffield on a Saturday afternoon, it makes you wonder what could be raised if more stalls were provided by parishes and deaneries. 18 churches or deaneries in the Diocese, including the Cathedral took part this year. Many thanks to them.

The date for next year will be fixed well in advance - what about your parish thinking about joining in? Contact Tony Davis at 6 Silverdale Croft, Sheffield S11 9JP Tel: Sheffield 367095 if you want to know more about it.



Even the Teddy collected pennies for the Bishop's Appeal!

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## 125th CELEBRATION



*Mrs. Christine Hodgson of Doncaster, Bishop David, Alan Balme, Readers' Secretary and Bishop William at the National Readers' Celebration.*

June was a very busy month for the readers in the Diocese of Sheffield! The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, together with 60 Bishops joined 8,000 Readers and their families and friends from the diocese at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, to celebrate the reinstatement of the office of Reader in the Church of England, 125 years ago.

A large contingent from the Diocese of Sheffield along with Bishop David and Bishop William journeyed by coach from Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster and all points in between, to Birmingham. In 1988 there were 88 Readers in the Diocese of Sheffield, but now there are 160, of whom 27 are women. The Readers serve in just over half of the parishes in the Diocese. They are lay men and women from all walks of life who are licensed by the Bishop to preach, teach and carry out pastoral duties. Their three year training period includes Biblical Studies, Doctrine and Worship and culminates in them gaining the Church of England Reader Certificate.

Writing of the work of Readers, Bishop David says "I am grateful for the 125 year history of Readers in the Church of England and for the present day ministry they undertake. They make a vital contribution to the work of ministry. We certainly could not do without them."

Not content with a large contingent going to Birmingham for the Reader Celebration from our Diocese, two Sundays later, Readers preached in many churches throughout the Diocese other than their own. And a very warm welcome they received too!

More information about readers and what is involved in their training is available from your own parish or from the Warden of Readers, the Revd. John Osgerby at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage, Fishlake, Doncaster. DN7 5JW. Tel: (0302) 841396

## Prom Praise

The celebrated Prom Praise, presented by the All Souls' Orchestra from London is coming to the City Hall on Saturday, 21st September.

This much acclaimed orchestra conducted by Noel Tredinnick, will be performing pieces by Rimsky-Korsakov, Dvorak, Mozart and Coates and will be supported by members of Sheffield's own Celebration Choir.

Tickets for this splendid occasion are obtainable from Mission Sheffield and the City Hall Box Office.

Mission Sheffield Tel: 0742 765703, City Hall 0742 735295.

## Andes

The distinctive sound of South American music will be echoing around Sheffield Cathedral on Friday, 6th September when "La Semilla" (Spanish for "The Seed") - a group of musicians presenting "Music for the Andes" will be in concert. The following Sunday they will be giving another performance at All Saints' and St Matthew's Church, Darfield near Barnsley. The tour is sponsored by the South American Missionary Society. "La Semilla" come from Peru, a country badly hit, at this present time, by adverse economic conditions and by cholera.

## Appointments

The Revd Colin Gibson, Assistant Curate, Thrybergh, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Priest-in-Charge of St Lawrence Tinsley, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd Alistair Murray Cutting, Assistant Curate of Wadsley, in the Diocese of Sheffield, has been appointed Chief Executive of The Nave at St Margaret, Uxbridge, in the Diocese of London.

The Revd William Frederick Mason, Vicar of Ellesmere St Peter, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Bedgrove Holy Spirit, in the Diocese of Oxford.

The Revd Canon Cedric Henry Whiteman, Vicar of Wentworth, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 31st October, 1991 but to continue as Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Sheffield.

The Revd John Richard Packer, Team Rector of Sheffield Manor, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Archdeacon of West Cumberland, in the Diocese of Carlisle.

The Revd Nicholas Mark Wright, Assistant Curate of All Saints Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Team Vicar of St Matthew & Holy Trinity, Ronkswood, in the Diocese of Worcester.

Mrs Helen Stanton, Christian Aid Secretary for Oxfordshire & Berkshire, in the Diocese of Oxford, has been appointed Anglican Chaplain to the University of Sheffield.

## THE GREAT HIP WALK

Ted Blackburn wishes to thank those evening worshippers who kindly sponsored him for The Great Hip Walk held on 9th June to raise funds for The Wishbone Appeal in aid of orthopaedic surgery research. This contributed a further £39.

## READERS 125

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the revival of Reader Ministry in the Church of England there was a great occasion on 22nd June. A large proportion of the 8000 Readers in the U.K. gathered in the arena of the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham with many friends and at least one bishop from every Diocese in the country.

The first part was a review of Reader Ministry past, present and future introduced by Geoffrey Wheeler of T.V. fame, who is also a Reader. The past was illustrated by a dramatic presentation from a Cheshire group and displayed some of the significant historical facts and issues. The present was covered by a series of video interviews of several Readers by Brian Redhead and described some of the opportunities which are to be found today. The future was reviewed by focussing on Reader training, Reader activity and the Decade of Evangelism and included Bishop Nigel McCulloch who is chairman of the Decade of Evangelism Steering Group.

The second part of the celebration was a Eucharist presided over by the Archbishop of York and addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Since we were sitting in Diocesan Groups we actually took communion through our own bishop and our own people. The music for the whole event was provided by the orchestra from All Souls', Langham Place.

What an inspiration it all was! And an encouragement too! As the Bishop of Chester, Chairman of the Central Readers Board noted, being a Reader is sometimes a lonely task and sometimes seems devalued but none of us present could fail to understand that for the present and future activity of the church the Readers are important. The patterns of worship, the exercise of pastoral care, the spiritual growth of the Church, the outreach and evangelism and all the many facets of Church life which will be reviewed and developed during this decade of evangelism will affect all of us, laity and clergy alike, but Readers have their part to play and who could have come home from Birmingham without having had batteries recharged. Praise God for that opportunity.

Maurice Snowdon



## PROM PRAISE

Prom Praise is coming to the Sheffield City Hall on Saturday 21st September of this year.

Prom Praise combines popular concert music with Christian hymns and songs and really celebrates God's gift of music to the whole human race. So not only is it good music, it is an excellent opportunity for Christians to invite their uncommitted friends along too.

Music is provided by members of the All Souls' Orchestra from Langham Place in London. These are accomplished players from all walks of life who throw heart, soul and talent into Prom Praise. They have made seven records and broadcast on Radio and T.V. Conducted by Noel Tredinnick, they bring to this unique occasion a refreshing musical concept for enjoyment, worship and evangelism.

Joining with them in Sheffield will be members of the Celebration Choir and on the night of the programme will include "Capriccio Espagnole" by Rimsky-Korsakov, extracts from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Mozart's "Flute Concerto" and "From a Sleepy Lagoon" by Coates.

The evening will be introduced by Fergus MacDonald and it is set to be one of the highspots of the year in Sheffield's Christian calendar.

Tickets for this splendid occasion are obtainable from Mission Sheffield (0742 765703) or from the City Hall Box Office (0742 735295/735296). This is an event not to be missed!

## CRECHE

Every Sunday during 10am Service (except Family Service), there is a creche in the Church Hall. Parents can leave their babies and small children whilst they worship in church. The children will be cared for by adult helpers. If there are any church members who feel they could offer to take a turn in supervising the creche, your help would be much appreciated.

We would also be grateful for any unwanted toys, games, etc. (in good condition) which anyone could donate for use with Under Fives in church.

In both cases, please contact Liz Hayden, either in church or on 364944.

## 5. PACKAGING

Modern packaging is the bane of my life! I am old enough to remember when I could buy something, take it home, and there it was - ready for instant use. Not any more! It is packaged, and I have to decide whether to attack the plastic front, pierce the card back, or try to prise the two apart to reach my purchase. The manufacturer will point out that I can see exactly what I am buying and that it reaches me in "mint" condition, however, I still find the packaging, on balance, an unnecessary hinderance. This is not true of all packaging, of course, for it can also help by being a means of identifying my favourite brand of chocolate, or biscuits, and of keeping it fresh. The packaging to our church's five strands is the "presentational" part of our religion for it is outside our beliefs (what I have previously referred to as a "dogma" and "the words of Jesus") and consists of such things as forms of service, types of hymn, etc.

It is a long time since Henry Ford is reputed to have told his customers that their car could be any colour they liked so long as it was black. Today, in response to a more affluent materialistic society, manufacturers market three or four models in different styles - saloon, hatchback, estate, sports, 2/4 door - each being available in a variety of engine capacities, colours, and of course prices; they are the packaging to a power-driven set of seats on wheels, and I expect that all of these variants can be found in our Parish - many people may even have identical models, but if asked why they chose that particular one, their reasons would probably vary:- "economical on petrol/good acceleration - good in town/I travel long distances - only the two of us/six in the family and a dog - my favourite colour/comfortable seats". These are all logical reasons, but people can also choose things for more peculiar reasons, for instance, I have a beaker at home in which I am convinced the tea tastes better than anywhere else.

It is little wonder, then that our church "packaging" has become correspondingly more varied. Given the increase in choice, perhaps we should ask ourselves some questions, applying them first to life in general and then specifically to our church life, in order to check that we apply the same criteria to each, which as Christians we should surely do.



Function: What is our packaging for? Should it, for instance, enhance the contents - identify the brand - can it even be a hinderance?

Choice: When talking to our neighbour, do we try to insist that they choose the same vehicle as we do, or do we merely enthuse about why we chose ours?  
Is their need even likely to be the same as ours?

Trying to answer these questions sincerely should lend help, "lead us to a deeper understanding of first our own, and then other people's, strands which are the cause of our besetting sin of disunity" - the A.G.M. Report 1990; but how are we to account for these strands to the world outside?

John Hill-Wilson

CONFIRMATION this year will be held at St.John's, Abbeydale on Tuesday November 26th at 7.30pm. We share our Service each year with St. John's and Dore. If any Adults or young people would like to be prepared for Confirmation, would they give their names to the Vicar or Church Wardens.

COLLECTION taken at David's Institution came to £206 which has been sent to support the valuable work of the Additional Curates' Society. They particularly provide grants so that less well off, and usually large, Parishes can have Assistant Curates. There are some lovely Prayer Cards in Church, which are free, as well as other ACS material. Thank you for your generosity.

PHIL my splendid neighbour across the road . . . the house with Lottie the Cairn Terrier . . . has done a magnificent job clearing the "Vicar's Path" alongside his bungalow. It is now a metre wide whereas two weeks ago the weeds were almost meeting on the middle! Our sincere thanks to you Phil . . . you can come and practice on the Vicarage garden anytime!

#### AGED QUOTES

Age is rarely despised, but when it is, it is contemptible.

Samuel Johnson

There is nothing more beautiful than cheerfulness in an old face.

John Paul Richter

#### THE INDUCTION SERVICE THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD!

On Friday morning we set off from Sussex, we had just had a fortnight's holiday. Six hours later we were at Sheffield in our house. As soon as we walked in the door, Mummy set off for the phone to ring Mrs. Stratford to tell her we were back. Mrs. Stratford said "Ruth has to be at Church at 7.15pm - no later". I went upstairs to find my smart school clothes, when I had found them I pestered Daddy to get the case off the car because I wanted my jeans to wear when I went roller-booting. At last I got them and Mary and I set off to go roller-booting with the Brownies. I fell over, and as soon as I got up I fell over again and again. Then I got the hang of it, I only fell over 64 times. Mummy came to collect me in the car. I changed into my really smart clothes.

When we arrived at Church we could see a whole crowd of people wearing their best hats, dresses and suits. I ran off to Church and was rushed down to the front. Soon the Service began, the Church was very full, it had about 200 people in it. We had special service sheets. First there was a procession of the Choir, behind were the Bishop and Archdeacon and some Vicars. When they had taken their seats Mrs. Mayson welcomed the Bishop to the Church. Then the Bishop started the Service and the ceremony of Mr. Benson. The Bishop told us the story of David from the Bible. I could not see what was happening because everywhere I tried to look there were tall people. In the middle of the Service the Rural Dean said there are a few people who would like to welcome you, and several people went up to the front including James and me. We shook hands with Mr & Mrs. Benson and welcomed them for all the children at All Saints' School.

After the Service there was a Buffet in the Church Hall. As soon as I started eating I was called to Mrs. Simons, she gave me some flowers to give to Mrs. Benson. On the way home the car broke down, so I went to a friend's house. Finally we got a lift home. I liked the Service a lot.

Ruth Davis

No man is laughable, who laughs at himself.

Seneca

A fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind.

David Garrick



## AUGUST DIARY

- 1 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd
- 3 Sat 2.00pm Holy Matrimony - Dale Minks &  
Julia Grayson  
7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 7 Wed 8-10.30pm Totley Community Dance
- 8 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd
- 10 Sat 7.15-10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 14 Wed 8.00-10.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 15 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
1 Quarry Road
- 17 Sat 3.00pm Holy Matrimony - Craig Shaw and  
Alison Bellamy  
7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 21 Wed 8-10.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 22 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
1 Quarry Road
- 24 Sat 7.15 -10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 28 Wed 8.30-10.30pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 29 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
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- 31 Sat 7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall

Wednesday Fellowship: In August the Wednesday Fellowship will join in with the prayers in Church

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## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"MY witnesses ... know, and believe ...  
... and understand that I AM".

(Isaiah 43:10)

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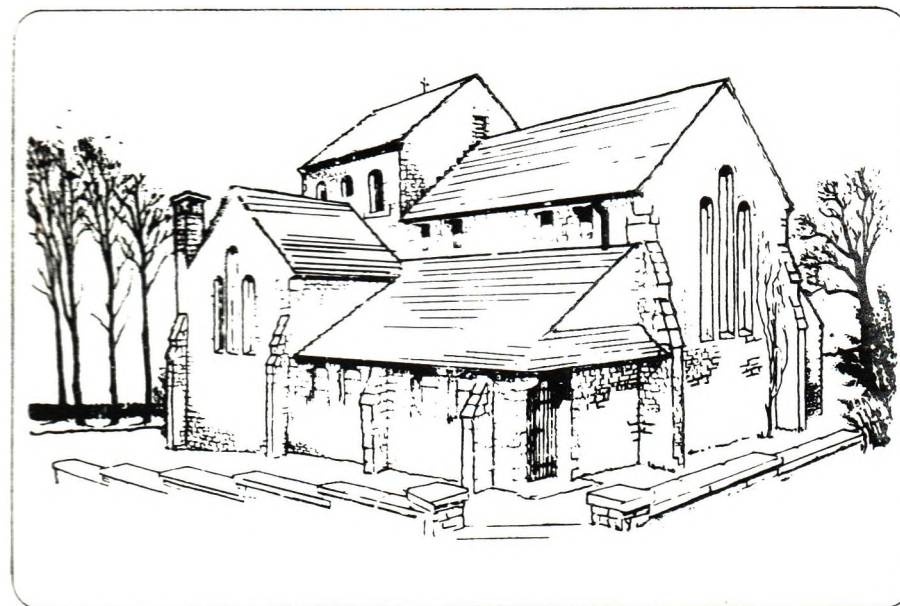
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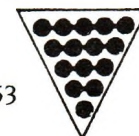
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## FROM THE VICAR

### WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

Dear Friends,

When I was asked by Bishop David to come to Totley, and after meeting with Elsie and Cliff our Churchwardens, I promised them (and myself) that I would try to give more time to Sermon-preparation. This had been one of the difficult aspects of my ministry at Thorne with the large number of Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms all requiring intensive visiting. There was always the temptation to leave writing the Sermon until late Saturday, or worse still, dive into my 'Sermon Box' and select a Sermon that had been preached before ... thank goodness folk don't remember everything you say!! Now that we have been here for nearly two months, I have had an opportunity to consider "time allocation" ... and I would like to share with you what's important to me in my future ministry here.

At the Institution of the new Vicar of Ecclesall, Bishop David stressed the importance of clergy finding time to read books and preparing carefully. He had heard Parishioners complain that their Vicars were spending too much time studying! Well, if I were a mechanic (and my wife sometimes thinks I am when I'm under the car), I would spend a lot of time under car bonnets with spanners; if I were a carpenter, I would work with wood, planes and chisels; as a Minister of the Gospel, my Bibles and my books are my 'tools'. So my first priority in Totley is going to be concerned with reading and preparing - Sermons, Assembly and teaching material for our School, material for Discussion Groups, Confirmation preparation etc. etc. I hope therefore, that you won't complain if my presentation improves!

Secondly, I believe Visiting must come next on my list, as Pastoral contacts provide the base upon which Clergy can begin to construct relevant teaching material. My first Vicar was a remarkable visitor and inspired all his curates to do the same. He was also a very effective preacher, so I quickly grasped the link between visiting and preaching.

Thirdly, I want All Saints to have a mission to the wider church in this Decade of Evangelism. I want us all to give time and money to our Link Missionaries in India, and I want us to support the work of the Industrial Mission, through my Chaplaincy to the Fire Service. At the moment I use most

Thursdays getting to know Fire Service personnel, and so I would value your prayer support for that work.

Free time is also important for all of us who work with people. Jesus needed time for withdrawal so that He could better minister to people. If Clergy don't have a regular day off, there is a very real danger that we become impatient with people and cease to show genuine compassion and care. Margaret and I would normally like to take Fridays, but we are flexible to fit in with major Parish events.

God bless you and your family,

J. David Benson.

### SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

#### 1st PENTECOST 15 - "Those in Authority"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Romans 13: 1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Genesis 29: 9-20  
New Testament: Mark 3: 31-35

#### 8th PENTECOST 16 - "Our Neighbour"

8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP) with Baptism  
Epistle: Romans 12: 9-end  
Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37  
10am Young Saints  
12 noon Holy Baptism  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Daniel 5: 17-30  
New Testament: Luke 12: 13-21



## H A R V E S T   T H A N K S   G I V I N G   W E E K E N D

Friday, 9.30am School's Harvest Service in Church  
Sept. 13th

Saturday 10am-Noon A 'Family Day' with various groups, in  
Sept. 14th 2pm-3.30pm Church & Hall.....all welcome!

Sunday PENTECOST 17  
Sept. 15th

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Harvest Family Service - children to bring gifts  
Noon 'Harvest Lunch' & Auction of produce for Christian Aid in the Hall  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

22nd PENTECOST 18 - "The Offering of Life"

8am Holy Communion (ASB)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-26  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Exodus 32: 1-6 & 15-20  
New Testament: John 12: 1-8

29th ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS - "Ministry of Angels"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Revelation 12: 7-12  
Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-6  
10am Young Saints  
NO EVENSONG TONIGHT - we are invited to join our Choir at Harvest Evensong at EDENSOR PARISH CHURCH

### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I AM He who searches mind and heart"

(Revelation 2:23 RSV)

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

4 August Alexander Charles Elliott

### Weddings

3 August Sydney Dale Minks of Liverpool to Julia Rosemary Grayson, "Brook Hall", Totley

### Funerals

8 August Dora Hubbard (76), 19 Aldam Croft

Dora Hubbard was born in Sheffield, and her husband was in the cutlery trade for many years. She was unwell for many years and suffered greatly, but with courage. She was confined to a wheel chair having had both legs amputated. Stewart and Maurice took Communion to her, and she was also linked to Totley Methodist Church. Their Minister, George Palmer, took her Funeral Service. Our love and sympathy to her daughter Pat.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

1 Sept Mrs Billard & Mrs Houldcroft  
8 Sept Mr & Mrs Iosson  
15 Sept Mrs Brown & Mrs Lawry  
22 Sept Mrs Powell & Miss Bird  
29 Sept Mrs Marshall & Mrs Kirton  
6 Oct Mrs Cryan & Mr Hazlehurst

### Flowers

1 Sept Mdms Powell & Ibbotson  
8 Sept Mrs Drewery  
15 Sept Mrs Holding  
22 Sept Mrs Greenhoff  
29 Sept Mr Hazlehurst  
6 Oct Mrs A. Waite

### Altar

### Memory Table

Miss Bird  
Mrs Gray  
Mrs Parsons  
-  
Mrs Parkin  
Miss Wilson

### Silver Cleaning

2 Sept Mrs Snowdon

CONFIRMATION this year will be held at St John's, Abbeydale on Tuesday, November 26th at 7.30pm. We share our Service each year with St John's and Dore. If any adults or young



people would like to be prepared for Confirmation, would they give their names to the Vicar or Church Wardens.

SOUP KITCHEN FOR STUDENTS finding life difficult not being able to secure Summer Vacation work, has been set up in the Students' Union at the Pond Street site of the Polytechnic. If you can help in any way, they will be most grateful. Donations can be sent to 'Summer Crisis Fund', c/o SCPUS, Sheffield Polytechnic, Pond Street, S1.; Gifts of non-perishable foodstuff can be brought to Church and left in the box at the back of Church.

"GROWING IN FAITH AS AN ADULT" is the title of a series of Monday evening Lectures to be held at Whirlow, beginning on Monday, 9th and going on to the 30th, inclusive. Each lecture starts at 7.30pm and is to be given by four eminent speakers. The series has been arranged by our Diocesan Adult Education Officer, and she hopes for a good attendance from All Saints!

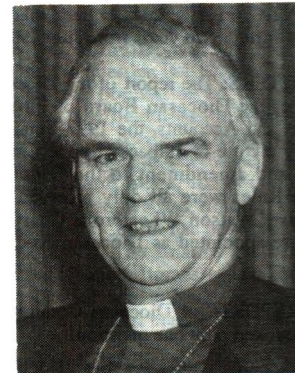
"VOICES FOR HOSPICES"...come and join in a nationwide musical experience, in aid of St Luke's Hospice, in Sheffield Cathedral, on Saturday, 5th October at 7.30pm. This will take the form of a performance of Haydn's "Creation" by the Sheffield Bach Choir and the South Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. Further information and tickets can be obtained from Mrs S E Fielding, St Luke's Hospice, Little Common Lane, S11 9NE. Telephone 369911. Thousands of people throughout the UK will join in around 100 simultaneous performances of the "Creation" in cathedrals, churches and halls to benefit their local hospices. Please do your best to support the excellent work done at St Luke's.

### COVENANTS

Since taking over as Covenant Secretary earlier this year I have spoken to quite a number of people in the parish about Covenanting their giving to the Church. It seemed now to be worth while making one or two comments about covenants because there are some misunderstandings.

First of all, the whole process of covenanting is confidential. Only myself and the Church Treasurer will

## Sheffield Diocesan News September, 1991



# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

*The Bishop of Doncaster writes:*

It is sometimes the habit of clergy (or Readers!) to preach the same sermon without realising it under a variety of guises. Week follows week: a different introduction, a different text, a different context - but underneath the same old subject. Some preachers are more blatant and their regular hobby-horses are only too obvious even to them.

It depends on the subject of course. It used to be the practice of that great eighteenth century preacher, George Whitfield, to preach frequently on the text: 'You must be born again.' When asked why he did, he replied: 'Because you must be born again.'

I am no George Whitfield and 'born again' as a phrase has been either secularised or cornered into a limited type of usage; but I am quite happy to be perilously near to the charge of returning frequently to a particular subject; because I want to return again in this issue of the Diocesan News to the importance of prayer.

I don't come back to it because I am a model example to follow: more particularly because I am not. How easily we are distracted from the business of waiting on God by a hundred tasks; and what is true of individuals is true of christian communities.

As we move further into the Decade of Evangelism: how are we going to pace ourselves: how are we going to be faithful in our witness and service: how are we going to be effective in presenting the attractiveness of Christ? There are plenty of ideas to be explored and opportunities in every direction; but the ideas will be barren and the opportunities missed if we fail to pray.

Each Deanery is having a special Service of Prayer on the evening of St. Francis Day - October 4th: and hardly a better day could be chosen. I hope that you will make a special point of keeping that evening free and going to the Service in your own Deanery.

Also available this month are the two six/session courses on our response to our immediate neighbours and to the wider question of our responsibility to other parts of the world. The Course titles are: 'Knowing your Neighbourhood' and 'Knowing the World'. Make certain that your parish uses them.

At the end of the month there is to be an Ecumenical Celebration at St. Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster. The South Yorkshire Ecumenical Council was formed in May; but working together as christians must have worship as the focus. Invitations to send representatives have gone out to over four hundred churches and chapels in South Yorkshire and Saturday, September 28 should be a great occasion.

The Bishop is repeating his Lectures on the Christian Faith in October: in the Lecture Room of the Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road on the evenings of October 28-31. Seating is limited; and I believe requests for tickets have already been made. The theme is 'Great is Truth'. Those of us who heard the Bishop speak in the Cathedral can assure ticket-holders that they will be challenged and stimulated as well as informed. Four Red Letter days in store.

WILLIAM

Bishop of Doncaster



# Synod Digest

A brief report of the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod at Doncaster on Saturday, July 6th, by ROY ARNOLD, DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION OFFICER

**AN END OF TERM FEELING** seemed to be in the air when the Diocesan Synod met at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe, Doncaster on July 6th, 1991. In fact, this was the final meeting of the Synod prior to the election of a new Synod for the Autumn. The business of the meeting - mainly financial - was concluded in less than three hours.

**THE MEISSEN DECLARATION** - linking the Church of England to the Evangelical Church of Germany - was officially proclaimed as an Act of General Synod, and was locally underlined by Mr Patrick White (Rotherham) who reported on the recent visit of a party of people from Sheffield Diocese to the Church District of Hattingen-Witten in Germany (our Diocesan European link) and especially to the great Church Festival - this year held in Dortmund, Essen and Bochum in the Ruhr area of Germany - known as Kirchentag.

A **FAITH IN THE CITY** resolution that there should be "an explicit bias towards the poor in the disbursement of funds by the Diocesan Grants Committee" was carried and also a similar resolution urging parishes in the Diocese to "tithe their capital receipts (legacies left to parishes in wills for instance) through the Church in Action Fund or the Bishop's Appeal Fund". Both were urged by the Archdeacon of Sheffield.

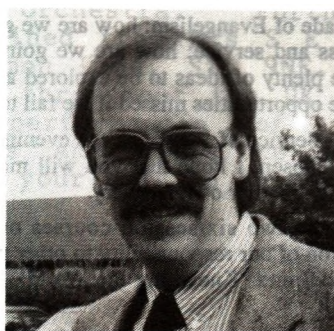
**AN ATTERCLIFFE DEANERY SYNOD** motion with regard to fees payable to incumbents for burial of cremated remains (on a separate occasion from that of the original funeral, but by the same minister) was discussed and it was agreed that Sheffield Diocesan Synod should write to the Church Commissioners urging that this particular fee be abolished.

**UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICER:** it was agreed that this post be extended for further two years from July 1991.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:** The report of the Diocesan Finance Committee, the Diocesan Board of Finance 1990 Annual report and Accounts, the 1992 Financial Forecast - a gloomy picture of cutbacks by the Church Commissioners - and amendment to the Diocesan Quota Assessment Rules were all duly received and accepted, and Messrs Watson Wheatcroft, Chartered Accountants were re-appointed as Diocesan Auditors for 1991.

**THE ANNUAL REPORTS** of Diocesan Committees were received and provoked only one question.

**THE NEXT MEETING** of the Diocesan Synod - as newly elected will be on Saturday, November 9th at Sheffield Cathedral.



*Congratulations were expressed at the Synod to the Revd. John Packer, Team Rector of Sheffield Manor on his appointment as Archdeacon of West Cumberland, and welcomes to the Revd. Mark Waters as Diocesan Social Responsibility Officer, and to Mr. Jonathan Green, recently appointed Warden of Whirlow Grange Conference Centre.*

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## Before on T.V. - then appearing live!

The Shiloh Choir, the black based gospel group who appeared on 'Songs of Praise' late last year recently performed at Christ Church Fulwood. The twenty-one strong voiced choir raised money for the new St. Bartholomew's Church Centre on Burgoyne Road, Sheffield, where their congregation is based. For further information about the Choir ring Sheffield 335869 or 339210.

## Back to life

One of Sheffield's oldest buildings, virtually derelict since the end of World War 2 has been brought back to life and on Monday, July 22nd began a new phase of a long life, this time as a special signal and symbol of new life in the Don Valley area of Sheffield. The building in question is Hill Top Chapel, Attercliffe.

When the population of the geographically huge parish of Sheffield began to expand in the seventeenth century it was decided to build two district chapels for Church of England worshippers. One of these was at Ecclesall and has since become Ecclesall Parish Church. The other was Hill Top Chapel. Phase one of restoring the Chapel has now been completed at a cost of £108,870. The finance has been provided by the Sheffield Church Burgesses and Sheffield Development Corporation and others. A second phase, costing another £92,000 is planned but not yet started.

## The English Village, Past, Present and Future September 14th & 15th, 1991 at Adlingfleet

The annual Boothferry Heritage Exhibition having been held in towns in the Borough for the past five years is moving into the remote and historical village of Adlingfleet this year. Adlingfleet is a tiny village (the most easterly parish in Sheffield Diocese) huddling around the fine 13th Century All Saints Church and the exhibits from the Association's member societies will be in the church.

The aim of the exhibition is to celebrate the English Village over the centuries.

Attractions outside the church it is hoped, will include a ploughing demonstration, heavy horses, a threshing machine, Morris and clog dancing and a history trail around the village. Special activities are being planned for small children to enable parents to enjoy the exhibits.

Another aim of the exhibition is to introduce the fascinating study of local history to members of the public who think that history is all about dry facts!

The exhibition is open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments are available and the local pub serves meals. There will be an open air service on the Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

Contact for further information Rev. P. Ireson on 0405 704643.

## Roche Abbey Pilgrimage

If you've never been to Roche Abbey, near Malby, why not join a pilgrimage on Saturday, 14th September, with a Solemn Eucharist at 12 noon organised by Affirming Catholicism. If you go, don't forget your sandwiches for the picnic lunch in the grounds. More details from Patrick Linskill on Sheffield (0742) 556025 (evenings).

## Appointments

**The Revd Stuart Hacking**, Assistant Curate, Darfield, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St James' Thornton, in the Diocese of Bradford.

**The Revd Brian Swindell**, Assistant Curate, St Mary Wombwell with St George Jump, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brinsworth with St. Mary's, Catcliffe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd Mark Gordon Robert Davenport Smith**, Vicar of St John's, Kimberworth Park, in the Diocese of Sheffield, has been appointed Church Pastoral Aid Consultant in the North East.

**The Revd Geoffrey John Keating**, Vicar of St Peter, Bentley, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Penponds, in the Diocese of Truro.

**The Revd Susan Katherine Proctor**, Parish Deacon of St Mary's, Beighton, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Parish Deacon-in-Charge of Swallownest, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Handsworth Green Fingers?

Ted Taylor of Handsworth, is chairman of the St. Mary's Horticultural Society and hopes that this year their show on Sunday, 8th September will have a wider appeal than ever before within the parish of Handsworth.

There are opportunities to exhibit Fruit and Vegetables, Flowers, Craftwork, Preserves, Baking, and even Wines and Photographs! - with a special section for the under 10s.

Perhaps it's a case of green fingers, and sweet fingers, and nimble fingers, and clicking fingers, and little fingers!

You can see the Show which is open to the public from 2.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre, behind St. Mary's Church.

## "Kenya for you in '92?"

Preliminary inquiries are being made into the possibility of a group from the Sheffield Diocese visiting Kenya in July/August 1992. It is intended to include a one-week safari, followed by a visit to the diocese of Maseno North/Nambale and/or a further week on the coast at Mombasa. Precise details of cost are not yet available but should be in the range between £1000 and £1500. Further details will appear later. Anyone interested please contact Ron Stevens, Tel. Sheffield 305475."

## The Mothers' Union at Sheffield Cathedral

Are you a member of the Mothers' Union who can't get to daytime meetings?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Mothers' Union?

If so, come to a series of meetings to be held at the Cathedral for members and those interested.

**THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER** - "The Mothers' Union - is it for Mary, Martha or Me?"

**THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER** - "The Mothers' Union in the Diocese."

**THURSDAY, 28th NOVEMBER** - a social evening, bring a partner or friend "Deanery, Diocese or Dhaka."

All meetings are at 8.00 p.m. in the Chapter House of the Cathedral. For further information contact Lydia Gladwin on (0742) 662373.



## Anyone for Golf?

"Failure is not always a bad thing!" writes the Revd. John Sweed, Vicar of Hatfield. The Sheffield Diocesan Clergy Golf Team "failed" to retain the James Good Wooden Spoon this year. They were competing in the Inter-diocesan Golf Tournament played at Frilford Heath Golf Club near Oxford on July 3rd. The top winners, of the E.I.G. Cup, were our friends from Guildford Diocese. We actually came 16th out of 21 dioceses. We had a winner in the Revd. Adrian Newman who won Division Two of the Handicap Singles with a three shot margin. In the singles handicap total we came 5th. We needed the help, as we were one short, of Revd Clive Hilton whose diocese Peterborough had no team, but he did serve in this diocese some years ago.

An event with 21 teams of four takes some organising and needed some financing, we thank John Hayward of Weston Super Mare and the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for their work and help.

## Saint Matthew's Festival

It's all happening for over a week at St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield. Friday, 20th September to Saturday, 28th September sees an exciting and varied programme to celebrate St. Matthew's tide, with not an insignificant link with Ireland. For it was to Ireland earlier this year that Father Eric Fisher and a parish party went on pilgrimage for the patronal festival of St. John's, Sandymount, Dublin.

It was there in Dublin that the idea for the St. Matthew's Festival was born, and firm Irish friendships were formed. So much so that it seems that a return visit is being made from Dublin to Sheffield! On Saturday, 21st September at 8.00 p.m. in St. Matthew's Rooms Kevin Power, a broadcaster from Ireland gives his one man show "Cork for Beginners". On Tuesday, 24th September, also at 8.00 p.m. "Tactus", an early music group from Dublin sings William Byrd's Mass for five voices, and on Friday, 27th September at 8.00 p.m. there's a Gala Evening of Song by Suki Jenkins also from the emerald isle.

On other nights there's a different variety of fare, with the Aston Madrigal Group on Wednesday, 25th September, and a Recital by Andrew Wilson on the 26th, both at 8.00 p.m.

Services during the week, to which visitors are warmly invited, include Solemn Evensong on Friday, 20th at 7.00 p.m. followed by a disco for children and young people; Solemn Mass at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 21st, and on Sunday 22nd at 11.00 a.m. with a buffet lunch to follow, and at 4.30 p.m. an Ecumenical Healing Service. The end of the week sees a lunchtime service for church and business people at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th September.

For those who want to know more about the history of St. Matthew's there is an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia on Monday, 23rd September from 7.00 p.m.

The Festival finishes with a visit by the congregation to Clumber Chapel and a picnic in the Park.

It will be quite a week, and visitors and friends of old are most welcome to any or all of the happenings. For more details contact Brian Winn-Smith on Sheffield (0742) 352247

## New spire for Doncaster Church



*"There's a spire, there's a steeple, open the doors and there's the people."*

It started just twelve months ago when a group of students from St. John's Church of England College at York visited the Church of the Good Shepherd and its Church School at Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe in Doncaster.

Russell Howarth, Kit Hamilton and Gary Sturgess were all in their third year of studies in the Design Department, when they were asked by the church to design several items which would highlight the church and make it more obvious. The church not only shares the same site as the school, but is physically joined onto it, and is built of the same materials.

The designs which include a stainless steel fleche (spire), a bronze shepherd's crook and hand, and a bronze relief of the Good Shepherd on the outside wall of the church, were all approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee who were involved with the project from a very early stage.

The green light from the town's planners meant that the first part of the project, the manufacture of the spire from stainless steel which was kindly provided by British Steel Stainless, and its erection just before the end of school term, was on target. To make sure that the church with its new addition was not struck by that other kind of electricity - lightning - and damaged, National Power at Thorpe Marsh Power Station, one of the major local industries generating electricity for a wide area, provided the cost of the lightning conductor from the spire.

Gary Sturgess, who designed the spire and saw it through to completion, is proud of his work, as is Stuart Cook of Hornsea who manufactured it after long experience of work on ships.

The spire just before being placed on top of the church, is seen here surrounded by children from the school. The other works are to follow, and the whole project will have been completed within twelve months.

ever know how much money is involved. Secondly, the process is simple. The covenant form itself couldn't be simpler and once that it is signed there will only be an annual certificate to sign at the most. Thirdly, even a small covenant is worthwhile. The mere fact of making a covenant means that the Church can increase its annual income by an extra slice over and above the amount given. For every £1 given to the Church under a deed of covenant the Inland Revenue refunds 33p back to the Church. Making a covenant does not necessarily imply giving more to the Church. Existing users of envelopes for example need give no more for their covenant to be fully effective.

Of course, the Church can only claim a refund of income tax in cases where the covenantor actually pays the tax in the first place. For someone who pays no tax or very little tax there is no refund or very little refund available to the Church. The covenant is still valid however and would become valuable to the Church if circumstances change (e.g. Budget changes!)

Each individual's circumstances are different so I would always be very happy to discuss these issues with anyone at any time. At present some 50 people covenant to the benefit of All Saints' Church and for the tax year ending last April our refund approached £3000. It is a very important source of income for the Church and merits wider use. Don't forget, all discussions on the subject will be confidential. Just give me a ring. (Tel. 362822).

Maurice Snowdon.

## LADIES CLUB

There will be a Cheese and Wine evening on Tuesday, September 3rd (£1.50 per person), and all members are invited to bring a friend along.

On September 17th, Bob Warburton will be giving a slide show and talk about his recent visit to the New Forest. Please come along and support us.

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 24th at 2.15pm in the Hall. We are holding a Jumble Sale on October 4th at



7pm in the Hall. Jumble will be received in the Hall from 2pm.

#### Advance notice

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 30th at 2pm in the Hall. Is there anyone who would wish to help? New ideas are very welcome!

#### PRAISE EVENING

Please join us for an evening of worship and fellowship in the Church Hall at 8pm on Wednesday, 4 September. This evening was originally planned for the 17 July but was postponed because of the Tooty Green planning meeting.

The evening of praise has been inspired by the visit of Mike Warren, a Christian reader and former R.E. teacher to our Wednesday Fellowship group. It will include readings and stories from the Bible mixed with prayers and songs of praise.

Everyone is invited, come along and bring a friend.

"The Word of God is living and active". Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

Neil Hayden

#### DEEP SEA FISHING!

I need some help with a door to door collection in aid of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Is there anyone out there who could spare a little time during the first two weeks in October? Please let me know. My "patch" is Main Avenue, Green Oak Road (top end) and Rowan Tree Dell.

Phyllis Maltby (Tel:367566)

#### "PLAYING" AROUND

This is just a short note to say thank you to everyone who has encouraged me to play the organ. I enjoyed playing for the services and I would definitely like to continue.

Brian Ruthven

#### HARVEST FAMILY DAY

The Mission Committee is organising some activities on Saturday, 14 September which will be incorporated into the Harvest Family Service on Sunday, 15 September at 10am.

We hope that everyone who can will take part and try their hand at something different. The sessions will include:- Making music, Decorating the Church, Banner making and Children's Art work, Writing (prayer & prose) and Drama & Dance.

We will be putting a list in the Church Hall for people to add their names to, from the the last week in August. Come along, join the fun, and let's celebrate God's gift of Harvest.

Pauline Perkinton

#### "HAPPINESS IS A CIGAR CALLED....."

The advertising fraternity as usual exaggerate somewhat in modern jargon when marketing their products, ascribing what wonderful qualities they possess. You may enjoy a cigar, or even a Coca-Cola (it would be just as true to a non-smoker), as a sort of reward after completing, say, a D.I.Y. job.

True happiness needs no stimulants or rewards. Happy means pleasure, from the fruition or expectation of good, the feeling of well being, of being compleat, (which means being happy as in Izaak Walton's "The Compleat Angler".) To me it is the feeling of wholeness, of fulfilment yet bereft of pride, after making someone happy - in our case by practising Christian values that entail some effort on our part. G. Bernard Shaw said in "Candida"; 'We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.'

In a lifetime, there are many opportunities to spread happiness, their memories a comfort for the future. Failure to seize these chances as they arise - from lack of commitment, to plead lack of time - brings remorse. (What has happened to all that time we were going to save with the aid of modern appliances. The vacuum cleaner, the electric washer, the spin dryer, the microwave?)



I speak feelingly, these memories also get stored away and surface from time to time - they are not pleasant. So if you are thinking of a serene old age, make certain you have more white or golden memories than black ones.

Rex B.

#### HAPPINESS QUOTES

Happiness is like a kiss, you must share it to have it.

If you have to ask yourself if you are happy - you are not.

If you run after happiness, it runs after you, and you never meet.

Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows.

My idea of happiness is four feet on a fireplace fender.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, 10 September at 8pm (venue to be arranged). All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone who feels he would like to join this group, please contact Robin Carter. (Tel: 365969).

#### 6. WINDOW DRESSING

During the Decade of Evangelism, we could perhaps, compare this activity of the Church to that of a large retail organisation; for part of our duty as Christians is to 'sell' our faith to others. As in any large retail organisation, not all of us have the same job; some go out as 'reps', some serve in the 'shop', some 'dress the windows', while the remainder are engaged in 'servicing', and so do not make initial contact with the 'customers'.

Bearing in mind the previous five articles, we could perhaps consider two questions as we approach the last quarter of the second year of our 'sales drive':-

1. WHAT is it that we actually have to offer in our 'shop'- one item, or several related 'strands'?

2. HOW, then, should we re-present this to the world outside? Should we, like some evangelists and Henry Ford proclaim that there is only one strand available, or would prospective Christians, like prospective car owners, perhaps prefer to choose - from a variety of strands- the one most suitable for them?

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In this series of articles, I have tried to look at some aspects of 'the besetting sin of disunity' from a different angle, in the hope that it will spark off fresh thoughts leading to the discussion that is necessary if we are to be 'prepared to listen and learn from each other'. (Vicar's report A.G.M. 1990)

In this connection, it seems to me that we do not always understand the same when some key words are used, and I have tried to start the ball rolling by suggesting a few that could be used when discussing particular aspects of our faith.

More important, I feel, is how we come to terms with our 'strands'. It seems to me, that to be logical, we must either make a stand for just one of them, or we must accept them all - not necessarily agree with them, but accept them. I personally find Origen's argument that 'such an immense subject as the Wisdom of God needs to be considered from many points of view in an attempt to come to build up an overall picture of it' to be very feasible, and until somebody can convince me that there is one 'perfect real' view and all the others are false, I, personally will continue to assemble the largest patchwork that I can muster. By the way, if you have not already done so, please read Bishop David's article in August's Diocesan News.

John Hill-Wilson.

'Unity is not pretending we're all the same, but learning to enjoy being different.'

Alive to God (August 19)



## SEPTEMBER DIARY

3 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Cheese & Wine evening
4 Wed	8.00pm	PRAISE EVENING - in the Hall
5 Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Standing Committee - Vicarage
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
7 Sat	3.00pm	HOLY MATRIMONY - Peter Allott & Kirstine Stacey
	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
9 Mon	7.30pm	Pastoral Care Committee - 108 Sunnyvale Rd.
	8.00pm	Finance Committee - 1 Quarry Road
10 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	8.00pm	Men's Fellowship Planning Meeting
11 Wed	11.00am	Morning Monthly Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
	2.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship - 332 Baslow Road
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
12 Thu	8.00pm	P.C.C. - in the Crypt
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
13 Fri	9.30am	All Saints' School Harvest Service - Church
	3.00pm	HOLY MATRIMONY - Paul Reeves & Alison Brooke
14 Sat	10am-3.30pm	FAMILY DAY of activities - Church & Hall
	2.00pm	Totley Show - Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall
	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
17 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Slide Show & Talk
18 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road
19 Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Picnic & Harvest Praise
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
21 Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
	7.30pm	"Prom Praise" - City Hall
24 Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch - Hall
	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	2.15pm	Ladies Working Party - Hall
	7.30pm	Churches together in S17 - Totley Rise Methodist Church
25 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd
26 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
28 Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall

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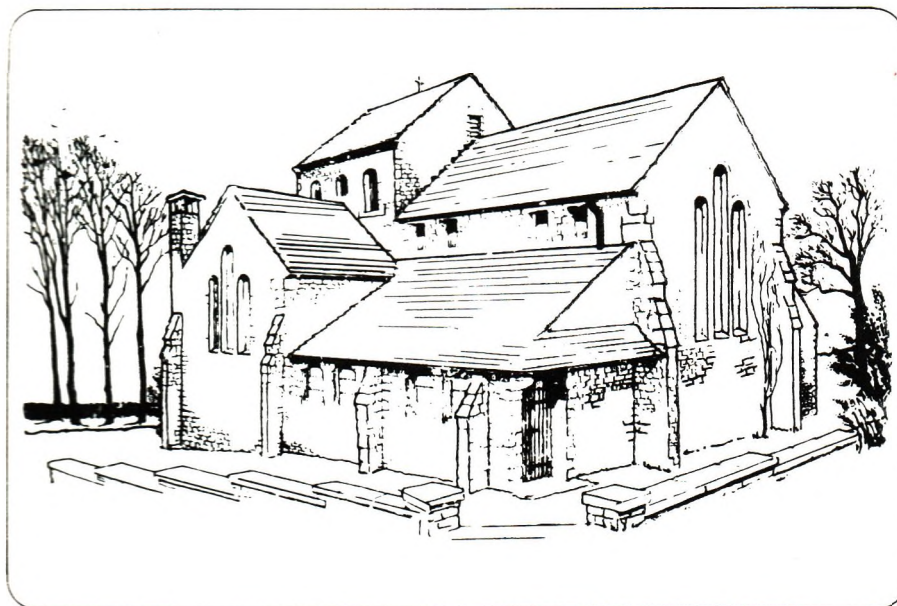
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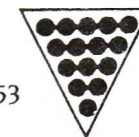
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FROM THE VICAR

A L L C H A N G E !

Dear Friends,

Continuing the theme outlined in my first letter, I suggested that, if we were to be a Church that is alive to the needs of our parishioners, we would not be static but would "travel on", pressing forward in the power of the Holy Spirit. One of the ways in which we can make that possible is to be continually reviewing our worship pattern. We shall never cater for the needs of every individual, but we must always be thinking of those who do not come to our Church yet, and moderate our personal preferences for their sake. This Decade of Evangelism challenges us to be outward-looking.

This being so, the Standing Committee and the P.C.C. have recently reviewed our monthly pattern (aspects of which were totally confusing to me and visiting Clergy!) and we have agreed on the following pattern, which will be looked at again at the Annual General Meeting.

8.00am. EVERY SUNDAY: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am

FIRST SUNDAY: Holy Communion (Alternative Service Book)  
SECOND SUNDAY: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
THIRD SUNDAY: "Come and Worship" - a service for everyone  
FOURTH SUNDAY: Holy Communion (Alternative Service Book)  
FIFTH SUNDAY: Morning Prayer

6.30pm.

FIRST SUNDAY: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)  
SECOND SUNDAY: Evensong (Alternative Service Book)  
THIRD SUNDAY: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
FOURTH SUNDAY: A Memorial Service (To remember loved ones)  
FIFTH SUNDAY: A Praise Service.

You will see we have attempted to have more ASB Services at the main Sunday morning time, as well as including two non-Communion Services on the Third and Fifth Sundays. For the Evenings, we have introduced a Memorial Service when we shall remember those recently bereaved as well as those whose names appear in our Memorial Book (during the Month previous to the Service). If Parishioners would please pass this word around, and come along on the Fourth Sunday we would be delighted.

When there is a Fifth Sunday, we will hold a Praise Service - quite informal and open to all. The 8.00am Service will be a quiet, said Service with Sermon, and will be entirely Prayer Book, which seems to be what the majority of "early risers" prefer. Finally, we have agreed to drop the term "Family" because every Service is a "Family Service" as it is there for the whole Family of All Saints. My earnest prayer is that we shall all come and join in all the Services no matter what our personal preferences. See you Sunday!

God Bless You and Yours

J. David Benson

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

6th PENTECOST 20 - "Endurance"

8am Holy Communion (BCP) - Revd. W. Hudson  
10am Holy Communion (ASB) - Revd. W. Hossett  
Epistle : Romans 8: 18-25  
Gospel : Luke 9: 51-end  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 32: 1-8  
New Testament: Hebrews 10: 23-39

13th PENTECOST 21 - "The Christian Hope"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Acts 26: 1-8  
Gospel : Luke 18: 1-8  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: 1 Peter 1: 13-21  
New Testament: John 11: 17-27

20th LAST AFTER PENTECOST - "Citizens of Heaven"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone, with Holy Baptism.  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : Ephesians 6: 10-20  
Gospel : John 4: 46-end

27th NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "The Creation"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Genesis 2: 4b-9 & 15-25  
Gospel : John 3: 1-8  
6.30pm Memorial Service

1st ALL SAINTS' DAY

Nov 8pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Revelation 7: 2-4 & 9-end  
Gospel : Matthew 5: 1-12



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

8th September Susannah Beth Frances Higgins, 90 Green Oak Rd.  
Samuel Anthony Jinkinson, "Riverside"  
Back Lane  
Jonathan Robert Lampson, 72 Sunnyvale Road

### Weddings

17 August Craig Shaw of Norton Lees to  
Allison Luise Bellamy, 55 Green Oak Road

7 September Peter James Allott of Grimesthorpe to  
Kirstine Jane Stacey, 35 Green Oak Avenue

13 September Paul Stephen Reeves of Heeley Green to  
Alison Margaret Brooke, 17 Marstone Crescent

### Funerals

30 August Cyril Edward Tingle, 30 Green Oak Drive. Aged 89

4 September Alice Gregory, formerly of Laverdene Avenue  
Aged 88.

"Ted" Tingle was born in Sheffield and was well known as a Commercial Traveller. He came to live in Totley when the "pre-fabs" were first built, with his wife Edith. They were married for 51 years, and shared many happy times together. Ted was an accomplished violinist and entertained folk at seaside resorts and even on cruises. He had been ill with pneumonia in recent months, but he and his wife had been looked after by their good friends, Iris and Roy.

Alice Gregory came from Heeley and was married in 1936. She worked at Tyzacks where her husband was Manager of the files department. They had a good life, and celebrated their Golden Wedding after having travelled to many places. She was a very happy resident, for the past 9 years at "Glen Mhor Nursing Home". Increasingly she suffered with arthritis and became confined to a wheelchair, finally suffering a stroke. Despite her incapacity, she was cheerful and alert to the end.

## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL NEWS

We have been very pleased to welcome Mrs. Jane Hore to the School Staff; she is at present teaching the Reception Class. Jane recently completed her Post-graduate Certificate in Education at Sheffield Polytechnic. She obtained her degree 10 years ago and worked in retail management before giving up paid employment to have her family. She and her husband, Jeremy, live in Thorpe Hesley with their two children, Jonathan (6 years) and Katie (4½ years). They are very active members of Thorpe Hesley Parish Church. We do hope that Jane will be very happy working with us.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

6 October Mrs. Cryan and Mr. Hazlehurst  
13 October Mrs. Jockel and Mrs. Dixon  
20 October Mr & Mrs. Loft  
27 October Mr & Mrs. Carter  
3 November Mrs Job and Mrs. Murrell.

### Flowers

### Altar

### Memory Table

6 October Mrs. A. Waite Miss Wilson  
13 October Mrs. Simons Mrs. Hinchliffe  
20 October - Mrs. Parsons  
27 October Mrs. B. Waite

### Silver Cleaning

7 October Mrs. Mayson 21 October Mrs. Jockel

## ROUND AND ABOUT

New Arrival - Notice in the August edition of the "Totley Independent" ... "Totley Hall Fruit Farm - there will be no deliveries during September". This turned out to be quite untrue; there may not have been any deliveries of fruit and veg, but Edwin and Jenny Pocock had their own "special delivery" on September 9th - a son, Luke Edwin. We send them all our love and congratulations.

Produce Show - There was a good selection of entries for this year's Show, although some Classes were a bit thin - can we all do better next year? Tom Steele is to be congratulated on his "Over All" win ... how does he grow runner beans that long ... perhaps he has some magic mixture in his shop! We hear that the Anglican Clergy at All Saints' had modest success too with their Woodcraft and Photography. Come on Totletonians, let's try and beat them next year.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This month's fellowship meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8th October at 8pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to hear and take part in "St. Paul's Epistle to Totley" - Chapter One. Robin Carter

## THESE I HAVE LOVED

Make a note in your diary for another programme of poetry and prose on October 22nd at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Once again Leonard Brightmore of the Cheshire Home and his friends will be offering a programme which will seek to be both humorous and serious and designed to suit all tastes. Actually on this occasion we suspect that there will be music as well because Julian Thompson has agreed to join the "cast". There is no charge, just come and enjoy yourselves.



## SOMETHING TO SHARE

As part of the DECADE OF EVANGELISM the Sheffield Diocese have produced an excellent short course intended to equip us for our part in complying with Jesus' command to us to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28 v 19). We cannot ignore our responsibilities and yet we very often don't quite know how to meet the situations in which we find ourselves. This course has been designed to help us all to communicate our faith in simple terms by both words and deeds.

"Guinea-pigs" from the parish have tried the course and now want to share it so that we can all feel more confident about how we might respond to the basic requirements of our faith. It is now on offer to every member of the congregation and plans are being made for a good turn-out. Make a note of the details now: Each session will be at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Wednesday 16th October - "Our Gospel"

Wednesday 30th October - "Our Pilgrimage"

Wednesday 13th November - "Being Bridges for God"

Wednesday 27th November - "Making Disciples"

Wednesday 11th December - "Caring for New Christians"

It is very desirable that everyone should attend all sessions so please regard this as a priority.

Harvest Weekend - We were favoured with splendid weather throughout. Our Church School came to Church on the Friday, then took their gifts to local Senior Citizens: Saturday saw various groups making posters, banners, dramatic presentations, musical items, prayers and meditations, floral decorations, etc. These were all shared at the Sunday Morning Service, attended by numerous families. The ladies then served up an excellent lunch in the Hall (there were one or two male waiters too, but they do need a bit more training!) We thank everyone who contributed in any way towards such a happy and successful weekend. All proceeds will be sent to Christian Aid. We will give the total figure next month.

## AN EVENING OF JAZZ

At the Cheshire Home on Friday 11th October from 8.00pm to 10.30pm. Tickets are £1 or pay at the door. Bar and refreshments will be available. The feature of the evening will be "THE LATE ARRIVALS"

# LET ME EXPLAIN

says the Bishop of Sheffield

Those who oppose the ordination of women, it is now generally agreed, must be mad, bad or just senile. So, though I'm 61, single and not the world's greatest brain, I'd like to give a word or two of explanation on why I think the Church of England should hold back from letting women become priests.

Oddly, it is nothing to do with either the rights or abilities of women. I believe in the equality of the sexes. I don't doubt that some women would make good priests (and indeed good bishops) - just as I know that some men make very bad ones!

But it has to do with the way the Church and especially the Church of England tries to make sure that the decisions it takes are in keeping with the will of God. This is no different from the ways of Parliament and ordinary secular organisations that it can be a struggle to grasp it. We believe that decisions need to be true to Scripture, Tradition (or Antiquity) and Reason. Each makes its distinctive contribution:

Scripture records the once-for-all revelation of God who has spoken to us in His Son Jesus Christ. Here is the deposit of faith and the title-deeds of the Church.

Tradition gives us the continuing response of believing people through the centuries to that revelation recorded in Scripture. We believe (I quote the 39 Articles) that "the Church hath authority in Controversies of faith: and yet is not lawful for the Church to ordain anything that is contrary to God's Word ....". The authority of tradition is cumulative: a way of doing things that has been almost universally observed from the earliest days of the Church would not be lightly abandoned.

Reason is for today. For the life and faith of the Church is not to be frozen into history and the past. An unchanging Church would be a dead Church. We need to make sure that our "inheritance of faith" does "bring the grace and truth of Christ to this generation". But "Reason" can sometimes mean the triumph of the world over the Gospel. Agreeing with "What everyone today thinks" could make it certain that we are not "bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation".

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In decision making, ideally the Church uses reason to make sure that a corrupt tradition is not hiding from us Scriptural truth. "The Church must always be being reformed", and basically reformation means going back to our roots. It is a conservative activity.

The "Reason" strongly supports the ordination of women. Scripture and Tradition are either silent or hostile. For the Church of England to take a decision simply on the basis of reason and without support from Scripture or Tradition hands us over captive to the viewpoint of today. It might be that the sex of the minister is a comparatively trivial issue. But lurking around are a number of issues of faith and morals in which with growing determination voices are demanding radical change. Once we have decided we can ignore Scripture and Tradition we have no defence left against popular error!

In the Prayer Book a new bishop is asked "Are you ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same?"

I answer: "I am ready, the Lord being my helper".

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



## Festival of Antiques and Flowers at Wortley Hall, Saturday, 12th October

The value of the contents of the attic - or of the Parish Church - may well have changed during a time of recession, and certainly the need to take steps to keep valuable possessions secure has never been greater. Advice on valuation will be provided by the experienced staff of Henry Spencer and Sons. There will be advice on restoration of antique objects and the Crime prevention specialists of South Yorkshire Police will give their advice on how to look after the items you have come to treasure. Displays of antiques and flowers will be in St. Leonard's Church - where Ploughman's Lunches will be served. Valuations and other displays will be at Wortley Hall. Free Car parking is provided. Admission to the Hall is for Valuations only, costing £1 for each substantial item.

Proceeds are for the 1990s Appeal for St. Leonard's Church, Wortley

## Appointments

**The Revd. Thomas William Harris**, Vicar of St. Peter and St. Paul, Barnby Dun, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to join HMS OSPREY as Chaplain in the Royal Naval Chaplaincy Service.

**The Revd. Kenneth Elwyn Jones** to be the new Chairman of the Sheffield Diocesan Education Committee and continuing as Rector of All Hallows, Harthill, and Vicar of St. Peter's, Thorpe Salvin, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. James Kenneth Moore**, Vicar of Bilham, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St. Oswald's, Millhouses, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Richard William Bryant Atkinson**, Team Vicar, Sheffield Manor Team, to be Team Rector, Sheffield Manor Team, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Michael Lloyd Fudger**, Team Vicar, Darnall-cum-Attercliffe, to be Rural Dean of Attercliffe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Gerald Vincent Letts**, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Fir Vale, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector of Bradfield St. Nicholas, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Peter John Boulton-Lea**, Vicar of St. Peter, Hersham, in the Diocese of Guildford, to be Rector of Kirk Sandall and Edenthorpe, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Please pray for Cynthia Fretwell who is to be made Deacon on Sunday, 6th October 1991, and who is to serve as Chaplain's Assistant at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

## Friendly Visitors Wanted

In the Nether Edge area of Sheffield an ecumenical group of Christians is hoping to build up a body of volunteers of all ages to visit and make friends with residents of some of the old people's homes there. Many older people who live in residential homes get very few visitors and would enormously appreciate a regular visit from someone to do normal interesting activities with them, such as conversation, a game of cards, help with a handicraft or a walk round the block. If you are interested in knowing more about what would be expected of a volunteer, about how rewarding the work can be and about the support you would receive to do this, please come to an 'Information Evening' at Prior Bank House, 74 Cherry Tree Road, Sheffield 11 at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 21st October. More details from the Revd. Nick Jowett, Sharrow Vicarage, 45 St. Andrew's Road, Sheffield S11 9AL Telephone Sheffield 550533.

## Enneagram Workshop

The workshop advertised in the July Diocesan News is a single workshop to be held over two days. Details again are: Saturdays 26th October and 2nd November, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. each day at St. Peter's Church, Abbeydale. Cost £10 per person for the two days. Bring your own lunch, beverages provided.

Bookings or further information: The Rev. Malcolm Alflett, St. Peter's Vicarage, 21 Ashland Road, Sheffield, S7 1RH, Tel. (0742) 550719.

**Victim Support Sheffield** is a registered charity which offers support and advice to victims of crime. Wherever possible victims are visited by a trained volunteer in their own home. A preparation course for new volunteers will be held on:

16 November 1991	10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
23 November 1991	10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
11 January 1992	10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, and can make all these dates, please phone our office on 758411 or call in at 69 Division Street for further information. We are particularly keen to encourage and recruit volunteers from the black community.

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Copy for December edition to the Editor by 20th October please.

Note the Editor's new address

## Rise Like The Sun



After the success of Christian Aid's Coventry Festival in 1990, Christian Aid and CAFOD have joined forces to plan one in Bristol in 1992. "Rise like the Sun" will have top speakers from Britain, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as music, worship, theatre, activities and workshops, and takes place between 17th and 19th July. To be kept in touch about progress for the Festival get in contact with the organisers at: Festival '92, P.O. Box 100, London. SE1 7RT. A donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

## The Light Party

Is on Friday, 1st November from 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. It's an evening for young people over 14 who enjoy Neighbours and Fast Food. The aim is to provide a good contemporary atmosphere in which young people can relax and have fun as well as be challenged about their beliefs through the worship and teaching. It'll be a great occasion and tickets cost £1. More details from the Revd. Alan Griffiths, Diocesan Education Committee, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield. S1 4FT.

## Garden Visit

A recent enjoyable event took place at Harthill in aid of the Bishop's Appeal. It took the form of "An Evening in the Garden" at the "Paddocks", home of Mrs. H.E. Wall. Coffee and biscuits were served and visitors were able to wander round the lovely garden during a perfect August evening.

The Bishop of Sheffield was happy to be able to attend himself, and, not one to miss an opportunity, also brought along some copies of his latest book "Roses Wild" for sale in aid of the Appeal.

## Missionary Bishop

Bishop David is planning some missionary journeys in the Diocese next year. "Their aim" he says "will be primarily evangelistic! And I hope they will give pleasure both to the Bishop of Sheffield and the parishes involved."

The first missionary journey is to be from Goole to Sheffield in two of the boats of the Sobriety Project of which the Bishop is patron, and the second is perhaps to be on foot, or some other suitable form of transport from Laughton to Great Houghton, thus touching parts of the Diocese that the other journey will not reach.

Bishop David hopes that on each of his journeys, local initiatives will make them memorable and worthwhile occasions, and he will welcome bright ideas!

## Canon Arthur King

Former Hon. Canon of the Cathedral, Arthur King died peacefully during August aged 85. Ordained in 1932, he served as a curate at St. Mark's, Broomhill, then was Priest-in-charge at Thurcroft, Rector of Bradfield, Vicar of Wentworth and Hon. Canon of Sheffield Cathedral. Whilst at Wentworth he was Chaplain to the Diocesan Lay Readers' Association, and was also one of the few bellringing clerics. On retirement he moved to Southwold but after the death of his wife Dorothy in 1973, he moved to Harrogate, re-married in 1975 and served in quite an active capacity at St. Peter's, Harrogate. Since 1985 he and his wife Barbara moved to Dulverton Hall, Scarborough, where he resided even after the death of Barbara in 1989. For the final fourteen months, due to failing strength he was resident at Queen Margaret's Nursing Home, Scarborough.

## Better together

A new initiative is being launched by the Anglican, Catholic and Methodist Churches of Wickersley, near Rotherham, next month. It is called "Open House", and is a festival of christian hospitality, with lots of opportunities to share the christian faith with the people of the local community.

Three large events are planned at which a Trade Union official, a Nun, and an Olympic Cyclist will be speaking about their faith. A host of smaller events are also planned.

The Revd. Raymond Draper, Rector of Wickersley, and a member of Wickersley Council of Churches, said "This is the most ambitious and imaginative faith-sharing programme we have ever launched. It is so much better, together!"

## In the footsteps of St. Paul

Colin Roberts, Reader at Whiston Parish Church, near Rotherham is organising a fifteen day study visit to Turkey during August 1992. Places to be visited include Istanbul, Galipoli, Ephesus, Miletos, Colossae, Cappadocia and Mount Nemrut, and many others. Costing approx. £860, further details are available from: Mr. C. Roberts, Senior Teacher, Oakwood School, Moorgate Road, Rotherham. S60 2UE. (please enclose stamped addressed envelope)

## Israel Day

There's a Day Conference on Saturday, 12th October at Bawtry Hall, Bawtry, Doncaster organised by the Church's Ministry among the Jews. The conference will give new insights to participants into the unique position of Israel, culturally, physically and biblically. Further details from: Alan Angus, 7 Belton Road, Epworth, Doncaster DN9 1JL Tel: (0427) 873945.





## What Next?

"I would like to report an attempted theft" said the Rector of Kirk Sandall, the Revd. Gordon Taylor to South Yorkshire Police at Thorne Police HQ. The only trouble was that it sounded so daft - for someone had attempted to steal the stone path leading up to the redundant church of St. Oswald in old Kirk Sandall. Before the theft could be completed the yolk stone paving slabs were stored for safety before being relaid a few days later. The Rector ought not to have been surprised at the attempted theft because stone walls have been disappearing quite regularly over a number of years!



Two impressive new catalogues are just out from the Christian relief and development agency Tear Fund and its trading arm Tearcraft.

The 32-page Tearcraft 91-92 catalogue features more than 200 new products, as well as some long time favourites. All the items have been photographed in full colour and placed in easy to find sections, so the reader can shop by post for gifts, articles for the home and personal pleasure, without hassle.

Alongside the wood carvings, ceramics, fabrics and needlecraft, the pages carry biographies of a few of the artisans. Some, like Wong Wiang - a producer of jewellery and lacquerware in North Thailand, run their own small

businesses. Others work through larger concerns, like the Mission Cottage woodcraft industry, which recently outgrew its base on the campus of the Philippines Missionary Institute.

Tearcraft markets the fruits of labour from 33 groups in 11 countries, providing employment for around 10,000 people in the developing world. Sally Farrant, Editorial Officer for Tear Fund, explains: 'We feel the story of who made the goods is part of their appeal.'

For the first time paper and promotional items produced in the UK can be found in a separate Tear Fund Products catalogue. 22 varieties of Christmas cards are featured (overprinting service available before November 4), plus an attractive range of gift wrapping and stationery. Many of the products are made from recycled paper.

Both catalogues are free and available on request from Tearcraft, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8QE.

## Save a Yard - Save an Organ

The organ at the church of St. Thomas and St. James, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley requires a lot of money spending on it to lengthen its life and continue to contribute to the worship. Mrs. Kathleen Crowther, Secretary of the PCC has hit on a novel and painlessly interesting way to raise funds. She is appealing to the congregation to save their 5p pieces from their change and collect them in 50's which is precisely one yard if laid edge to edge. A yard is worth £2.50. These packets of one yard will be brought to church and then measured. Members of the congregation are enlisting their families and friends in the venture and Kathryn hopes for a really splendid response.

## MISSION DONCASTER

The sixth Annual General Meeting of MISSION DONCASTER is to be held on Saturday October 12th at 6.15 p.m. in St. James' Church Hall, Doncaster.

This will be followed at 7.30 p.m. by an Evening of Praise and Celebration in the Church. The theme will be "Serving the people of God in our generation" and the preacher will be Revd. Ian Chisholm, Vicar of Conisbrough.

All are welcome to come!

Further details from Doncaster 342200 or 853829.

## THE CIGAR SAGA

A 70 years old memory prompted last month's item on happiness, a cigar is central to it. One Sunday my father brought home to lunch and tea (and thereafter a regular visitor to Sunday tea) a retired "CABBIE" - a horse-drawn cab driver. A widower in his early 80's, his married sons and daughter had taken "turns" to have him live with them; this palled somewhat, ending with no-one wanting him. Eventually he was admitted to a hospice for the aged, in Heeley Bank Road, sadly no longer there; from the top of the bus you caught a glimpse of a statue of the Virgin Mary in the courtyard, staffed and run by Roman Catholic "Little Sisters of the Poor"; the inmates were treated with utmost kindness, good food and accommodation. But he left - all the others were Roman Catholics - he was not - relations were rather cool. It is a measure of his character that he was admitted. (They were not so brotherly then as people of different faiths are today). From there a kindly publican took him in, probably where my father met him. After tea Sam, for that was his name, would recount his adventures when driving cartographers and surveyors on the high moorlands of outer Sheffield, through blizzards, storms and bitter cold. He told us of once taking home to Ashopton a Derbyshire priest who spent convivial evenings at the theatre in Sheffield. The holy man prevailing upon Sam to have a drink. At this a dog, in Sam's words "as big as a donkey" came in the room and barred his exit; it was 5am before he escaped. Father had a choice selection of cigars given to him by various people - he never smoked them. After tea Sam would sit in an easy chair, in winter by the fireside, relishing and savouring the cigar, the scented smoke wreathing above his head, recalling his contemporaries: the post-horn blower, "Lampy" the cleaner and trimmer of oil lit carriage lamps, etc. He was content, he was happy, it wasn't just the cigar, it was the fact that someone loved him, someone cared, he was wanted; it is what precedes the cigar that really matters, the cigar the finishing touch. Often happiness follows tribulation, as in these circumstances. Sam was happy and so, too were we.

Rex B.

## A JOURNEY TO MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

Stella Jockel invites you all to the Church Hall on Friday 18th October 7.30 - 9pm for a slide show of her recent travels to the Far East. Refreshments available, all welcome.



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Saturday October 19th 2pm - 4.30pm

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Tombola  
Grocery  
Green & Yellow Stall  
Nearly New Books, Toys & Clothes

All donations gratefully received. Please phone  
Lorna (369878 or school if you need help with  
collection.)

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LADIES CLUB

On the 1st October Stella Walton will give a talk on her life in South Africa. On 15th October we shall be holding a Coffee Evening with a "Bring & Buy" and a cake stall. Profits will go towards group funds. All ladies in the parish are very welcome to these Ladies Club events.

COACH TO LONDON - SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Totley All Saints' School Parent Teacher Association have booked a coach to London on Saturday 9th November. Tickets are now available at £8 each, under 2's free. The coach will leave from Totley Hall Lane at 8am, stopping en route and arriving in London (at a central point to be decided) at approximately 11.45am. People are then free to spend time as they wish with the coach leaving London at 5.30pm and arriving back in Sheffield at approximately 9pm (non-stop). For tickets or any more information please telephone Elaine Ferguson, 361839.

NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS!

This isn't really the thing to do scripturally (see Matthew 9.17) but when Marjorie and I went to "New Wine" in August we didn't really burst. At least, if we did, it was with enthusiasm for our refreshed and renewed vision of the power of the Holy Spirit in bringing new life into the Church today. During the coming months we may have to beg your pardon for too many references that we might make to our experiences but really we did have a wonderful week.

On the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet over 6,000 Christians gathered together for a week's Celebration and it was a thrill just to see so many people gathering for worship together. It was organised by St. Andrew's Chorleywood, which is certainly a go-ahead parish. It was essentially Anglican but also a large number from other denominations who shared freely in all the activities, worship sessions, bible studies and teaching seminars (e.g. Evangelism, Social Justice, Healing, Worship, Parish Problems, etc.).

Although the week was intense it was also a holiday and many of the people there came as families. The young people of all ages were well catered for and we know that they had lots of fun as well as serious guidance and teaching. Most of us lived on the site in tents or caravans arranged in groups but some stayed in accommodation nearby. We were with 50 people, most of whom were from our daughter's parish in Northumberland. All of us felt totally free to participate as much or as little as we wanted.

Are we going again next year? (August 8th-14th). We think so - partly because our grandsons tell us that they want to go again! (this would be the fourth consecutive year for them!) We ought to make the point, however, that we were by no means the oldest people there so there would be opportunity for other "old wineskins"! It would be great if there was a party from All Saints', Totley, talk to us about it!

Maurice Snowdon

WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I alone AM He who, for His own sake, wipes out your transgressions".

(Isaiah 43:25 N.E.B.)



The Editor,  
All Saints' News

Dear Sir,

Admire all the understandable euphoria surrounding the collapse of the U.S.S.R., I would like to tell you of some kind and gentle men who helped me a great deal during my youth.

I was apprenticed as a toolmaker and met at that time a group of communist working class intellectuals who buttressed, reinforced and developed what has become my life-long commitment to socialism, which I inherited from my maternal grandfather and my own father.

Their communism was born out of the class struggle between the wars. Some of them had fought in the First World War and returned to what was supposed to be a "land fit for heroes"; fat chance. Some had fought in the International Brigade against Franco's fascists in Spain and some had fought the Nazis in the '39 - '45 war.

They were all active in their union, the A.E.U. and were proud of their "green cards", as was I. These were not militant activists looking for strikes or subversion but gentle family men who were forever prepared to give of their time.

I well remember the horror with which they greeted the knowledge of Stalin's brutality in what we then called Russia and their sense of betrayal of what they believed.

After my brief flirtation with the Young Communists and then my realisation that I could not reconcile my Christianity with communism, there was no pressure brought to bear for me to change my mind. Indeed one of them, Ted Yates, who would be around 100 years old, if he is still alive, said: "It is every man's birthright to be born free, and I will champion his right to exercise that freedom, however he chooses".

Some of them are no doubt still alive, and like me, I have no doubt they will be rejoicing at the events taking place in the U.S.S.R. I thank God for their lives, and the influence they had upon me.

Robin Carter.

There is a lot of action going on in Sheffield, of which most of us are only partly aware. The idea of the Day is to widen our experience by visiting and talking with community-based groups, on the front line of some of this action.

Details are still being finalised, but the aim is to give those who attend an opportunity to attend two support organisations within the community - one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

After a short Opening together at a central meeting place, it is intended that members go out in groups of 4 or 5 (a "car load") to one of the venues for a morning visit; then return to the central meeting place for a picnic lunch and to exchange ideas, impressions and information; an afternoon visit to a different venue; to be followed by a final exchange of ideas, impressions and information at the central meeting place. The Day will finish at 4.30pm. A small charge to cover costs is likely to be made.

The types of place to be visited during the morning and afternoon visits are:

YMCA	MAIREC
Salvation Army Men's Hostel	SADACCA
Rockingham Drugs Centre	Wootton House
Nomad	Bethany House
Phoenix Community Centre	St. Vincent de Paul
Asian Welfare	Overseas Aid Shop, etc., etc.

As you will appreciate, a lot of people will be staffing these venues specially (and in some cases opening them up specially) for the Day's visit. It is, therefore, important that early application is made to attend, in order to be fair to our hosts. Tuesday 8th October will have to be the final day for application.

A supply of application forms is available at the back of the Church and should be returned to Rupert Norris, 196 Baslow Road S17 4DS (TeL; 363410) or Ken Filleul, 116 Green Oak Road (Tel: 360872)

ONE WORLD WEEK (20th-26th October)

An opportunity to buy Christian Aid Traidcraft Christmas Cards, Calendars, Gifts, etc. will be provided in the Church Hall after the 10am Service on Sunday 20th October (or by contacting Ken Filleul at 116 Green Oak Road during that weekend).



## OCTOBER DIARY

- 1 Tue 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club Talk on South Africa - Hall
- 2 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
- 3 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
- 5 Sat 7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall  
7.30pm Voices for Hospices - Haydn's Creation - Cathedral
- 8 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
8.00pm Men's Fellowship - Hall
- 9 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 10 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
- 11 Fri 8-10.30pm JAZZ EVENING - Cheshire Home
- 12 Sat 7.15-10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 15 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm Ladies Club Coffee Evening & Bring & Buy - Hall
- 16 Wed 8.00pm "Our Gospel" - Hall
- 17 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
- 18 Fri 7.30-9.00pm SLIDE SHOW BY STELLA - Hall
- 19 Sat ONE WORLD WEEK EVENT  
2-4.30pm ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL AUTUMN FAIR  
7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 20 Sun ONE WORLD WEEK 20th-26th OCTOBER
- 22 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
7.30pm THESE I HAVE LOVED - Hall
- 23 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship-126 Totley Brook Rd
- 24 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley Grange Drive
- 26 Sat 7.15-10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 29 Tue 2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
- 30 Wed 8.00pm "Our Pilgrimage" - Hall
- 31 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group-20 Totley Grange Dr.
- 1 Fri 8.00pm ALL SAINTS' DAY - Holy Communion

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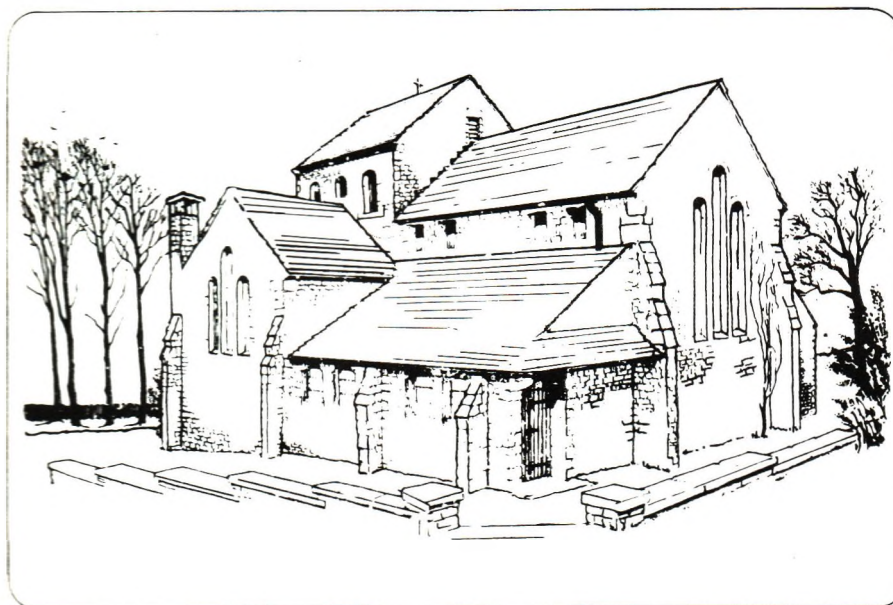
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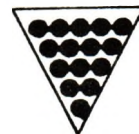
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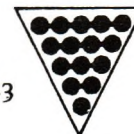
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## FROM THE VICAR

### MISSION IS ME

Dear Friends,

On what was perhaps the windiest night of the year so far, no less than 27 folk turned out for the first of a series of study/discussion sessions entitled "Something to Share". This is our first response to the challenges presented by the Decade of Evangelism. The major challenge to every Christian is to share our Faith with our friends and neighbours. Now this isn't terribly popular with your average Christian . . . and especially Anglican ones! To paraphrase an Old Testament verse, most Church folk (when confronted with the challenge to be involved in evangelism) frequently respond . . . "Here I am Lord; send someone else!" No, dear friends, evangelism must start with ME. If you claim to be a Christian, then it is your task, and mine, to pass on that Good News to others.

How do we go about this task? Well, there is no one answer to that question. As we discovered at that study session, there was a variety of answers to one question - What is the Good News? We each understood the Good News of the Christian Faith in different ways, and that is good. So, we go about the task of evangelism in different ways as God gives us the opportunity. Yes, that's the key to it all . . . grasping the opportunities that God gives to each one of us day by day at work, at home, at leisure, etc., etc.

Are you ready and prepared to share your Faith with others? If you have any doubts or reservations about this, please feel free to come along to "Something to Share" sessions at 8pm in the Hall on Wednesdays, November 13th, and 27th and December 11th.

May God bless you and your family,

J. David Benson

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Wedding

4th Oct. David John Watkin of Chatsworth Park Drive to  
Deborah Kirk, 10 Aldam Close

### Funerals

20th Sept. Ernest Holmes (93), 31 Green Oak Avenue  
26th Sept. Thomas William Winfield (89) 35 Baslow Road  
26th Sept. Gertrude Ada Short (92), "Green Oak View"  
2nd Oct. Kate Grace Swift (83), 36 Green Oak Avenue  
11th Oct. Kate Hirst (79) 7 Rowan Tree Dell  
17th Oct. Violet Rutherford (88) c/o 39 Meadow Grove  
18th Oct. Annie Bennett (77), 76a Green Oak Road  
21st Oct. Richard Mitchell (69), 28 Green Oak Avenue  
21st Oct. Betty Couldwell (85), 16 Rowan Tree Dell.

Kate Hirst (or "Kitty" as she was best known) and her sister Betty Couldwell died within ten days of each other in Rowan Tree Dell. Kitty was very active, visiting residents of "Green Oak View" and generally caring for others; Betty was more reserved, loved books and music and enjoyed hearing local news from Kitty. Both sisters had close, loving families and were members of All Saints' family.

Gertrude Short ("known as "Trudy") had been a resident of "Green Oak View" for over 4 years, and was also a regular member of Abbeydale Hall Good Companions. Her daughter Joyce is married to Felicity (nee Wells) father and came over from their home in Bayeaux on frequent visits to see Trudy. Sadly, she passed away during their last visit, but had a very peaceful ending to a long and interesting life.

### A MIXED BAG OF QUOTES

Wisdom comes to us when it can no longer do us good.  
Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Each one of us is responsible to all others.  
Fyodor Dostoyevski

Loving kindness is greater than laws, and the charities  
of life are more than ceremonies.  
The Talmud

Do unto others as they would do unto you, only do it first.  
A West Indian Cricketer.



## ODDS AND ENDS:

Christian Aid have written to say a big "thank you" for the £392 we sent as a result of our special Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. A receipt is affixed to our Porch Notice Board. This is a splendid effort, and is a very unselfish way of expressing our gratitude to God for all His blessings to us.

Harry Draper has graciously accepted the post of Organist at our Parish Church, in succession to Alan Haywood who died earlier this year. I know Alan will be happy, as will his widow Judith, for he and Harry worked together on many special "productions" with our Church Choir over the years. Stella is also assisting with both the Junior and Senior Choirs at their practice nights. We have set up a special Scholarship, in memory of Alan, details of which are given below.

## THE ALAN HAYWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Parochial Church Council have agreed that an annual sum of money (£250 for 1992) should be put aside to encourage young musicians from our Church family. We are delighted to announce that the first beneficiary will be Brian Ruthven, who was an Organ Pupil of Alan Haywood, and has played frequently at our Services since Alan's death. If any parishioner would like to be associated with this Scholarship, and perhaps allow us to support more than one pupil, donations will be most welcome. They can be sent to the Vicar, and marked "Totley Church Organ Fund". Thank you in advance.

## LADIES CLUB

On Tuesday 5th November Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon will entertain us with slides of their trips to India. Our second meeting is on the 19th when Mrs. Bernie Baker will give us a demonstration of how to make Christmas sweets, e.g. marzipan fruits. There will be an opportunity for us to "have a go" ourselves. Everyone welcome.

## ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

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Alan and Mavis Kirton

## ON BEGGING

There are several meanings to the word beg: "BEG" - a derivative from "BEGARD", a lay brother, "to ask for alms, to ask or supplicate in charity, to entreat", and entreat means to beseech, to ask earnestly; that must include prayer for among its meaning is entreaty. That is how we should regard prayer - in a spirit of humility, not forgetting to give thanks for what we receive, prayed for or not. Napoleon said "The poor man commands respect, the beggar always excites anger". How we should know if a man is poor unless he begs, puzzles me. And there are those who parade their prejudices with observations as "they are shiftless", "they are responsible for their own position", etc. These grudging opinions do not, however, cloud our Christian judgment - we err on the side of trust. But television pictures of poverty, want and famine exercise our minds all the time and in the form of Christian Aid, Cafod, Children's Society and other charities we ask for alms. So when you deliver and collect envelopes, or put on an event to raise charity, you are, in fact, a beggar, albeit a noble one. Please do not be offended by this observation, for you are obeying a commandment; "Love thy neighbour", and those who receive these envelopes etc. should also play their part, for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver".

Rex B.

## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

3 Nov	Mrs. Job & Mrs. Murrell
10 Nov	Mr & Mrs. Gerald Waite
17 Nov	Mrs. Ruthven & Mrs. Snowdon
24 Nov	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite
1 Dec	Mrs Ludlam & Mrs. Lewis

### Flowers

3 Nov.	Mr. Hazlehurst
10 Nov.	Mrs Coates &

### Altar

	Mr. Johnson
17 Nov.	Mrs. King
24 Nov.	Mrs. Powell
1 Dec.	Miss Taylor

### Memory Table

Mr. Bramall
Mrs. Monfredi
Mrs. Dixon
Mrs. Clarke
Mrs. Cooke

### Silver Cleaning

4 Nov.	Mrs. Wiles	18 Nov.	Mrs. Parkin
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## FROM A HOCKEY REFEREE AT THE WORLD STUDENT GAMES

(I put some magazines in the Polytechnic H.Q. and he responded - David).

Dear David,

Thank you for welcoming me to your Church during the World Student Games. I was made very welcome by those I met in Church and in the Hall afterwards.

The Service I attended was very refreshing with something for everyone. The enthusiasm of the children, musicians and congregation was evident as was also your own.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and was sorry I couldn't attend the evening Service. Will you please pass my thanks to your Church members for their warm welcome.

Michael Barron

## BOYS' CLUBS

Glancing through the Annual Report on the activities of the Boys' Clubs of South Yorkshire and Hallamshire, I was impressed by the scope and variety of their objectives. I quote from the Chairman's report:

"To promote, encourage participation in and co-ordinate local, regional and national activities and competitions, with the objective of fostering the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of our members in an atmosphere of positive thinking, tolerance and understanding."

..... and the General Secretary's report:

"One of the great ongoing problems is the lack of more volunteers coming forward to take the young people to venues ..... volunteers are the lifeblood of clubs."

.....and then I read:

"Very shortly the County will be celebrating a GOLDEN JUBILEE and it is our intention to hold an ANNIVERSARY APPEAL with special events during the course of the year to which we hope support in all forms will be forthcoming."

The Church Burgesses Educational Foundation gave £4,500 last year to the Boys' Clubs so perhaps we ought to be more aware of the good work done in such organisations and, if we can, give our support.

Dorothy Hill-Wilson

# **RETURNING TO CHRISTIAN MEMORIES....**

The Bishop of Doncaster writes

It is easy to think of a christian's growth and progress taking place in one general direction. There may be delays or setbacks, peaks of experience or occasions of uncertainty; but by and large a movement forward.

At times I wonder if that is the way a christian - or christian community for that matter - grows at all. If anything growth is circular; or better, if it doesn't sound too unflattering a description, corkscrew shaped. 'The object of all our exploring' said T.S. Eliot - 'will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time'. There is in the life of faith a constant element of return; and in returning a deeper discovery of God's intended purpose.

This came home again to me recently when I was reflecting on the marvellous words of John Newton: 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear'. It is the name and presence of Jesus that calms the sorrows of the human heart and makes whole the wounded spirit. One comes back to an early recollection of hymns of this kind with a sense of the freshness of discovery.

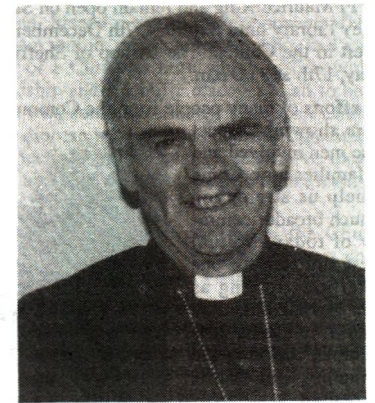
Of course I value much of our contemporary christian music. It is good and evokes a much needed spirit of praise. We are the richer for it; but we are also the poorer if we pay too little attention to some of the great contributions of the past.

It might be that 'Shine Jesus Shine' will have the same spiritual memories for others in due course - though at the moment I fail to be convinced! What I have been saying however illustrates the significance of early memory; and indeed of the work of the Church among children. It is a sobering fact that the vast proportion of children in this country appear to be growing up with no christian memory at all.

What memories children have will be at best well-meant educational efforts at some form of religious pluralism. Obviously it is right that in

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our religiously pluralist society children should have an awareness of other faith systems and festivals; and the requirement of a broadly christian context to religious education is to be seen in terms of our society's culture and history. But it won't create the christian memory of Jesus who heals the broken hearted and sets the prisoner free. How important is our own direct responsibility, in baptism and in nurture, for children and young people.

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It might seem that all that can be said on the remarkable events in the Soviet Union (or what was the Soviet Union) has been said! Although fresh changes are still taking place. All I wish to add is that we should remember the significant role played by the Church in these changes; and be praying much for the witness of our fellow-christians as they play their part in the evolution of a new society.

The Bishop has written fully last month on the question of the ordination of women to the priesthood; our prayers are greatly needed here as well, as the Diocesan Synod votes this month; and as the General Synod votes next year.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster



# PAST DISASTER : THANKS TODAY : FUTURE HOPES

Here is the 'Gospel' for Bentley this month, 60 years after the 1931 explosion at the Colliery when 45 men lost their lives. The 20th November accident left 89 children without a father. Death hit the mine again in 1978 and 7 men were killed. On the occasion of these and other fatalities people do their best to help and support one another. It is important to publicise the marking of such tragic times, lest we all forget the real cost of the coal which still provides most of our country's energy.

On the last Sunday of November hundreds of people gather in Arksey cemetery at 11.30 a.m. for the Annual Service of Dedication led by members of local churches. This year we are also making additional arrangements, including the publication of a book, "It's Like New-Wine To See You Again, Lass".

A Commemorative Exhibition will be opened by the Colliery Manager, Mr. Gilbert Wilson, in St. Philip and St. James' Church, New Bentley, on Friday, 15th November at 7.00 p.m. The Exhibition will be blessed by the Vicar, the Revd Fr Maurice King and remain open on Saturday, 16th to Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. It will then move to Bentley Library until Saturday, 7th December. On Saturday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. there will be a Choir and Band Concert in the Church. The Bishop of Sheffield will be the preacher at the Service of Commemoration and Hope on Sunday, 17th at 3.00 p.m.

The efforts of many people from the Community, Colliery and Church deserve to be rewarded with a good attendance.

We are showing respect for the men involved and their families now. Come and help us strengthen the much broader community of today. Mutual interest and care for one another are growing as people become linked by this series of events. It is the Church restoring the Community, and God is to be praised.

Tony Attwood,  
Coalfield Chaplain



## Quarter Million Tools Celebration

During October Tools for Self Reliance passed the quarter million mark for hammers, chisels, planes and sewing machines, all collected by UK volunteers and lovingly refurbished, given a new lease of life, and donated free to workers in 35 developing countries.

The celebration of this great achievement took place in Sheffield, home of steel and tool making, with a whole variety of events, including a visit from Trevor Huddleston. Churches are invited to get involved by organising local collections for the TONS OF TOOLS appeal. The aim is to collect at least ten tons of old tools from the City of Steel, to move onwards to the next quarter million!

For more details of the appeal, contact Neil Comey, Tools for Self Reliance, 14-18 West Bar Green, Sheffield. Tel: (0742) 755334.

## New Move

Alan Isaacson is now Field Training Officer for the Church Army at the Wilson-Carlisle College of Evangelism. The College moves to the City of Sheffield during this month. From 1985-1990, Alan was the Church Missionary Society Area Secretary for the Sheffield Diocese.

## Hard hats must be worn!

is the advice that Revd. Gordon Taylor would give to all new incumbents as they ring the church bell at their Induction. For during his Induction by the Archdeacon of Sheffield in October, he managed to pull too vigorously on one of the bell ropes at St. Mary's, Beighton, and it broke. Much to the amusement of those watching. For all he knew the bell might have come down with the rope, and it would have been a memorable occasion indeed! It was all captured on video, so that housebound members of the church didn't miss out on the fun! One ring of the bell was all that he managed, and following the old tale about incumbents staying in a parish for the same number of years as the bell is rung, he suggested to the Churchwardens, Muriel Flinders and Frank Hancock, that they should start the preparations for the next Induction straight away!

## Star Event

MARILYN BAKER is coming to St. Francis of Assisi, West Bessacarr, Doncaster on the evening of 7th December at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from Mrs. M. Gammon on 0302 630470 or Eric Tatton-Kelly on 0302 532844.

## Appointments

The Revd. Richard John Buckley, Rector of Adwick-le-Street, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Half-time Vicar of Wentworth Holy Trinity and Half-time Christian Aid Secretary for Sheffield and Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. David Stuart Walker, Team Vicar at Maltby, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Bramley and Ravenfield, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Robert John Hansley Beard, Assistant Curate, Sheffield Manor Team Parish, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Assistant Curate, All Saints, Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Geoffrey Hurst, Vicar of St. Andrew, Hoyland, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St. Wilfrith, Moorends, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Revd. Jack Harris, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Martin House Children's Hospice

A CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday November 23rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Christmas Gifts, Books, Handicrafts, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments and many other stalls will be there, and admission is only 20p. Martin House has just a few weeks ago celebrated its fourth birthday, and by that time had had over four hundred children referred there, and has been actively involved with over three hundred and seventy of them and their families. Martin House at Wetherby, West Yorkshire receives only about one tenth of its running costs from the Government, the rest comes from appeals, regular giving, and gifts as well as three shops. Over £700,000 each year takes some raising!



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## The Sheffield Diocesan Open Church Group

The Sheffield Open Church Group came into existence in 1980 in response to a call for grass roots support from the Open Synod Group of General Synod.

This was at a time when polarisation between Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics in Synod seemed to threaten the unity of the Church of England, and almost to disinherit anyone who did not identify with one side or the other.

It was easy to call the Open Synod (or Church) Group people woolly liberals who didn't know what they believed. Indeed many of their opponents did just that. But from within, open church thinking had a very clear vision of a Christian faith which in line with biblical scholarship and scientific discovery had to be prepared to live with some uncertainty. The Open Church Group of the diocese reflected this and has organised three or four meetings a year ever since to give local people clergy and laity, an opportunity to think, learn and grow in their Christian faith.

At the same time the politics of the Church have changed. Evangelicals have for many years now ceased to think and vote as one. Catholics too have had to accept internal differences not least over the ordination of women. In such a climate the need for something like the Open Synod Group has been reduced, for "openness" itself has become more general. All that is very healthy. In addition the last six months have seen a number of the founding members of the Diocesan group leaving the diocese.

In short, it is time for a general review of the aims and future of the group. There will be an opportunity to fix a time to do that at the end of our meeting. We invite any who might be interested to stay on a moment to do that. Details of the meeting are below

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## Active Bible Study

Reading the Bible is only one way of allowing ourselves to be challenged by it, and if we let it work at other levels of our awareness the shock of recognising what it is saying to us in our own times can be even more powerful. The **ACTIVITY DAY ON THE BIBLE** will provide opportunities to come together with other Christians from the Anglican Diocese of Wakefield and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam in order to explore its message through art, drama, dance, Ignation meditation, story telling, group work or music.

The event will take place at St. Mary's Church and at St. Michael's Church in Wombwell on Saturday, 16th November, starting at 10.15 a.m. and ending at 4.00 p.m. The cost of £2.00 includes hot drinks, but please bring your own packed lunch and your Bible. Further information from the Lay Training Officer, John Bouch, telephone Barnsley 288550.

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## Hot from the press

is the new Sheffield Diocesan Year Book, with a whole host of useful information about the Diocese. It is available through the parishes or from The Diocesan Office, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT priced £2.25 plus postage.

## Music at Rotherham

There's another concert in the series "Celebrating Rotherham" with two outstanding jazz musicians, Digby Fairweather on the trumpet and Stan Barker on the piano from the Royal Northern College of Music, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 14th November at All Saints' Church in the very centre of Rotherham. Admission is £3 (£2 concessions), and you can pay at the door.

## The Other Half

is the new title for the diocesan Fellowship for Clergy Wives and Clergy Husbands, and the recent annual conference at Whirlow Grange was attended by around forty or so wives and husbands. The stresses and strains of vicarage life were aired and shared, as well as all the joys. Lively and enjoyable discussions, challenging speakers, drama, creative work and reflection, were all part of the day, and they even made the TV screen with a report on Yorkshire Television News!

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## BEING PENSIVE

One of my reasons for writing a set of articles to our magazine was the hope that they would spark off a letter or two to form the beginnings of a platform on which to discuss diverging aspects of our faith, but ...

We cannot hide from the fact that a revolution is spreading through all branches of Christianity, irrespective of the various denominations. Surely it is no use burying our heads in the sand in the hope that it will go away - we must be brave and come to terms with it before it is too late, and, it seems to me, we have one of three choices:

- (a) We could accept the doctrine that all change is good and inevitable - for as good Christians should we not agree to go two miles with those who would compel us to go on? But the Russians, however, might not agree that a complete change to communism had been a good thing for them.
- (b) We could confront the situation and remain in our entrenched positions, perhaps even strengthening our barricades, leading to more arguments and ill-feeling and ultimately further disintegration of the Church. Was that Jesus' message to mankind?
- (c) We could try to learn from the early church fathers how to absorb fresh ideas to enrich the whole - for instance the blending of the "rites of spring" with the resurrection to form the Easter festival.

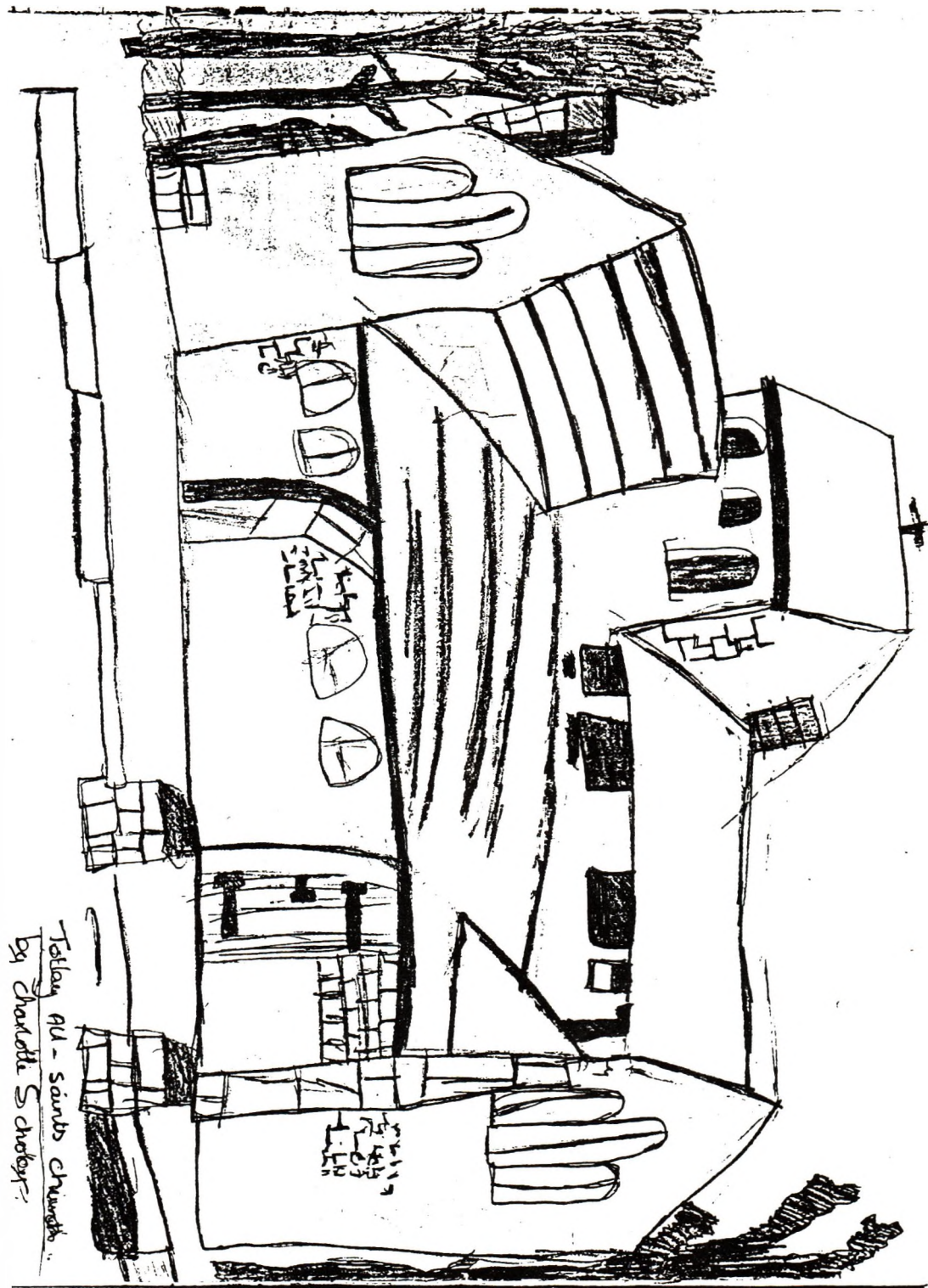
The difficulty is that option (b) requires no effort; we know our little monologue off by heart and can proclaim it from our soap-boxes till the cows come home, but option (c) is more like acting in a play; to do it properly, you have to know the other person's lines as well.

Just to remind you of some of the points I tried to make:-

1. Perhaps no two individuals have exactly the same religious point of view.
2. The church itself has always had a variety of beliefs.
3. Even the Gospels differ slightly in emphasis,
4. because they consist of "core" and "dogma",
5. and we also have "packaging". BUT are those three all of the same importance?.
6. Why can we choose the colour of our car, but not our own shade of religious belief?

Will somebody please start the ball rolling? John Hill Wilson





Telling All - Saints Church  
by Charlotte S. Chubb

## BRADWAY CRAFT FAIR

The seventh annual free admission Bradway Craft Fair takes place in the Bradway Scout Centre, in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, off Prospect Road, on Saturday November 23rd, from 10am to 4.30pm.

In aid of the funds of Bradway Scout Group, the event will include 25 stalls, with a number of them new to the area, bringing fresh ideas and providing a wide range of gifts for Christmas.

There will be light refreshments on sale all day, with a cake staff restocked at regular intervals.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

The movement to regroup the former "Councils of Churches" at various levels both nationally and locally seems to have been going on for a long time. We are still, however, hardly used to using the phrase "Churches Together" and, to be honest, only a few people seem to have a grasp as to why the change has come about. One significant reason for change (but only one) is that the Roman Catholic Church has become part of the "Churches Together" movement. Although formerly we managed to have a good relationship locally, this had not been possible nationally.

This particular aspect was underlined very effectively when the launching service for "Churches Together in South Yorkshire" was held in a Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter in Chains, at Doncaster on September 28th. Each church in South Yorkshire was invited to send two representatives to this service which was both a celebration and a commitment. What a wonderful service it was too! There were representatives from all the Christian Churches in the area - black and white, evangelical and catholic, charismatic and traditional - and all shades in between. Not only that, the service was put together by a representative cross section committee and included contributions from very many different groups.

But it is a looking forward to the future that really matters. The vision is nothing less than the coming of the Kingdom and an affirmation that we understand God's will in this to be that the different churches should grow closed together. Certainly this service was a witness to that understanding and an encouragement to all Christians that, as we seek God's will in our own lives and in our own churches, so others from different backgrounds and traditions are doing the same thing. It was indeed a privilege to be there.



### LADIES WORKING PARTY

Our thanks to everyone who helped with our Jumble Sale on Friday 4th October. Our next event will be the Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday 30th November in the Church Hall at 2pm. Come along and enjoy the Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, tea, etc.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd December 1991 at the home of Mrs. S. Greenhoff, 38 The Quadrant at 2.15pm

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Several of us at All Saints' have decided that this year, instead of sending Christmas cards to one another within the Church, we will make a financial donation to Martin House, the Hospice for Children at Boston Spa.

Accordingly, a card will be available at the back of the church on the four Sundays in December offering Christmas greetings to everyone who comes to church, for those who want to join in, to sign. There will also be a facility for financial contributions which will eventually be sent, with the card, to Martin House.

### DANCE AS WORSHIP

From Thursday 24th October there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to explore the use of dance as part of their worship. We will meet in the Church Hall from 10.30am to noon most Thursdays. If you would like any further information please contact Pauline PERKINTON, Tel.361601.

"Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.  
for the Lord takes delight in his people."

Psalm 149 x 3-4

### QUOTES

Pray as you can, for prayer doesn't consist of thinking a great deal, but of loving a great deal.

St. Teresa of Avila

None of us are quite as good as we think we are.

Norman Mailer

So far our major contributions this century have been bombs, the 15-second commercial and unemployment.

Mathew Fix, a Dominican friar from  
California

In faith and hope the world will disagree  
But all mankind's concern is charity.

Alexander Pope

### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

#### 3rd EIGHTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "The Fall"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : 1 John 3: 9-15

Gospel : Mark 7: 14-23

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament : Jeremiah 17: 5-14

New Testament : Romans 5: 12-19

#### 10th SEVENTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "Remembrance Sunday"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Special Service in Church, followed  
by Parade to the War Memorial

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : James 2: 14-24

Gospel : Luke 20: 9-17

#### 17th SIXTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "Moses"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Hebrews 11: 17-29

Gospel : Mark 13: 5-13

10am Young Saints

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament : Exodus 2: 1-10

New Testament : Hebrews 8 : 1-12

#### 24th FIFTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "Youth Sunday"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Service Taken by our Youth Group

To include a Baptism

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Romans 9: 19-28

Gospel : Mark 13: 14-23

#### 1st ADVENT SUNDAY - "The Advent Hope"

Dec 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel : Matthew 25: 31-end

10am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm "Advent Praise"



## NOVEMBER DIARY

2 Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
5 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Indian Slide Show-Hall
6 Wed	11.00am	Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship- 6 Milldale Road
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
7 Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent
9 Sat.	ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON	
	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
12 Tue.	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
13 Wed.	8.00pm	"Something to Share" - Being Bridges for God - Hall
14 Thu.	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent
16 Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
19 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Christmas Sweets - Hall
20 Wed.	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 10 Twentywell Dr.
21 Thu.	10-1200noon)	Royal National Mission to Deep
	7-9.30pm	Sea Fishermen Fund Raising Day - 79 Sunnyvale Road
	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent
23 Sat	10-4.30pm	BRADWAY CRAFT FAIR - Bradway Scout Centre
	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
26 Tue.	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
27 Wed.	8.00pm	"Something to Share" - Making Disciples - Hall
28 Thu.	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent
30 Sat.	2.00pm	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Hall

**WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION** "These things have I  
spoken unto you that MY joy might remain in you, and that  
your joy might be full".  
12. (John 15.11 A.V.)

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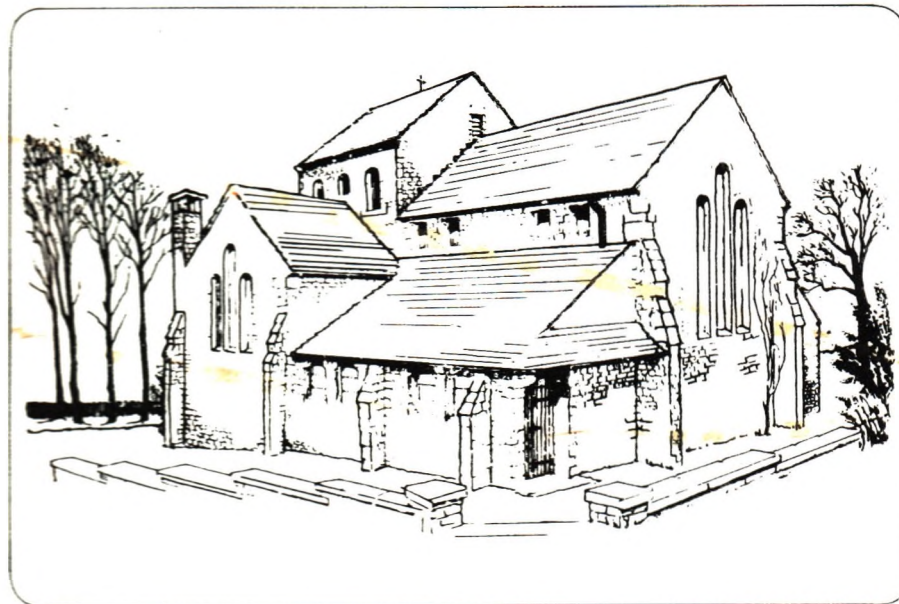
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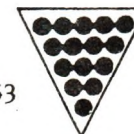
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## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

### PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

When someone important comes to our City, careful preparations are made - especially for a Royal Visitor. On the day of the visit, Police go ahead of the official car and clear a path through the crowds.

John the Baptist had a similar job (read Matthew Chapter 3). He declared to the people "Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for Him to travel" (Good News Bible). His method was to give honour and glory to Jesus by heralding His coming. This season of Advent, leading up to Christmas, must also be a time of preparation for each one of us. We can easily get caught up in all the hassle, so that we have little or no space for "preparing the way for the Lord".

What John the Baptist shows is that we each have to spend time each day in prayer asking God to help us clear away the clutter in our lives. If we do this, all the preparations that have to be made will take on a new significance. We shall be preparing for the coming of the King into our homes this Christmas.

Margaret joins me in wishing you and yours a very blessed Christmas. Please accept this invitation to come and worship with us at All Saints.

God bless you all

J. David Benson

## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 1st ADVENT SUNDAY - "The Advent Hope"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Romans 13: 8-14  
Gospel : Matthew 25 : 31-end  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm "Advent Praise"
- 8th ADVENT 2 - "Bible Sunday"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Romans 15: 4-13  
Gospel : Luke 4: 14-21  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: I Kings 22: 5-17  
New Testament: Romans 10: 5-17
- 15th ADVENT 3 - "The Forerunner"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Short Holy Communion (ASB said)  
11.15am A Christmas Celebration in the Hall  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : I Corinthians 4: 1-5  
Gospel : Matthew 11: 2-10
- 22nd ADVENT 4 - "The Annunciation"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Christingle Service  
6.30pm A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (ASB)
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Short Holy Communion (ASB) with Carols
- 29th CHRISTMAS 1 - "The Incarnation"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Romans 12: 1-8  
Gospel : Luke 2: 21-40  
6.30pm Memorial Service



## NORMAN HOUSE

During One World Week some of us met on Saturday and under the guidance of Rupert Norris were sent into the city in twos and threes to find out what various groups of people were doing to help others.

The first place I visited was Norman House at Upperthorpe. This is a voluntary hostel for ex-offenders, providing a home until they are able to re-establish themselves in the community. They can accommodate nine men in the main house with two "moving on" places in the cottage. They mainly look after themselves but there is a part-time cleaner and cook who prepares the main meal Monday-Friday. The administrative assistant, Mrs. Cindy Claxton, works part-time and is very caring and supportive to the residents.

I wonder how many of our congregation know that we do give a small donation to Norman House in our annual giving? I'm afraid that I was not aware of this but feel that we could also support them in other ways. We could pray for the residents and staff regularly for one thing. For another, I think it would be helpful to take them a box of "Christmas Goodies" (After paying £15 towards their keep many have only £15 left for the week. Out of this comes weekend meals, lunches, bus fares, personal items, clothing etc.) With this in mind, I will place a box in Church on Sundays in December. Items welcomed are: food (tins, etc. can be used for lunches), biscuits, mince pies and cakes nearer Christmas, sweets, drinks and especially toiletries for men (shampoo, soap, talc, shower gel, shaving gear etc.).

Thank you,  
Pauline Perkinson

## WANTED

A small group of enthusiasts would like someone to volunteer to try to teach them to play the guitar. Any offers? Phone Pauline on 361601.

## JOB VACANCY

Would anyone out there like to take over the job of Advertising Secretary for All Saints' News? This is mainly a once-a-year job. Please contact Pauline Perkinson, 361601.

## EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM TONY & PAM LINDSAY SIERRA LEONE

Dear Friends,  
Greetings from Bo

I have just been reading about God bringing order out of chaos. Very appropriate. I thought of all the chaos, not only in our own lives because of our unexpected withdrawal from Bo, but also the chaos caused by the rebel incursion in this country and the increasing ferment in many West African countries and further in the rest of the world.

How much we need God's order in our lives and in our world. We are sadly preparing to leave Sierra Leone. We do not know what the future will be for us but we pray to be open to God's leading. There seems to be a few different options. One would be to follow up our original plan to take study leave and for Tony to do further study - of two out of three terms (in residence) at a Theological College. This was originally planned for the end of our tour; however, even if the place could be obtained a year earlier in 1992, we still have the problem of lack of finance. We would receive a little help from CMS but it would leave the major part of the fees still to be raised. From where we don't know - any suggestions? Another possibility seems to be re-location, but this also needs to be thought about and given much prayer. The third option would be to try and find suitable employment in England.

We would value your prayers as we try to sort all this out. We will leave here early in December and should arrive back in England on the 19th December 1991.

By the time this reaches you, you may be thinking about Advent and the Christmas season. We do pray for all your activities that you may share the true meaning of Christ's birth.

With our love and prayers

Tony & Pam Lindsay

## LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting in December is on 3rd December when John and Myra Nettleship will talk on their "Novelty Candles". They will show slides on how the candles are made and will have a display of the finished products. The last meeting of the year will be the Christmas meal on 17th December.



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

1 Dec.	Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Lewis
8 Dec	Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Warrender
15 Dec	Young Saints
22 Dec.	Mrs. Ibbotson and Mrs. Cook
29 Dec.	Mrs. Firth and Mrs. Thompson
5 Jan.	Mrs. Brown and Miss Taylor

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
1 Dec.	Miss Taylor	Mrs. Cooke
8 Dec.	Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. Bedford
15 )		Mrs. Heap
22 Dec )	Christmas Trees	Mrs. Wiggett
29 )		Mrs. Parsons
6 Jan )		Mrs. Turner

### Silver Cleaning

9 Dec	Mrs. Ludlam	23 Dec.	Mrs. Simons
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### ODDS AND ENDS:

Someone, who appreciates the Vicar's sense of humour, sent the following cutting entitled "Central sheeping".... "I was taken to a small isolated chapel in mid-Wales which was regularly attended by a dozen or so sheep in winter. They were herded into a compartment at ground level, below the chapel floor, two or three hours before Sunday morning service - not for their spiritual benefit, but to provide central heating!" - Dr.Griffiths, Cardiff. Our contributor adds . . . "How about a few sheep in All Saints' Crypt?"

### SIGHT SAVERS, AFRICA

Thank you very much for helping us to raise £10.80 for the Sight Savers, Africa. The money will make a big difference to the lives of many children in danger of losing their sight from preventable diseases. We hope you enjoyed the apple pies and we will be receiving our Sight Savers Badge soon.

The Guides

# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

DECEMBER, 1991

## **TRUST AND OBEY**

says Bishop David

The unsung hero of the Christian story must be Anne, Mary's mother! How was it that Mary was able to respond to the message of the Angel "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word"? In past centuries learned scholars have worked out a "theology of Mary" that has made her different from everyone else: by a series of miracles God made her, they say, uniquely able to respond obediently to His will. I'm certain they've got it wrong. Mary's trust in God and her obedience to the divine message was made possible by the way she had been brought up. It was within the pious common sense of her home that she learnt of a way of life in which it seemed right to trust God and obey the will of God. St. Anne did a great job in the bringing up of her daughter.

In those first two - very long - chapters of St. Luke's Gospel which reach their climax with the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem, we get a wonderful picture of a group of men and women who were both getting on with the business of living and also quietly waiting upon God. Elizabeth and Zacharias were both "righteous before God and walking in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless". Simeon was "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel". Elizabeth's cousins and neighbours "rejoiced with her" and the story of what was happening was "noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea".

All these people were united in the way they trusted in the God who "filled the hungry with good things" and who "had visited and redeemed his people". Their lives were rooted in the knowledge of what God had done for his people in the past and so they had confidence in His purposes for them in the future. Because they trusted they could obey. And because they trusted and obeyed, God in them could carry through his saving purposes for the human race. Without them could have been no "child laid in a manger; because there was no room in the inn".

Isaiah, the prophet of Christmas, makes the message clear to us: "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength". (Isaiah 30:15).

This Christmastide, and in the coming year, my prayer for us all is that we achieve in our homes and our parishes something of that piety and trust we have seen in these people. If despite the turmoil that so often seems to surround us, we can "wait upon the Lord" we shall renew our strength, mount up with wings as eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint! (Isaiah 40:31).

As we get ready for Christmas a simple easy beginning would come from the careful, prayerful reading of those first two chapters of St. Luke's Gospel

Happy Christmas!  
DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield





## You've seen the film - now read the book!

Many of you will have seen on YTV's 'Calendar' how Christians in Doncaster brought three disabled children from a Romanian orphanage to Yorkshire for much needed operations.

Now Jonathan Redden, the orthopaedic surgeon who operated on Gheorgie, Nicu and Getta, tells the story in his book, 'From Romania With Hope'.

It is available from Christian bookshops locally, priced £1.95, or by post for £2.70 (inc p & p) from: Doncaster Control Centre, 2 Welton Close, Doncaster DN4 7JF. (Phone 0302 536399 for further information.) Cheques payable to Doncaster Control Centre, please.

## Kenya for you in '92?

There are twelve people interested in the visit to Kenya in August 1992, mentioned previously in the Diocesan News. The booking will probably be with KUONI at around £1400/1500, and last 23 days including 9 days on safari. Those interested will be meeting at the Cathedral Chapter House on December 10th at 4.00 p.m., when alternatives will be discussed and finalised.

If you are interested, then contact Ron Stevens on Sheffield 305475, or simply turn up at the Meeting. It will be an opportunity of a lifetime to see something of the Church in East Africa, and see some of the splendours of a fastchanging part of the world.

## Cathedral News

The Advent Service of Light and Vigil.....will take place on Advent Sunday at Sheffield Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. The music is by Palestrina and Wood, with Advent Carols and Hymns. The Liturgy is taken from 'The Promise of His Glory.' All are welcome. Advent Sunday is on the 1st December.

As from Tuesday, 26th November, one of the Cathedral Clergy will be available in St. Katherine's Chapel from midday to 1.00 p.m. for the ministry of Spiritual Counsel and/or Confession. Although this will start in the week before Advent, this will be a permanent feature of the life of the Cathedral. The Provost and Canons are also very happy to meet people by appointment.

## Quietly does it.

"Affirming Catholicism" is holding a QUIET AFTERNOON on Saturday, 7th December from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's, Dinnington. It will be conducted by the Revd. Simon Bailey. Tea and coffee are provided, but participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. For further details contact Patrick Linskill on Sheffield (0742) 556025 - home or 737050 - work.

There's advance notice of the Affirming Catholicism Conference next year on Saturday, 8th February at Sheffield Cathedral. The Speaker is the Revd. Ken Leech. It begins at 11 a.m. with opening prayers and concludes with a Sung Eucharist at 4.30 p.m. with The Bishop of Sheffield as the Celebrant and the Revd. Ken Leech as Preacher. Further details from Patrick Linskill.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Francis Samson Wainaina**, Minister-in-Charge of Upton St. Mary, in the Diocese of Chester, to be Vicar of Ellesmere St. Peter, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Please pray for the Revd. **Peter Hopper** serving at All Saints, Aston, to be made Priest on Saturday, 21st December 1991.

Please pray for **Christopher James Brain**, Northern Ordination Course, who is to be made Deacon in the Cathedral on Friday, 13th December 1991, and who is to serve in the parish of St. Thomas, Crookes (Nine o'clock Service).

Please pray for **George Beckett**, who is to be made Deacon in the Cathedral on Friday, 13th December 1991, and who is to serve in the parish of St. Lawrence, Hatfield.

**The Revd. Anthony Patterson**, recently returned from Australia, to be Assistant Curate, All Saints, Darfield, in charge of St. Matthew's, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**Mr. Keith Bell**, Parish Worker in the United Benefice of Charlesworth with Gamesley, and Dinting Vale, in the Diocese of Derby, to be Parish Worker at St. John's, Park, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Andrew Robert Teal**, Assistant Curate, Wednesbury St. Paul with St. Luke, in the Diocese of Lichfield, to be Team Vicar in the Sheffield Manor Team Parish, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Canon Geoffrey Kentigern Bostock**, Vicar of St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Bilham, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Vigil for Human Rights

Soroptimist International of Rotherham are to hold their third Vigil to mark the Day of Human Rights at the Chapel on the Bridge at Rotherham.

The Vigil is to be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 7th December and members will be there throughout the day to extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join them.

Mrs. A. Manson is organising the event and may be contacted for further details on Rotherham 370758.

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## Reporting Synod

# YES TIMES THREE.....

Sheffield Diocesan Synod said "Yes" to three highly significant moves at their meeting on November 9th, 1991 at Sheffield Cathedral. They gave an enthusiastic "Yes" to the possibility of setting up a new Diocese-to-Diocese link with Anglicans in Argentina. They gave another welcoming "Yes" to plans to build a new Diocesan Office in Rotherham, and they said "Yes" to the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood, but on the issue the House of laity "Yes" was almost a "No". But all three issues will now go forward to their respective next stages (writes the Revd Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communication Officer).

## Women Priests

As part of the national consultation process with the Dioceses of the Church of England Sheffield Diocesan Synod voted as follows on the issue of the General Synod's proposed legislation on the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. House of Laity: 27 in favour and 26 against. House of Clergy: 42 in favour and 20 against. One abstention. Both the Bishop of Sheffield and the Bishop of Doncaster (House of Bishops) voted against. The motion was carried and, as more than half the Diocese have voted in favour, the issue now goes on to its next and ultimate Final Vote at general Synod sometime in 1992 when it will require a two thirds majority in each House.

## South America

With the Diocesan link with Maseno North and Nmbale coming to an end the Diocese is now to investigate the possibility of a link with a South American Diocese: namely Argentina. At their November meeting Diocesan Synod authorised the expenditure of up to £5,000 to be spent on the exploration of the feasibility of this link with the visit of a small party to the Diocese of Argentina (around the city of Buenos Aires and surrounding districts) to make initial contacts. It was felt important, said the Bishop of Doncaster, that this link was fully "owned" by the Synod and the whole Diocese.

## Rotherham move...

For a while the Diocese has been looking for new premises for the location of the Diocesan Office (at present in St. Matthew's House, Carver Street, Sheffield). At their November meeting

Diocesan Synod members voted overwhelmingly in favour of relocating the Diocesan Office - new build - on the site of St. Stephen's Church Hall, Eastwood, Rotherham at a cost not exceeding £600,000. The Finance Committee is to be asked to continue the investigation of this matter which is still in its early stages. The Revd Jim Moore (on behalf of the Bishop's Council) said that it was hoped to finance this scheme from money realised by the sale of Glebe Land.

## Countryside

After an excellent presentation from the Bishop's Working Party set up to examine the "Faith in the Countryside" report (under the chairmanship of the Archdeacon of Doncaster), the report has been commended for study in our Diocese in deaneries and parishes, in the city as well as in the countryside. Various resolutions arising from the report are to be passed to the different committees of the Diocese.

## Finance etc...

The Diocesan Budget for 1992 (£3,803,066) was approved as was the report of the Finance Committee. Mr. Leslie Fletcher was re-elected Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Revd Jim Moore as Vice Chairman. Earlier the Revd Gordon Taylor had been re-elected Chairman of the House of Clergy and Professor David McClean Chairman of the House of Laity. At the House of Clergy meeting there were congratulations to the Revd Richard Atkinson, Team Rector of the Manor Team on his by-election success, being elected to serve on General Synod.



## An exciting year ahead for St. Peter's, Warmsworth, Doncaster

The Year 1992 marks the 50th Anniversary of the present church building of St. Peter's (affectionately known throughout Doncaster and district as the 'White Church')

There has been a church in Warmsworth for at least 757 years. That is why the Golden Anniversary is being described as 50+, being 50 years in the present building, and 707 years in various buildings on the old site. Never let it be said that they don't have long memories at St. Peter's.

On Saturday, 28th March 1992 at 6.00 p.m. (exactly 50 years to the day and time), the Bishop of Sheffield will celebrate the Eucharist, switch on new floodlights, and the join in a Parish Party.

During the special Anniversary Year, there will be lots of events, including an open air service on the site of the old church, and various band and choral concerts in the 'new' church.

The first concert for your diary will given on January 25th 1992 by the Doncaster Schools 70 piece Symphonic Band. Further details are available from Howard Scarborough on Doncaster (0302) 784557.

## 'The sower went forth'

In June of this year the Vicar of Wadworth with Loversall wrote to his fellow clergy in the Deanery of West Doncaster. He suggested that their churches take part in a series of Bible challenge matches, the aim being to encourage church members, especially new Christians, to get to grips with their Bibles.

Even though two Parishes were without incumbents at that time the idea was taken up by twelve churches.

Every month each team of six members meets another team in the Deanery to answer forty-two questions on four chapters of one of the Gospels. They have two weeks notice of which chapters the questions will be on.

Simple enough for even the newest Christian, and as the months have passed by the young people have more than held their own with older generations!

Groups are meeting to prepare themselves for each challenge, and matches are taking place in churches, vicarages, and halls sometimes never entered before by members of visiting teams or supporters.

Think of it. Seventy-two church members in a Deanery memorising four consecutive chapters of a Gospel every month for eleven months!

It's an idea that could catch on.

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When you're in Sheffield why not pay the shop a visit?

*"Happy Christmas"  
to all our readers  
say the children at  
Canon Popham Church  
School at Edenthorpe  
in Doncaster, at  
one of the  
School's  
Christmas parties*



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

27th October Yolanda Nicole Turner, 26 Aldam Croft

### Funerals

29th Oct. Muriel Courtail (70), "Green Oak View"

12th Nov. Christine Mary Collins (45), 8 The Green

A large congregation of local folk gathered at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium to thank God for the courageous life Christine Collins. She had been an inspiration to many, not least for the way she overcame a Cancer operation in 1976 and, with her devoted husband David, brought up their two children Sarah and Jonathan. She was involved in our community both at the Polytechnic and the County School. She will be long remembered in Totley as a very caring friend and neighbour.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

As you will see from our Diary page, December is the month when various groups in our Parish delight us with special Services and events. The first of these - "Advent Praise" - is on the evening of Advent Sunday, 1st December at 6.30pm. our Under Fives have their Toy Service at 2pm on 5th December; Senior Citizens have their Carol Service on 10th December at 2pm; our "Young Saints" will present a Christmas Celebration in the Hall at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 15th December; our Church School Christmas Pageant will be in Church on 17th December at 2pm and 18th December at 7.15pm; the Christingle Service will be on Sunday 22nd December at 10am and the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols that same Sunday at 6.30pm; the FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS will be at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and an informal, short Communion Service with Carols at 10am on Christmas Morning. Please try your best to come to as many of these Services and support those who have put so much work into their presentation.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I will use you to show . . . that I AM holy".

(Ezekiel 36.23 GNB)



## LETTERS

### 4 The Grove

Dear John,

Having written articles for All Saints' News and other local publications I sympathise with your disappointment at not provoking a response. You must feel like your namesake - crying in the wilderness!

To pursue your option (c), let me contribute some of the "other person's lines" that I have been trying to say over the years.

1. The leaders of each church have to decide how much, if at all, they should change services etc. to appeal to a wider congregation.
2. They also need to realise that, except in rare cases, people are unlikely to turn up at church services without some prior indication that they will be welcome or that someone will show them where to sit and guide them through the service. The best way, if you hear of anyone who might come to church is to invite them to come with you.
3. Do not underestimate the importance of the Church Hall as a bridge between the church and the community. Persuading people to come to activities in the Hall is a way of introducing people to Christian friendship and love.
4. Keep in touch with anyone who expresses any interest in the church and its activities. I came to some of the Men's Fellowship Open Meetings last. In the October magazine the first of this year's meetings was announced but it did not make it clear if these were still Open Meetings or if they had reverted to being meetings of church men. There is no mention of the Men's Fellowship in the November magazine. Has it folded or gone into secret session? Nobody has been in touch with me to see if I wanted to come along. This is not intended to be a criticism of anyone - I am quite capable of asking if I really wanted to know - but I am using it as an example of a way somebody slipped through the net.

Colin Wells

## BEING PENSIVE (TOO/TWO)

In reply to John's articles on the challenge of change and the five strands - evangelical, charismatic, traditional, Catholic and liberal - within the Church today, may I suggest one illustration I find helpful - that of "spiritual journey".

We begin with the personal preferences of our background or temperament but each experience and stage of our lives makes demands on us and tests our faith. We travel at times over difficult terrain but surely should rely on God to strengthen and guide us - as individuals and a Church- along the paths and using the means He chooses. The strands are not exclusive or need not be.

From an evangelical Plymouth Brethren childhood I gained a knowledge of the Bible I still value. My personal path led through adolescence and Adult Baptism to Confirmation and membership of the Church of England at University.

The Charismatic Renewal Movement of the 1960s stimulated interest and involvement in the Church's Healing Ministry. Twelve years in a mining/farming parish at a traditional community-based Church developed an appreciation of what Church festivals, rituals and symbols conveyed to many people - what is often termed "folk religion", (rituals and symbols) and its spiritual value. In times of pain and darkness the more "Catholic" contemplative Prayer practice has brought comfort and meaning, as have mystical writers like Julian of Norwich.

Recently, a sense of the relative vulnerability of women in a male-dominated hierarchical power structure led to the discovery of Christian feminism and I've been challenged too by studying the Gospels at seminars of the Guild for Psychological and Religious Studies - both liberal activities!

I feel that we do not need to narrow God down in our worship or any area of our lives and that He provides for all the contingencies on the Way.

Beryl A. Rayner.

## SCOUT NEWS

The 1st Totley Scout Group would like to offer an open invitation to their Coffee and Carol Evening on Tuesday 3rd December, from 7pm at the Scout Headquarters on Aldam Road. There will be stalls, Games, Christmas fayre and refreshments.



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The thought and problems of Christmas gifts is exercising our minds as Christmas approaches - gifts for family, gifts for friends, for those we love, for those whose friendship we cherish.

The first Christmas gifts however, needed no lengthy deliberations; the occasion was sudden and dramatic, yet the three wise men had no problems - they knew what appropriate gifts to bring and for what reason. They were omens for Jesus' life as it unfolded and was later fulfilled. Later legends described the wise men as kings, hence the carol "We Three Kings of Orient Area"; but kings or commoners, they were indeed wise.

Melchior was a grey-bearded old man; his gift of gold was the correct and proper gift for a king. Jesus was to become a king among men, so gold was befitting. Caspar was an exact opposite to Melchior; he was young, with no beard and he brought frankincense, that being the accepted gift for a priest, for priest in Latin means "bridge-builder". Jesus was just that building a bridge between GOD and MAN. The third gift of Myrrh was Balthasar's, denoting and foreseeing Jesus' death on the cross. Myrrh in biblical times was a gift for those who were to die and used for embalming the dead.

The three wise men were exceedingly wise.

Rex B.

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

Our thanks go to all who helped us at the Christmas Bazaar. The next meeting will be on 3rd December at the home of Mrs. C. Greenhoff, 38 The Quadrant, at 2.15 p.m.

## CHRISTINGLE

The Christingle Service this year will be held at 10am on Sunday 22nd December.

Envelopes to be presented at this service will be available on 1st December from Church or from Dorothy Simons. Do try and join us and bring your friends to this service and help support the Children's Society.

## BARN DANCE

If the successes of recent years are anything to go by, those attending the New Year Barn Dance in the Church Hall on Saturday 4th January 1992 (7.30pm - 11pm) should be able to look forward to a particularly enjoyable evening.

As usual, there will be live music and caller, together with a Buffet and Bar.

Tickets at £4 each are available from members of the Social Committee (Mavis Kirton, tel. 351286; Angela Waite, tel. 364728 and Ken Filleul, tel. 360872) and prompt booking is recommended because of the limitation on numbers.

## THANKS

You will no doubt have seen, as least I hope so, the results of the "Church Grounds Tidying Up Day" - young and old were enthusiastic in their endeavours. The tea-girl (she'll be pleased at that) was Mrs. Benson. Thank you all.

## QUOTES

Motherhood is the best training for organisation and management.

Baroness Blackstone

Cooking is like love, it should be entered into with abandon or not at all.

Harriet Van Horne

There is a grace of kind listening as well as a grace of kind speaking.

Frederick W. Faber

Happiness is beneficial for the body. But it is grief that develops the power of the mind.

Marcel Proust



- 1 Sun 6.30pm ADVENT PRAISE
- 3 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
2.15pm Ladies Working Party - 38 The Quadrant  
7.00pm Coffee & Carols - Scout HQ  
7.30pm Ladies Club - "Novelty Candles" - Hall
- 4 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd
- 5 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - TOY SERVICE-Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
- 7 Sat 7-9.30pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 10 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
2.00pm Ladies Working Party Carol Service  
& Christmas Tea - Hall
- 11 Wed 11.00am Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship -  
4 The Crescent  
2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Rd.  
8.00pm "Something to Share" - Caring for New  
Christians - Hall
- 12 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd
- 14 Sat 7.00pm Concert at Pitsmoor Church - All Saints'  
invited
- 15 Sun 11.15am Young Saints CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
- Hall
- 17 Tue 2.00pm Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close  
2.00pm All Saints' School CHRISTMAS PAGEANT -  
Church
- 18 Wed 7.15pm All Saints' School CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
Church  
8.00pm All Saints' Nursery/Playgroup AGM -  
Nursery  
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 19 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
- 20 Fri 7.00pm Carol Singing around the Parish - meet  
at Vicarage
- 21 Sat 10-11.30am Carol Singing at Totley Rise - "Churches  
Together"  
7.15 - 10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 22 Sun 10.00am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
6.30pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
- 23 Mon 7.30pm Carols at Green Oak  
9.00pm - onwards - Carols at Heatherfield Club.
- 24 Tue 11.30pm FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS
- 30 Mon 4.30pm Young Saints Christmas Party - Hall

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