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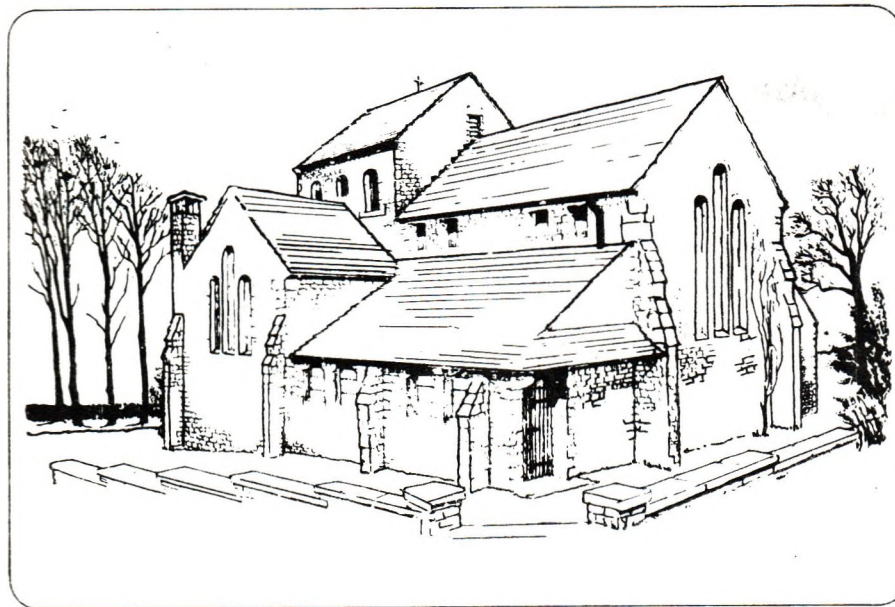
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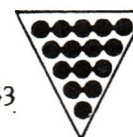
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## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

### HAPPINESS IN 1992

What will bring you happiness this **New Year**? Perhaps you might like to make a list under certain headings. For example, what would constitute happiness for your Family... a new house or car, a holiday abroad, good health for all, or what? How would you express happiness for your neighbours, your job, your school, your Church, our Community, our World... the list seems endless.

Regarding families, my over-riding hope and prayer is that God would give yours and mine the things that bring true happiness. This for me is summed up in that phrase from the Lord's Prayer ..."give us each day our daily bread". As that shaving advert used to suggest - not too little; not too much; but just enough.

Regarding our Church, my sincere prayer is that we shall all work hard together on the proposed "Thanksgiving and Pastoral Link Project" (described more fully elsewhere in this edition). It will be a challenge to each one of us concerning our Christian commitment. I hope, therefore, that you will accept this invitation to come to the initial meeting on 22nd January, at 8pm in our Hall. There we shall have chance to meet Carol Sims, from the Anglican stewardship Association, who will explain the Project and answer your questions. I believe this Project will bring untold blessings to ourselves and to our Church.

Margaret joins me in wishing you all a truly Happy 1992. May God bless you and yours.

J. David Benson

## SERVICES IN JANUARY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 5th CHRISTMAS 2 - "The Holy Family"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Revelation 21: 22 - 22: 5  
Gospel : Matthew 2: 1-20  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Haggai 2: 1-9  
New testament: Luke 2: 21-40
- 12th EPIPHANY 1 - "The Baptism of Jesus"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Ephesians 2: 1-10  
Gospel : John 1: 29-34  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Joshua 3: 1-17  
New Testament: Romans 6: 12-23
- 19th EPIPHANY 2 - "The First Disciples"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Galatians 1: 11-24  
Gospel : John 1: 35-end
- 26th EPIPHANY 3 - "Signs of Glory"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Philippians 4: 10-20  
Gospel : John 6: 1-14  
6.30pm Memorial Service  
Old Testament: Numbers 21: 4-9  
New Testament: John 3: 1-15



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

17th November Elizabeth Rose Schofield, 17 Lemont Road  
24th November Jade Louise Fawcett, 249a Baslow Road  
8th December Oliver John Halliday, 42a Marstone Crescent

### Funerals

3 December Ada Steel (100), "Busy Bee", Baslow Road  
10th December Lena Dorothy Woodhead (87), 44 Green Oak Rd.  
17th December Edna Young (72) 61 Aldam Road

Thanksgiving, tinged with sadness, was echoed at Ada Steel's Service. Thanksgiving certainly for a long and interesting life from a farming background with a love of animals and the outdoors. She had a strong Christian Faith and was fully involved for many years at Southey Green Church, coming eventually to live with her son Tom and wife Christine. She was a member of our Church family and valued her many friends. The sadness is at losing a Centenarian who would have been 101 before Christmas.

Dorothy Woodhead was also a lovely Christian lady who loved her many friends and her many nephews and nieces. She was an accomplished artist, needlewoman and expert knitter of toys. She also enjoyed visits to Green Oak View Centre and the various outings. Praise God that she had a lively, interesting outlook right to the end of her life.

May they both rest in the presence of the Lord they loved and served.

J.D.B.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE - JANUARY

## PARISH ROTAS

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2 Feb Mr & Mrs. Iosson

### FLOWERS

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
5 Jan	Christmas Trees	Mrs. Turner
12 Jan	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Simons
19 Jan	-	Mrs. Hardy
26 Jan	Ladies Club	Mr. Bramall
2 Feb	-	Mrs. Murrell

### Silver Cleaning

6 Jan	Mrs. Kirton	20 Jan	-
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## ALAN HEYWOOD ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

We gratefully acknowledge donations amounting to £110 from former Vicar, Archdeacon David Hallett and Miss Hazel Perfect. Thank you so much... further donations will be most welcome. Our current Organ Scholar, Brian Ruthven, is having lessons from a highly-qualified local Organist, and he is coming on very well.

## SOME "CHRISTMAS CRACKERS"(with acknowledgment to Norheimsund Books)

Signing the register at a wedding, the best man had difficulty in making the ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it" said the Vicar. He duly signed John Smith (ten stone four pounds!)

A South London Vicar received a reply from some furniture removers in response to his asking for a quotation. It read "In the last year we have removed forty Clergymen to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."

From a Church Notice Board: COME EARLY AND GET A BACK SEAT. PRAY, DO NOT PARK HERE.

A farmer was reading the First Lesson. As he reached the bottom of the page he read "and Moses was sick". He then turned over two pages and said "and the lot fell on Aaron".



## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"All God's Children" was the title of a Report debated by the November General Synod, which emphasised the vital importance of outreach to children. The recent church Census revealed that well over three-quarters of the nation's children were not in direct touch with the Church. About one million young people are linked to the Church in some way, and a proportion of these are part of the 800,000 children who attend Church Schools.

Speakers in the Synod debate stressed the following points:-

- 1) that the responsibility for helping children to become part of the Church lies with every member of the congregation;
- 2) the importance of Church Schools, in that they are usually in the best position to provide a base for Christian outreach in both rural and city areas;
- 3) the need not to think of the children as the "Church of tomorrow" for they are the Church of today and it is important to cater for them as much as for anybody else.

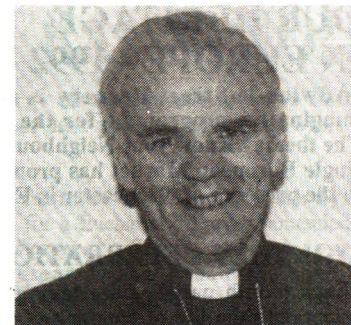
Obviously point 2) is of special interest to me, and indeed, I hope, to everybody at All Saints' as the Church School here belongs to you. It is important that we do everything possible to maintain our position here in Sheffield. Nationally 20% of primary children are educated in Church Schools - in Sheffield it is only 5.4%.

The third point recurred again later in the Synod when the members supported a motion proposing the drafting of Eucharistic Prayers which would be suitable for use at Communion Services with children present. Such prayers were to be shorter and couched in terms which were simple and vivid. However they were not to be childish, for children enjoy learning to be adult and participating in an adult world, and dislike being "talked down to". Making general worship more suitable for children also requires the reciprocal encouragement of children to conduct themselves in ways helpful to adults. "All-Age Worship" is indeed a giving and a growing situation for all ages.

I am sure a simpler Eucharistic Prayer would also be welcomed and valued by those "young in faith" who find even the A.S.B. quite wordy and obscure in parts. I suspect that part of the appeal of "school services" to adults is their clear and direct presentation of a facet of our Christian Faith, and also that

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## **ALL CHANGE?**

**asks the Bishop of Doncaster**

**1991 has been a year of unbelievable changes; and there is little doubt that 1992 has its own candidates waiting in the wings. Candidates will be waiting in the wings in no uncertain fashion as aspiring new hands and old stagers mount the hustings for a General Election in the next few months. Whether or not we move in the direction of a single currency or a federalist future, the single market in the European Community brings its own hazards and opportunities. We are all longing to see a settled peace in the Middle East; to say nothing of tensions in other parts of the world.**

I don't want to attempt an analysis of these changes or to attempt to say in which direction we should move. In a nearby parish to one in which I served there was an incumbent who, on the Sunday before a General Election, had a habit of telling his congregation how they should vote! As to Europe - I have recently attended a European information Day. I realised as a consequence that I am less than an authority on the subject; although it made me a more convinced European.

What I do want to say nevertheless is that it is important for Christians to have and retain a Christian perspective on events. One aspect of this must be a genuine belief in the possibilities of social improvement; because God has a redemptive purpose for the whole

of his creation. It is not so much a matter of slogans: more a deliberate concern for action in particular situations. There is racism in our society. There is a breakdown of family life. We cannot be satisfied if long-term unemployment is creating an underclass.

Another aspect is the recognition that there is such a thing as a Christian perspective. For a good many people nothing can be taken as read. Nothing has the quality of 'givenness'; and the result is that if there is no givenness, no framework of reference, that life soon loses its meaning.

Christians surely do not, and surely do not theologically, leave everything to process. Through scripture and in scripture we find testimony to the fact that God has spoken and spoken supremely in Christ. We have just rejoiced in the wonder and miracle of the incarnation this past Christmas. God has acted definitively in Christ in history. That is the framework for our view of the world and for our perception of society.

It is because the Word became flesh that we are truly human; and the world has the potential for redemption. So in Christ we can both respond to change and stand firm in the face of change as God leads his people through every day of this coming year.

**WILLIAM**  
Bishop of Doncaster



## OUR HERITAGE IN EUROPE - 1992

Adwick-le-Street Deanery is marking 1992 with an imaginative programme for the Decade of Evangelism. The theme "Know your Neighbour" and the coming of the single European Market has prompted a church response to the presence of "Doncaster in Europe".

### MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Each month parishes are taking turns at hosting events celebrating the life of church and community and featuring continental links. The first occasion is a learning day on Lay Ministry entitled "Seven Whole Days". This will be held on Saturday, 11th January from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at St. Leonard and St. Jude's, Scawsby.

The brochure of 1992 events can be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Mrs. J. Clark, The Vicarage, Church Hill Cottage, High Street, Campsall, Doncaster DN6 9AD. Tel: (0302) 700286

### "A Powerful Story"

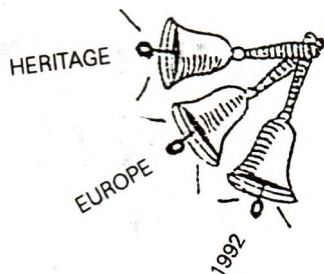
"It's like new wine to see you again, lass" is the account of the 1931 Bentley Colliery Disaster. John Church, the present NUM Secretary at Bentley has brought together descriptions of the explosion, rescue and aftermath in the life of the village. It was published last November to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the accident. Bishop David commends the book as a "powerful story". Copies can be obtained from the Revd. Tony Attwood, (Bentley Book), IMSY Office, Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Street Entrance, Sheffield S11 8HA. Cost £2.00 plus £1.00 post and packing.

### Wanted

The Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Abbeydale, Sheffield, is on the lookout for an Organist/Choirmaster. There are two Sunday Services, Occasional Offices and Choir Practice. R.S.C.M. salary scale plus fees. Details from: The Revd. Grant MacIntosh, 2 Devonshire Glen, Sheffield S17 3NY. Tel: (0742) 360786.

### Famous Band Concert

The programme of restoration on St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, continues year by year, and so does the fundraising. A series of concerts during 1992 begins on 1st February at the Rawmarsh Leisure Centre, Barbers Avenue, with John Foster's Black Dyke Mills Band. The Concert starts at 7.00 p.m. and tickets which cost £5.00 each are available from: Miss E. Wilson, 1 Roundwood Grove, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 5HW. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Mary, Rawmarsh, Restoration Fund".



### Wakefield wants

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### Joint Work Consultancy

The Scheme, which started in April 1990 on a voluntary and experimental basis in the three Deaneries of Adwick, Attercliffe and Laughton, will have been extended to the whole Diocese by April 1992. In the Scheme, all who hold the Bishop's Licence to officiate are offered a trained Consultant (commonly a lay person) to help them to review and appraise, on a confidential basis, their ministry in all its aspects and thereby to clarify goals and to achieve effective use of resources, notably time. To date some 55 Consultants have been recruited and trained and they offer a varied and impressive range of professional skills and experience, now placed at the disposal of the Church in a most vital area of need. The Scheme is a good example of the effectiveness of clergy - lay collaboration in supporting those who face the complex demands of parish and other forms of ministry. Joint Work Consultancy is not just a friendly chat; it seeks to establish a framework for serious review of goals and performance and to do that in a way that affirms the person in his or her ministry. A continuing evaluation of the process and its outcomes will ensure further development as experience grows. Tony Davis, the Administrator of the Scheme, will be pleased to provide further information. (6 Silverdale Croft, Sheffield S11 9JP. Tel: 367095).

## REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL SYNOD

The Revd. Richard Atkinson was recently elected by the clergy of the Diocese to serve on the General Synod. He went to his first meeting during November last year and reports what he heard and saw.

"As a very new member of Synod, the November sessions were a time of initial reactions and reflections. These included surprise at the amount of time given over to legislative and financial business (at times very inward looking); the discovery that relatively few people are able to speak in any debate, and that a few speak often; amusement and occasional bewilderment at the procedural tactics - some Synod members appear to see this as their mission in life; and pleasure in discovering that a few more people I know were members than I thought was the case.

### All God's children

Overall it was not the most stimulating of synods, but it started well with a debate on the report "All God's Children". Subtitled "Children's Evangelism in Crisis", it is a call to the whole church to take seriously the task of reaching out to the young. Whereas before the war two thirds of children had contact with a Sunday School, today only 14% of children under 15 are in a church related activity on any Sunday. The report calls on the Church to counteract those influences in society which are gaining a hold of the minds of the young, by providing exciting and fun-filled activity.

The report challenges the dominant trend in recent years for the Church to concentrate its work on families with children. Whereas this was itself a reaction to the apparent failure of the Sunday School system (vast numbers of children never made it into adult church life), it can now be seen to compound the failure by further reducing the church's contact with the country's children. To engage with the missing 85% of children, activities that reach out - whether clubs, uniformed groups, school activities or whatever - need to be made a priority.

Synod overwhelmingly received and welcomed the report, and called upon the whole church (and church schools) to co-operate in the task.

However, whilst I was left feeling grateful for the analysis of the situation, and the challenge to do something about it, I was also left wondering how it was to be implemented.

### Children's Prayer

The focus on the young continued with the passing

of a motion from the Coventry Diocesan Synod which asked for a Eucharistic Prayer (amended in debate to "Prayers"), for use at services with children present. In this debate the need for language that was accessible and pictorial was stressed.

### Seeds of Hope

In view of the rocky reception at previous Synods of items to do with racism, it was pleasing to see Synod positively welcome a report called "Seeds of Hope", presented by the Committee for Black Anglican Concerns. The report - a survey of practice in different dioceses in combating racism - reveals a range of action from the few dioceses that have paid officers, to those who are doing nothing. It is a gentle report - maybe too gentle - but it is another step towards getting the Church of England to own its past failure to welcome black members and to face up to its need to properly listen and reach out to black people in our society. The Archdeacon of Sheffield called for Diocesan Staff to receive racism awareness training and for the church as a whole to implement an equal opportunities policy.

### Sheffield Input

The major Sheffield input was from the Provost who introduced a debate on the report "From Power to Partnership: Britain in the Commonwealth and the Church of England in the Anglican Communion". It was a disappointing debate in which neither of the two different elements were examined in any real depth. Whilst in both the Commonwealth and in the Anglican Communion, there is a need for Britain and the Church of England, respectively, to work towards partnership, it was not easy to hold the two parts of the report together.

### U.N. Observer

It was a discovery to find out that the Anglican Communion has an observer at the United Nations, in the shape of the Right Reverend Sir Paul Reeves. His was an unexciting address, albeit on an important topic. Reviewing the present changed world order, he examined the hopes for a new role for the U.N.



## Archbishop's Priorities

In his Presidential Address, the Archbishop of Canterbury commended three priorities for the church: 1. building confidence in the message and work of the church. 2. responding to the challenge of evangelism. 3. deepening our internal unity. He then mentioned three factors essential to our success in achieving these priorities which included the discovery of new resources flowing from our confidence in the Gospel, improved communications and deep spiritual roots.

## Other Business

Private members motions allowed Synod to applaud Mr. Major's moves to cut third world debt, and called for further debt release. Unfortunately another motion on housing and homelessness was adjourned until the next sessions.

## Tour to Israel and Egypt

In 1988 a group of twenty four people from churches around Thorne, near Doncaster went on a tour to Israel. Some of them are now planning a return visit to Israel for October of this year, 1992. The tour will be from Saturday, 24th October to Sunday, 1st November, staying in Jerusalem, Tiberias and Tel Aviv and visiting many biblical sites. There is also an optional extension to Egypt until Friday, 6th November to see the pyramids. Anyone wishing to join the group would be most welcome, and further details can be obtained from: Geoff Hollingsworth, 5 The Green, Rawcliffe, Goole. Tel: (0405) 839298.

## Where did the rose go?

On the Bishop's Chair in St. Hilda's Church, Shiregreen, Sheffield, tucked into the crook of the crozier on the coat of arms is a rose. The Vicar, Fr. Roger Bellamy wonders if there are any other examples in the Diocese of the coat of arms with the rose included, or is it peculiar to St. Hilda's. When, he wonders, did the rose cease to be part of the arms?

## Legislative Business

Legislative business included the revision stage of the Draft Incumbents Vacation of Benefices (Amendment) Measure, which attempts to make the 1977 Act more pastoral. The only amendment not accepted, after comment from David McLean, was the suggestion that in cases of breakdown between incumbent and people, there should be a ballot of electoral roll members.

## And Finally....

A new stage of liturgical revision was embarked upon, and in part this will be a look at how to bring together the variety of services and texts which are presently in circulation. Will there be just one book or many? In the Synod debate there was a stress on the need for core texts and poetic language that would get into people's hearts and minds."

*The Revd. Richard Atkinson is Team Rector of Sheffield Manor.*

He's already had a word with Bishop David, who not only knows about the Diocese, but about roses too, and between them they have drawn a blank. Can anyone else shed light on the missing rose?

Contact him at 2 Firth Park Crescent, Sheffield S5 6HE. Tel: (0742) 436308.

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum Study Day

The next Study Day will be on Friday, 7th February 1992 at Whirlow Grange from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The subject will be "Sudden death and breaking bad news". One of the speakers will be Professor Ann Faulkner. It promises to be a popular day, so contact: Muriel Williamson, 60 Carterknowle Avenue, Sheffield S11 9FU. Tel: (0742) 582164.

## Ripon Cathedral

The Choir School at Ripon is holding a voice trial for boys aged 7-9 years who show musical and academic promise. It's on Saturday, 1st February, and if you want to know more contact the school on (0765) 602134.

the popularity of the Christmas Season, which we have just celebrated, is that its message and story can be easily understood.

Perhaps then we should see "All-Age" not in "numerical age" terms, but in terms of our "faith life" - for after all, whatever our age we are all God's children.

This point is made by Michel Quoist in his "Prayers of Life" in the prayer "I Like Youngsters". This prayer was read by Terry Dixon at the November Youth Service and for those unable to be present, here are the first few lines, but I'd encourage you to read the whole prayer -

"God says: I like youngsters, I want people to be like them. I don't like old people unless they are still children. I want only children in my kingdom; this has been decreed from the beginning of time. Youngsters - twisted, humped, wrinkled, white-bearded - all kinds of youngsters, but youngsters! "

Joan Stratford.

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

The Christmas Bazaar raised £561 - once again we thank all those who helped us. This, and the money we raised during the year, enabled us to support our Charities and the Church.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on 28th January 1992 at the home of Mrs. Simons, 220 Baslow Road at 2.15 p.m.

## QUOTES

Courage is the thing, all goes if courage goes.

J.M. Barrie

Experience is a good teacher. But she sends terrible bills.

Minnie Antrim

He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened.

Lao-Tze

Virtue would not go to such lengths if vanity did not keep her company.

La Rouchfoucauld

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## BIBLE READING NOTES

Bible Reading Notes are very useful all the time but inevitably every now and again something strikes one as special. A recent commentary on the first chapter of Revelation grasped the reference to lampstands. Verse 20 tells us that:- "The seven lampstands are the seven churches".

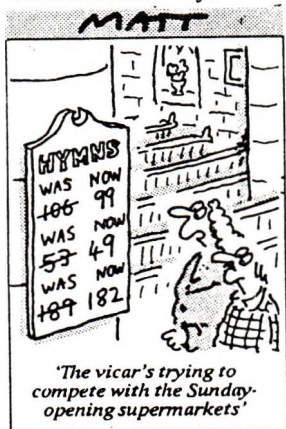
But we are lampstands too! A lampstand is there to carry a light. It doesn't matter how grotty the lampstand is; it doesn't matter whether the room it is in is tidy or clean or not; it doesn't matter just exactly where it is placed, it can still fulfil its function as a carrier of light. In short, whatever the condition of the lampstand it is its function which is important and it is its function which justifies its presence.

The light that we carry is the light of Christ. To be operational all maps are connected to the mains and to a common grid - to a common source of power. So it is with us. The source of power which allows us to be a light to the world is the power of God within us. It is the light of Christ which shines. It is our privilege to be a lampstand so that that light can shine wherever there is darkness and need.

But if a lamp is shining it gets warm. So too with us. If God's light does shine out through us we too shall be warmed. It is thrilling to know that, whatever our imperfections may be, whatever our sin, whatever our state of health, wherever we are God's light can shine through us. As we let it shine so are we warmed and comforted - just simply by the knowledge that we are doing God's will.

The Bible is great stuff, isn't it?

Maurice Snowdon



## ADVENT SUNDAY

The gospel reading on Advent Sunday (Matthew 25: 31-end) is my favourite reading; read it for yourselves again, it is applicable to what follows. It also coincided with Pauline Perkinson's appeal for Norman House, and with the Meadow Well Estate, North Shields riot, being the subject of a BBC2 programme. Pauline we know, did not visit a prison ("when in prison you visited me"), but visit she did, resulting in her appeal for help to show, and share, care and compassion for these unfortunates by providing practical aid that would boost their morale, to show "out there someone cares", "we really count". The Meadow Well riot illustrates vividly what lack of compassion, to a certain extent what lack of funding, with high unemployment (with its attendant deprivation, misery, forlorn hope and despair) can produce. A local T.V. station did give a cash grant, the woman chairman took some of the teenagers swimming, most likely to one of those luxury leisure centres they had only seen from out side.

Money was also spent on a 5-a-side football strips (canny folk these Tynesiders) - you get two teams for 10 strips but only one team for 11 strips. The local paper was to take photographs, very exciting - "our photos will be in the paper", they said; they too thought they really counted. The chairman, with a touch of affection, commented "they were so proud", but yet again it was disappointment, another blow to what little self-esteem they possessed, for after standing around all day in their strip - NO ONE CAME.

Rex B.

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

For 5 weeks, starting on 29th January 1992, the Wednesday Fellowship will be doing a Bible Study led by Canon John Collie. The first meeting will be at 1 Quarry road. Venues of the other meetings will be published in the February magazine. For further details contact Marjorie Snowdon (362822).

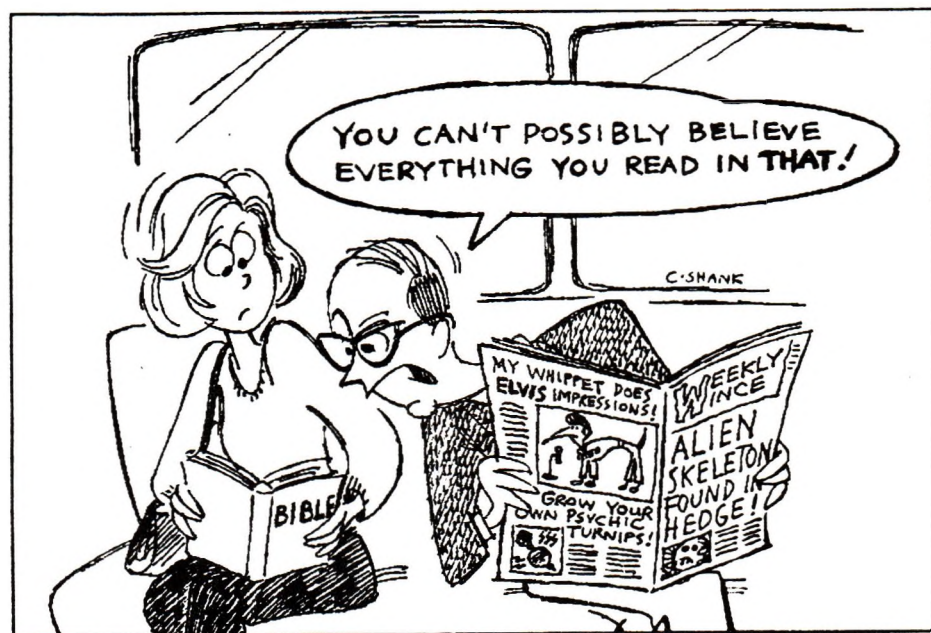
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## BIBLE STUDY

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This month's meetings:

Wednesday 8th January - 33 Rowan Tree Dell - 8pm

Wednesday 22nd January - 68 Dalewood Road - 8pm

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scripture we might have hope.

Romans 15 : 4 (NIV)

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## THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

If this heading sounds a bit of a mouthful we can only apologise but it is a phrase that will become more familiar as 1992 gets under way. It has been public knowledge for some time that All Saints' Church would be having a Stewardship Campaign soon. At a meeting of the P.C.C. in November, after some long evenings discussing many "pro's and con's" it was agreed unanimously that we should ask the Anglican Stewardship Association (A.S.A.) to help us. This they are happy to do and one of their consultants, Mrs. Carol Sims, is coming to the parish on 22nd January to tell us all about it and to give us a chance to ratify the lead which the P.C.C. have given in this matter.

The meeting will be in the Church Hall at 8pm and is open to everyone to attend. A good turn out will help to encourage us all in giving a good send-off to this most important event in the life of the church.

To learn all about what will happen, come to the meeting itself, but in the discussions so far we have discovered that this will not be the type of Stewardship Campaign which most people will imagine. In the first place it is a Thanksgiving Project. We need to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives and there will be a programme of activities leading up to a Thanksgiving Sunday early in the autumn of 1992. After that we shall be building up the Pastoral Link side of the Project which will in effect create a network of all church people which will not only nurture the existing congregations but also seek to draw in others from a wider circle.

When we were considering how to proceed one of the main attractions of this proposal was that it offered a structured opportunity for All Saints' to grow. Growth will be both closer to each other in mutual support and also numerically and spiritually. 1992 does indeed promise to be an existing year - it all fits snugly into the concept of the Decade of Evangelism and we all have a part to play in this. Please regard this as a three-line whip to this first meeting.

22nd JANUARY - CHURCH HALL - 8.00 p.m.



## JANUARY DIARY

2	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
4	Sat	7.30pm	BARN DANCE - Hall
7	Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
8	Wed	8.00pm	Something to Share - "What Next?" - Hall
		8.00pm	Bible Study Group - 33 Rowan Tree Dell
9	Thu	10.30 - 11.30am	Dance Fellowship - Hall
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd
14	Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
15	Wed	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship - 15 Totley Grange Drive
		8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd.
16	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
		8.00pm	Contemplative Payer Group - 1 Quarry Road
17	Fri	8.00pm	Mission Meeting - 2 Main Avenue
21	Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
22	Wed	8.00pm	PARISH MEETING - Mrs. Carol Sims - Hall
		8.00pm	Bible Study Group - 68 Dalewood Road
23	Thu	10.30-11.30am	Dance Fellowship - Hall
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
28	Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party A.G.M. - 220 Baslow Road
29	Wed	8.00pm	Bible Study - Canon J. Collie - 1 Quarry Rd
30	Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road

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John 8 31-2 AV)

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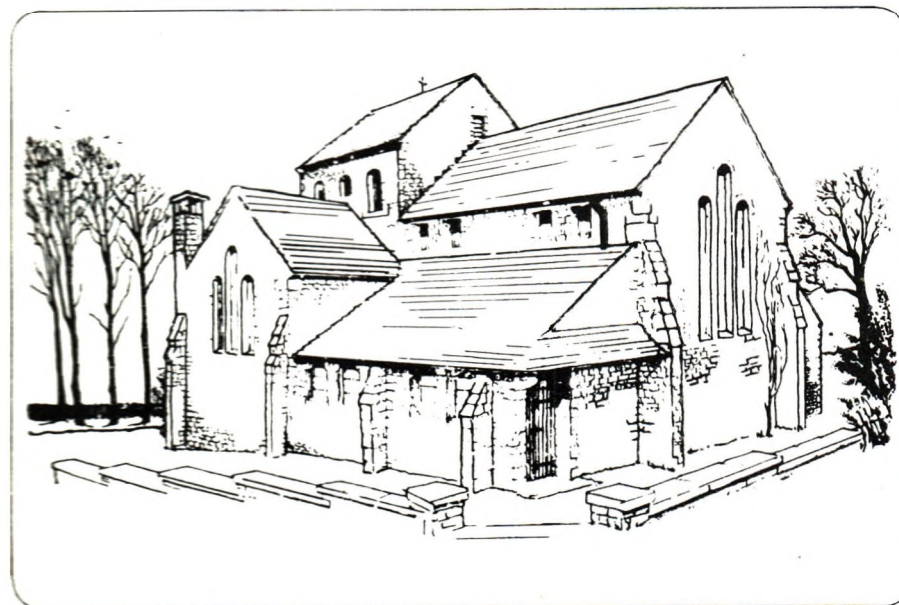
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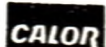
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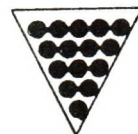
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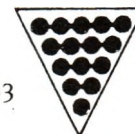
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## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

### OUR YEAR OF GROWTH

Church planting... the idea of establishing additional worship centres in "parts of Parishes that the Gospel does not appear to reach".... is a current fashionable activity. Do not be alarmed therefore when I speak of "growth". We are not going to set up a chapel at Owler Bar or on the Shepley Spitfire car park!! However, we are planning to build a much-needed extension to the Hall kitchen and toilet areas in the first part of this year and we shall also incorporate a Lounge for Parish Meetings, but the real "growth" we are hoping and praying for has nothing to do with bricks and mortar, but with ourselves.

During this year, Carol Sims of the Anglican Stewardship Association (A.S.A), will be leading us through what they call a "THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT". It is a special kind of Stewardship Programme, with the specific aim of challenging each one of us about our Christian commitment - our time, our money, our gifts and our willingness to share our Christian Faith with our friends and neighbours. This surely is what each Church should be doing in this Decade of Evangelism. Precise dates have yet to be finalised, but the general plan for the year will be something like this:-

During January/early February - Steering Committee formed  
- List of Church Members compiled  
- Recruitment of Visitors

Tuesday, February 25th - First meeting of Steering Committee with Carol Sims.

Lent and Easter fall between March 4th and April 19th

Christian Aid Week between May 10th and May 16th

Tuesday, May 19th - First Visitors' Meeting with Carol

Visitors take out and collect in the A.S.A. questionnaire  
Questionnaires (unsigned) sent to Carol, who will then produce our Parish Report, together with questions for discussion.

Thursday, June 25th - Carol talks through the Report with the Visitors. The Report is printed and taken to homes by the Visitors, together with invitations, venues, etc. for the Autumn House meetings.

SUMMER BREAK - ready to go again -

Monday, September 14th to October 10th - house discussion groups meet.

Wednesday, October 14th to Tuesday, October 27th - Carol resident in our Parish.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th ...THANKSGIVING SUNDAY...please note this in your diary

I do hope and pray that whatever Group or Organisation you belong to, you will give this Project (dubbed by Gordon Grayson as "T & P.L") your wholehearted support. If we all pull together on this, our Church will reap untold blessings, and "grow" in all kinds of ways.

May God bless you and yours.

J. David Benson.

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## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am

2nd EPIPHANY 4 - "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : Hebrews 12: 18 - end

Gospel : John 4 : 19-26

10am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Zechariah 8: 1-8 and 20-23

New Testament: 1 John 5: 1-12

9th EPIPHANY 5 - "The Widsom of God"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3: 18-end

Gospel: Matthew 12: 38-42

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Zechariah 10: 6-12

New Testament: James 5: 7-11

16th 9th BEFORE EASTER - "Christ the Teacher"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-10

Gospel: Luke 8: 4-15

23rd 8TH BEFORE EASTER - "Christ the Healer"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-end

6.30pm Memorial Service

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

Marjorie Darby (86), 72 Green Oak Road,  
Joseph Fowler (85), 63 Aldam Road  
Alice Marples (91), 43 Sunnyvale Road  
Frances Myrtle Sewell, (73), 42a Green Oak Road  
Elsie Garside (82), 64a Green Oak Road  
Robert Edward Brown (63), 11a Green Oak Avenue  
Sydney Walter Earl (77), 3 Brinkburn Court  
Doris Evelyn Bellamy (86), 36 Green Oak Avenue  
Grace Swift (81), 37 Aldam Road

Alice Marples was born in Sheffield, coming to Totley 18 years ago, and being part of the well-known joinery tool company founded in John Street in 1840. She had been a widow for 20 years, but was most independent. Marion and Ron have given her care and support, and we send our love to them.

Frances Myrtle Sewell (known to most folk as Margaret) was a good friend to many. Her husband Jim died 30 years ago, but she had looked after her home, supported by her family, and died peacefully at Judith's house, having spent Christmas with them.

Sydney Earl had been Building Supervisor for almost 40 years at the former Totley College. He was greatly loved and respected by staff and students, many of whom attended his funeral where Miss Anna Baldry (a former College Head) gave the address. He was a member of All Saints' family and sang in the choir. He and Hilda have spent happy years in retirement at "Brinkburn Court", where he will be sadly missed.

We shall remember at the Service on 23rd February all whose funeral we have taken in recent weeks, together with the following from our Memorial Book in Church. We have only included the names of those who have died in the past 10 years. We would be delighted to welcome all relatives and friends, with the hope that Parishioners will contact any who may have moved away from Totley. We plan to hold a Memorial Service on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30p.m. I know you will find it helpful if you are able to come.

We shall remember...John Drewery, Maggie Wortley, Blanche Wild, Arthur White, Keith Clark, Charles Cokeham, Jessie Shepherd, Carol Heiser, Mary Baylis, Dorothy Bingley, Lucy Kirkby, Raymond Phillips, John Burton, Ian Pendall, Ida Bramall, Eric Bardwell and Phyllis South.

Incidentally, our Parish Readers are duly authorised by the Bishop to officiate at funerals. This, of course, must always be with the goodwill of both the family and the Parish Priest. Many Readers in our Diocese take funerals, and that ministry is appreciated, particularly where the Reader may know the bereaved family better than the Vicar! I normally take all Totley funerals, but on occasions I happily ask one of our Readers to stand in, and the family is generally happy about this and understands. It is both hurtful to me and our Readers when we hear grumbles about this.

The morning after typing the above, I receive the following note from Elsie Garside's daughter in Shropshire..... "Dear Mr. Benson, I am writing to thank you for your help in the preparation of my Mother's funeral. Would you please convey the gratitude of myself and my family to your Reader. His words and conducting of the service were very comforting and spiritually uplifting, and made us feel that our Mother was received into a better place".

I think that powerfully underlines my previous comments.  
David.

### FROM NORMAN HOUSE:

On behalf of the staff and residents of Norman House I am writing to the congregation of All Saints to offer grateful thanks for the kind contributions of groceries, toiletries and puzzles etc., for our residents at Christmas.

This and your expressed interest in our work is much appreciated.  
Robert Little,  
Hon.Secretary.

### LADIES CLUB

On February 4th Stella Jockel will be showing us slides of her holiday in Malaysia and Thailand. On February 18th we shall be taking a nostalgic look back to Sheffield Tramways.

Both of these meetings promise to be very entertaining so please come along and bring your husband and friends. All are very welcome.

Sue Wright



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

2nd Feb.	Mr. & Mrs. Iosson
9th Feb.	Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
16th Feb.	Mrs. Jockel & Mrs. Dixon
23rd Feb.	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Waite

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
2nd Feb.	-	Mrs. Murrell
9th Feb.	-	Mrs. Parkin
16th Feb.	Mrs. Billard	-
23rd Feb.	-	-

### Silver Cleaning

3rd Feb.	The Guides	17th Feb.	-
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### COFFEE ROTA

As from January 1992 Mrs. Job (Tel.360122) will be taking over the Coffee Rota. We still need a few more volunteers to help with coffee, so if you feel you can offer assistance in this direction please contact Annette on the above number.

### MARTIN HOUSE

Many thanks to all who signed the Christmas card in church and donated to Martin House. I took the card and a cheque for £189.80 to Boston Spa and both were received with much appreciation.

Stella Jockel

### NEWSLETTER FROM INDIA

A newsletter dated 26th October has been received from Theo and Diana Srinivasagam wishing us all a happy Christmas and 1992. They thank us for our prayers, letters and gifts without which they say they would be greatly disadvantaged!

Dudley Nixon has the full letter and if you would like to read more about the mission work in India he would be pleased to let you see it.

## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**FEBRUARY, 1992**



*The Bishop of Sheffield writes*

## **SUNDAY IS SPECIAL:**

1. Sunday is special for Christians. On that First Day of a new age, the Lord Jesus Christ defeated death and met again with His disciples. Ever since Christians have made Sunday, the first day of the week, a special day by making sure, that, come what may, "The Lord's people are in the Lord's House, at the Lord's Service, on the Lord's Day".
2. Things we don't do on a Sunday: Kill, Steal, Lie, commit Adultery, etc., etc. That is whatever is wrong on Monday and Saturday is wrong on Sunday. Sunday doesn't have its own special list of Don'ts! (But see below).
3. We need a day of rest - a day that is different. This is in the Maker's instructions for human beings and most of us know from experience that if we keep the engine running continuously troubles soon start. That Rest Day in Europe since about 400 A.D. has been Sunday. This remains so, I understand, throughout the European Community. I can't see why we should want to be odd man out. And, if there is to be a Rest Day, the State (which is you, me, and our neighbours acting together) must regulate it. Otherwise we lose it to the "get-rich-quick" boys. We value leisure, peace and quiet, too highly to let them be destroyed by so-called "market forces" (i.e. the right of a few to make money out of us). And the most vulnerable people in our community need the State (i.e. us) to protect them against exploitation. We have laws to protect our Rest Day at present. Our Government's readiness to allow them to be ignored is scandalous and dangerous: if 'Big Business' can rewrite the laws to suit themselves which of us is safe? But, no doubt, we need new and better laws and we need them now.
4. Should then Christians fight to stop people shopping at all on Sunday? Buying a Garden Gnome strikes me as about as innocent a Sunday leisure activity as I can imagine! Many Christians (including myself) won't think shopping an appropriate Sunday activity and some will believe it to be downright wrong. But that doesn't mean we have to man the barricades to stop the rest of the world wasting its money!

God bless you all,  
DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield

*P.S. THE BISHOP'S ARMADA sails from Goole on Saturday, 30th May, 1992 on a Gospel preaching Mission. We reach Sheffield on Saturday, 6th June, 1992. Please watch out for exciting waterside events all that week and keep some nights free!*



# FIND YOUR WAY TO SWINTON

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Sylvia and William have given thousands of performances together all over Britain and Western Europe, the United States, Bermuda and Kenya. Performing in theatres, arts centres, colleges, churches and cathedrals, Theatre Roundabout is almost certainly the longest running small scale touring company in the country. They have presented original plays, adaptations of the classics and anthologies, but "The Map" is their first two person play.

A married couple of today, tired of life in the big city, would like to find a better place to live, but where can one get away from crime, pollution, traffic, tourists and litter? After rejecting everywhere in the road atlas, they look at an ancient map that has been in the family for years and which shows the way from their own front door to the City of Godswell.

They set out down an ugly little alley called Paradise Walk, where they come to a dead end at the gates of

Eden Gardens, now locked and bolted. But there a strange thing happens: the wife suddenly forgets who she is. She has been drawn back into the personality of Eve, remembering her exile from the Garden long ago.

After that, they have a battle through a flood, build pyramids and bring down the walls of Jericho. They enter into the lives of Abraham and Sarah, David and Bathsheba, Mary and Joseph. They go through the story of the Bible, not as something remote and mysterious, but as a vivid, human experience.

And how does it all end? For that you will have to come and see the show. For the moment it is enough to say that the ending is as much of a surprise as any of the extraordinary adventures that have gone before it.

Why not book now, either for yourself or a party, for FRIDAY, 13th MARCH at 7.30 p.m. at SAINT MARGARET'S CHURCH, SWINTON. Tickets are priced £2.00 from The Revd. Michael Jackson, Swinton Vicarage, 50 Golden Smithies Lane, Swinton, Mexborough S64 8DL. Cheques should be made payable to "Swinton PCC". There is ample parking in the field by the church, access by the Vicarage Drive. The entrance to the Church, is on Church Street, and the bus stops just outside. Ask for Fitzwilliam Street.

## Prayer Workshop

Sister Pamela of the Holy Name Sisters will be leading a weekend Prayer Workshop at Whirlow Grange from 6.00 p.m. Friday, February 28th to 2.00 p.m. Sunday, March 1st 1992.

For details get in touch with Margaret Selby, 25 Bannham Road, Damall, Sheffield S9 4PG. Tel: 0742 433442.

## All Hallows, Harthill

All Hallows Church, Harthill is on the look out for an organist and/or choirmaster to take up position as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact the Revd. K. Jones on 0909 770279 or PCC Secretary Mrs. M. Haywood on 0909 771369.

## Holy Land Tour - October, 1992

Canon Noel Harrison, who has been six times to the Holy Land with a party of pilgrims is planning his final visit before his retirement, though he still hopes to do voluntary teaching at the Helen Keller House School in the future.

If you would like to visit the Holy Land with him for an experience and holiday of a life-time, and see Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Galilee and feel the Bible stories come alive, as well as learning of the work with the blind and deaf at Helen Keller House, Jerusalem, why not get in touch with him?

You will enjoy the fellowship of a small group with the leadership of experienced guides staying in first class hotels in two centres.

Canon Noel Harrison can be contacted at Tankersley Rectory, 9 Chapel Road, Tankersley, Near Barnsley S75 3AR. Tel: Barnsley 744140.

## Canon Stephen Burnett

Stephen died in December 1991. He was for five years articled to a solicitor in North Yorkshire, took a degree at Oxford, was accepted for ordination by Archbishop William Temple, worked for two years in North Saskatchewan as a lay missionary, served in the army during the War, and after ordination and work in the SCM (where he met and married Joan, a Sheffield girl, and his dear companion in life), he came to Sheffield, where he did remarkable pioneering work at St. Mary's, Bramall Lane and its community centre, and as Canon of the Cathedral and Education Secretary made Whirlow Grange a notable place where people of all sorts and disciplines came together to explore the faith and the understanding of Christ's work in the world of work. He left Sheffield sadly, to work in Church House, Westminster. He and Joan are still remembered here by many, with love and gratitude. May he rest and live in the joy and peace of the Lord he served so faithfully.

Michael Paton

## Affirming Catholicism

has organised a day at SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL entitled "A Broken Body for a Broken World", with the Revd. Kenneth Leech as the speaker. He is based at St. Botolph's Crypt in London and is much involved with homeless and drug dependent people. The day, Saturday, 8th February begins at 11.00 a.m. and finishes at about 5.30 p.m. There is a Solemn Eucharist at 4.30 p.m. You should bring a packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be available. For further details and booking contact: Patrick Linskill, 16 St. Ronans Road, Sheffield S7 1DX. Tel: (home) 0742 556025; (work) 0742 737050.

## Calling past pupils

Armthorpe, near Doncaster, Church of England School is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in just a few weeks time, and past pupils and teachers are warmly invited to visit the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 18th, 19th, 20th February from 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Miss Margaret Colbeck, the Headteacher, is hoping to put together a book about past pupils of the school, and is inviting them to get in touch with her at the school. Armthorpe C of E School, Church Street, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3AE.

## Unemployment Sunday, 1st March

The Christians Unemployment Group for South Yorkshire (CHUG) has produced materials for use in Churches. These are available from Brian Ruddock (tel: Rotherham 873254).

The Sheffield Branch of CHUG has organised a Service for Unemployment Sunday on 1st March at 3.00 p.m. at Cemetery Road Baptist Church. All are welcome.

## National Conference

CHUG and Church Action with the Unemployed (C.A.W.T.U.) are sponsoring a national conference on unemployment at Swanwick Conference Centre in Derbyshire from 27th-29th March. This is open to any christian who is concerned about unemployment, and a limited number of bursaries are available offering free places to the unwaged. If you would like further details contact Raymond Draper on Rotherham 543111.

## Women's World Day of Prayer 1992.

On Friday March 6th, the Sheffield City Service will be held in the Anglican Cathedral at 11.00 a.m.

The speaker will be the Revd. Janet Berry of the Baptist Church on the theme of "Living Wisely with Creation".

The Service has been prepared by the women of Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

## Jolly Hockey Sticks?

On Wednesday, 19th February, a sponsored Hockey Match in aid of The Church Urban Fund will take place on Dean's Yard, Westminster. But it will be no ordinary Hockey Match, for the teams taking part will be a Mothers' Union XI, and a Bishops' XI.

Lydia Gladwin, the Sheffield M.U. Chairman of the Social Concern Committee will be playing, and would like people to sponsor her. All money raised on her account will be credited to Sheffield Diocese's totals raised for the fund. It is probably in order to protect the health of the Bishops' XI, and to preserve Dean's Yard itself, that play is going to be ten minutes each way only. If you, or your church or group can help by sponsoring Lydia at so much per minute, contact any branch of the Mothers' Union, or the Cathedral where Lydia's husband is the Provost.

## Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust

The Trustees of the Trust 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, 1992. 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.

## The People's Worship

is a series of ecumenical meetings led by speakers with experience in worship arising from social and political contexts. They begin on Friday, 20th March with the Revd. Howard Mellor on "Communicating Conviction" - about issues relating to evangelism and community development and their interface in worship.

On 3rd April, the Revd. Jan Berry speaks on "Danger: Women at Worship.", whilst on 22nd May, the Revd. John Bell, a Minister of the Church of Scotland, who is also Hymnwriter and Resource Worker for the Iona Community, speaks on "From Cerebration to Celebration". All the meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and take place at The Quaker Meeting House, St. James' Street, Sheffield, and continue through the months of the year. There will be refreshments after each meeting and a retiring collection.

For further information and details of the rest of the year's programme contact: The Revd. Inderjit Bhogal, 13 Sale Hill, Sheffield S10 5BX.

## Education Sunday

is on 16th February, when churches are asked to think especially about the importance of learning and education for everyone (not just children). The National Society has a theme for each year, this year's is "Learning Together".

Within the Diocese of Sheffield, there is a big central service at Rossington Comprehensive School, Doncaster, at 3.00 p.m., when parishes and church schools in the area will come together to learn and share in an act of worship. There will also be Evensong at St. Mary's, Worsbrough, at 6.30 p.m. when the guest preacher will be Canon Ian Knox, the Director of Education for the Diocese of Wakefield. Everyone, especially those with an interest and involvement in education, will be most welcome at either of these services.

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## Striding on

Since it was launched in 1989 Rotherham Holiday Aid has increased its holiday grants to disadvantaged Rotherham Families by more than 300%, enabling in 1991, fifty nine families to go on holiday some of them for the very first time. The Revd. Raymond Draper, chairman of Rotherham Holiday Aid said "It was very good news for the 278 people who got the break they needed last year, and we are confident that with growing support from all sections of the community, we will be able to help even more families in Rotherham during this year." Gifts for Rotherham Holiday Aid can be sent to Raymond Draper at The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0ES.

## Taizé

Archbishop George Carey has written to all the Bishops saying: "With the encouragement of the brothers there, I plan to lead a pilgrimage to the ecumenical community at Taizé in Burgundy in August 1992. I hope to take with me 1,000 young people from the dioceses of the Church of England. The pilgrimage will form part of the programme for the Decade of Evangelism, so that the young people who take part will return to their parishes encouraged and supported in their faith, and with an enthusiasm which may kindle faith in others."

It is hoped that 20 young people, aged between 17 and 25 from different backgrounds and traditions within the church from the Diocese of Sheffield will be there.

Elizabeth Anderson is going to act as the Diocesan Co-ordinator for the pilgrimage and she would like to hear from any young people who would like to be considered for inclusion in the party. The pilgrimage is from August 23rd - 30th, and cost should not be a problem for those taking part, since some help will be available. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, contact: Miss Elizabeth Anderson, 30 Bamsley Road, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham S61 2RR. Tel: Sheffield 463487.

## It's all yours

Members of the Diocesan Education team report in their bulletin "What's on", published three or four times a year, that as they go around the Diocese, they see and hear about all sorts of wonderful materials and ideas which individual children and youth leaders have produced for use in their parishes. Very often that material never sees the light of day again after it has been used once, and what a pity that is.

The Education Team are thinking that it would be a valuable resource to the Diocese as a whole if parishes and schools could share some of their successful ideas and materials. If your parish has any dramas, puzzles, games, songs, or anything else which deserves a wider circulation, why not get your name in print by sending copies to The Education Team, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT. When enough splendid material has been gathered, they will be able to produce a Diocesan Resource Booklet during this coming year. How about it?

## 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, beginning on Saturday, 28th March for three Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (4th April, 16th May).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and can make all those dates, please 'phone the office on Sheffield 788891 or call in at Bessemer House, 59 Carlisle Street East for further information. Victim Support is particularly keen to encourage and recruit volunteers from the black community.

## Bread of Life

is the title of the Bishop of Doncaster's book of meditations and prayers for every day of Lent. Following last year's publication of a Diocesan Lent Book which included the Bishop's prayers and meditations for Holy Week, and which many in the Diocese found helpful, he has this year taken events in the life of Jesus, giving the relevant passages in the Gospels.

The meditations and prayers are designed for personal use, and make up a small bedside book perhaps, to be read first thing in the morning or last thing at night. The book available from him at Bishop's Lodge, Hooton Roberts, Rotherham S65 4PF, at only £1 plus postage. (1-3 copies 50p; 4-5 copies 90p; over 5 copies post free)

A bonus, on top of the benefit from the moving prayers and meditations in the book, is that all profits go to the Bishop's Appeal. Using "Bread of Life" every day during Lent can be guaranteed to prepare readers for the keeping of Holy Week and Easter. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is March 4th.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Alastair Geoffrey Kendall**, Assistant Curate, St. John's Park and presently helping on the Manor, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St. James', Bream, in the Diocese of Gloucester.

**The Revd. Peter Wright**, Rector of Aston-cum-Aughton with Ulley was appointed Surrogate for the granting of Marriage Licences in the Diocese of Sheffield from 26th November, 1991.

**The Revd. Norman Keith Young**, Vicar of Prior and Bulbeck, in the Diocese of Ely, to be Vicar of St. Peter and St. Paul, Barnby Dun and Industrial Mission Chaplain for Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Albert Geoffrey Anderson**, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Thorpe Hesley, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector of Ribbesford with Bewdley and Dowles in the Diocese of Worcester.

**The Revd Lynn Elizabeth Pocock**, Parish Deacon at Thorpe Hesley in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be NSM Parish Deacon, Ribbesford with Bewdley and Dowles in the Diocese of Worcester.

**The Revd. Peter John Mott**, Minister in Charge of Emanuel Ecumenical Church, Waterthorpe, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector of St. Bartholomew's, Colne, in the Diocese of Blackburn.

## NEWS OF OLD FRIENDS

**Mrs. Jill Stacey:** Those among us who remember when Dudley Stacey was the Treasurer of the P.C.C will be pleased to have news of his widow Jill. Renewing her subscription to All Saints News, Jill - who has been living since leaving Totley with her sister in a village near Hereford - tells us that she is still well and active in her local community. Her parish church had a Flower Festival in the summer which raised £2,000 over three days, and their Christmas Bazaar cleared £1,000 in three hours!

We are sure that her old friends in Totley will cordially reciprocate the good wishes for 1992 which she has sent us.

## Received by Gerald Waite:

Dear Gerry,

This has been a long time coming! - but I'll try not to make it a monologue! First, Kathleen and I hope you had a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Secondly, it has been really very kind of you to keep sending us copies of All Saints' News - often it has been the only overall contact we've had with the general "goings-on". We do keep in touch with one or two people - we are constantly amazed at how fast time has slipped by - is this a sign of middle age!

It is interesting following events - our All Saints' here is a parish of the same population but well scattered, very varied and for 20 years or so the church has struggled, with the 1980-88 period particularly difficult - including nearly 4 years interregnum!

Things are going quite well - a good variety of worship - restoration of the building well under way - and a considerably healthier congregation with a good number of new adult Christians.

Familywise - Richard (nearly 19) has passed out with distinction as a Vehicle Mechanic in R.E.M.E. and after Tank Transporter work is off to Germany for 3 years (Paderborn). John (16) has settled well here - not sure what he's going to do - and is head boy at Dinnington School. Kathleen sings with Rotherham Choral and I, believe it or not, go bike-racing when I can. We also have a large garden! - a kind of wildlife park - we don't have a lot of time.

We hold you all in our prayers - especially when you've had to cope with much change since we left. Thank you once again.

Yours Robert and Kathleen  
Laughton Vicarage, Sheffield S31 7YB



### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will be held at 10.30am on 6th March at All Saints'. The theme is "Living Wisely with Creation", and the Speaker, Margaret Benson.

### PARISH QUIET DAY:

"Be patient, meditate, trust"

Nicos Kazantzakis

The annual Parish Quiet Day of Prayer will be held on the first Sunday in Lent on 7th March, 1992.

This will be led by the Rev. Leonard Childs 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 our preparations for Good Friday and Easter.

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.

We will assemble at 9.30am for 10.00am and will end with tea at approximately 4.00pm. A simple vegetarian lunch will be provided and the cost per head for the day will be a modest £3.

It is in stillness, in the creativeness of silence that we know God. Those called to the work of intercessors are called not to be putting their own ideas before God, but to listen to the will of God for their own souls and for the whole world.

Father Gilbert Shaw

FORGING LINKS..... (I hope that, in Steel City, that's what happens to links!)

Following the publication of the "Faith in the City" Report, our Parish made tentative approaches to Christ Church, Pitsmoor with a view to establishing strong connections between our congregations. For various reasons, (before I came to Totley), the connections were not very well established. When I got to hear about this, and knowing the Parish of Pitsmoor and Don Sparkes their Vicar very well, I asked the PCC if I could contact Don to find if they were willing to explore links further. Don, in his usual enthusiastic voice said "Why not?" ... and more than that, gave me the date of a superb Bank Concert on December 14th, together with a very warm invitation. I am delighted to report that three car loads went across to that event, by the Escapade Brass Band, and we were warmly welcomed by Don and his people. Don is coming over to our Vicarage for a meal, and we shall doubtless discuss further possibilities of "forging"....links not bank notes! Meanwhile, if any of you have any suggestions, please let me have them.

David.

Julian and Anita have sadly left our Church family for a new post in Somerset. Our real loss will be their new School and Parish's gain. We had the opportunity to say thank you to them and make a little presentation at the "Young Saints" Pageant. The chief gap in our Church family will be leadership for our music group, which Julian filled so expertly. If anyone would like to be part of our music group, please don't be shy ... give your name to the Vicar or Churchwardens.

Continuing the musical theme ... a very splendid electronic organ has been generously given to us by Barbara Shale in loving memory of her dear husband Gerald. We are very grateful for this. Tuition can be arranged for anyone able to translate the complex instruction book!

Barrie Briggs is again arranging our Parish Quiet Day for Saturday March 7th from 10am to 4pm. Further details are in this magazine, and Booking Forms will be available in Church in due course. Thank you Barrie for setting this up for us.



## ON READING THE HONOURS LIST .....

There is the MBE, OBE, CBE, KBE and DBE, awarded mainly to those in the more mundane jobs: the policeman, fireman, postman, nurse, midwife, the voluntary worker for charities; for the rarer positions: for service to the pig industry in Scotland, for service to the shell-fishing industry and, in contrast to research workers in medicine and industry, university heads, or for political services (that is, to the party in government).

One of the highest awards - a knighthood - was to Dr. Magdi Yacoub, the eminent professor and heart-transplant surgeon. Some of these highest awards, however, are devalued when given to the highest echelon of civil servants - it comes with the job; "with the tea-trolley" is a frequent comment. In all, a microcosm of society.

But what about this? A BEM, the keykeeper Holm of Papa and Knap of Homar, Orkney, Scottish Office. There are not many of them, but in inverse proportion to those given to the church, a definite division of the spiritual and temporal, for out of the hundreds of curates, priests, rural deans, archdeacons, canons and bishops, the church is recognised by only four awards: OBE to a retired minister for services to the Methodist Church, MBEs to a retired head verger of a cathedral and a retired chaplain to the House of Keys (Manx Parliament), and for the Church a BEM to a chauffeur of a bishop. No doubt the argument will go "the aforementioned curates, priests, etc. are expected to be good and to do good, it's part of their job" (vocation actually) "they are only doing their job", but that applies also to all the others (just doing their jobs).

We all know of those deserving an award as recognition of their selfless service to others and the public - we don't need a medal to tell us. We and those very few who just, just might harbour a thought of an honour can take solace in the saying "Virtue is its own reward".

Rex B.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"Break into shouts of joy .... because of the blessings which I have brought".

(Jeremiah 31.7 and 33.9)

(NEB)

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## TEDDY BEAR APPEAL

What a marvellous response to this appeal! At least 51 hand knitted, colourful and unique teddies, together with a box of knitted garments, have been despatched to Albania and "Save the Children" orphanages to bring comfort to some of those lonely and destitute children. Thank you so much on behalf of those children, and if you wish to make a few more, they will surely be appreciated.

Margaret Benson.

DEFINITION: Virtue - the seventh order of the celestial hierarchy

## QUOTES

Women are like tea bags - they never know how strong they are until they get in hot water.

Nancy Reagan's favourite saying on women.

Better by far you should forget and smile, than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rosetti

It is a mistake to think that God is only interested in religion.

Archbishop William Temple.

It isn't enough to make the dying well, we must love them too.

Dame Cecily Saunders, OBE

Founder of the Modern Hospice Movement.

HANDSACROSS THE WORLD is a one-day workshop for anyone who has a responsibility or interest in developing or maintaining a link with the Church Overseas. It is for those who are new to this and those who have been doing it for years.

There will be an opportunity to discuss and share on making the link "real" in your own church. The course will be led by Jackie Cox (C.M.S. Area Secretary), is at St. Andrew's, Sharrow on Saturday 29th February (10am to 4pm) and costs £2.50. For further details see the Notice Board in Church.

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## FEBRUARY DIARY

1 Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
4 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Malaysia & Thailand - Hall
5 Wed	11.00am	Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship - 2 Main Avenue
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
6 Thu	10.30am	Dance Fellowship - Hall
	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
8 Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
11 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	8.00pm	Men's Fellowship Open Meeting; "St. Paul's Epistle to Totley" - 1 Quarry Rd.
12 Wed	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship - 17 Church Lane, Dore
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
13 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd
14 Fri	8.00pm	Mission Meeting - 2 Main Avenue
15 Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
18 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Sheffield Tramways - Hall
19 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
20 Thu	10.30am	Dance Fellowship - Hall
	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
22 Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
25 Tue	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
26 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 2 Main Avenue
27 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 11 Bushey Wood Road
29 Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall

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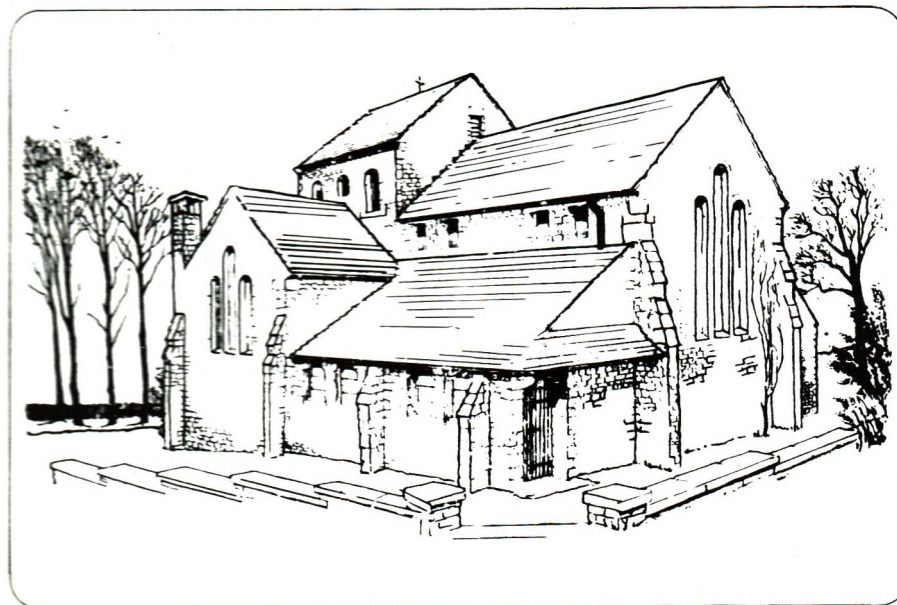
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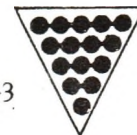
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## FROM THE VICAR

### MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

Dear Friends,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 4th). It has traditionally been a time for reviewing our intake of sweets or chocolates, and our consumption of cigarettes. These have all been directed towards bodily activities. However, as the psychologists rightly remind us, we are made up of mind and spirit, as well as bodily flesh. So, in Lent, we need to give equal attention to each part of our make-up. Can I offer you a few suggestions . . .

#### Our Minds:

Stimulation can come from reading a Christian book or some new part of the Bible with the help of notes. This can be done individually or perhaps sharing with a member of our Church. We can also join one of the ecumenical Lent Groups to study "Living the Good News" (details in Church).

#### Our Spirit:

During Lent, try to spend a bit more time each day in prayer - it might mean getting up a little earlier. Perhaps you could use Lent to compile a Prayer Note Book, including all members of your family, together with Church members, organisations, neighbours, topics from the news, etc. spread these names out over a week. We invite you to come more regularly to Church; at Holy Communion, perhaps you could pray for individuals as they go up to the altar. Some of you might like to write your own meditation for Lent, based perhaps on a favourite Bible text.

#### Our Body:

Shake off the winter lethargy by getting out (if you are able) to call on those unable to get out - we will gladly give you some names. Perhaps you can give some help to those who work with children, Young Saints, or the elderly (Green Oak Day Centre).

I hope these suggestions are helpful. Finally, why not join us at our Parish Quiet Day on Saturday, March 7th - details and Booking Forms in the Church. I hope you each have a meaningful Lent.

May God bless you and yours,

J. David Benson

## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### Baptism:

23rd February Jade Alexandra Machin, 4 Laverdene Road

### Funerals:

13th February Ernest Irving Couldwell (86), 16 Rowan Tree Dell

17th February Edith Alice Firth (93), 359a Baslow Road

Irving (as he was known to all) survived his dear wife by only five months. They were a devoted couple, cared for by their son and daughter. He was well known as an Insurance Inspector as well as a keen motor car enthusiast and a good snooker player.

Edith was our oldest Church Member, and was in Church only a few days before her death. She had a strong Christian Faith, which doubtless contributed to her courage and independence, especially as she had been a widow for thirty eight years. She enjoyed the view from her flat, and was cared for by many folk, not least Bob and Marjorie Dunn who lived below her. She will be sadly missed at Church, at "Good Companions", at Green Oak View, and at St. John's Mothers' Union. Praise God for her friendship and her shining faith.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE on Sunday 22nd March at 6.30pm:

We shall remember the following . . . Alan Herbert, Alan Jockel, Herbert Wood, Winifred Foulstone, Ernest Hall, Charles Swift, Willis Coates, Louis Reed, Roy Wiggett, Keith Blackburn, Dora MacFarlane, John Holding, Dorothy Rhodes, Walter Wild, Marjorie Cokeham, Elizabeth Mitchell, together with all whose Funeral Service will be taken during March. Would families please accept a warm invitation to attend this Service, and would you kindly contact any families who have moved away from Totley.

### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Put it in your diary now that another of Leonard Brightmore's "These I have loved" is to be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm. We shall look forward once again to a pleasant evening of poetry and prose in congenial surroundings. If you hurry it might not be too late to make requests, but do be quick about it!



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

1 March	Mrs. Cryan & Mr. Hazlehurst
8 March	Mr & Mrs. Carter
15 March	Mr & Mrs. Loft
22 March	Mrs Job and Mrs. Murrell
29 March	Mrs. Ruthven & Mrs. Snowdon
5 April	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite.

### Flowers

### Altar

### Memory Table

1 March	Mrs. B. Waite	Mrs. Coates
<u>No Flowers During Lent</u>		

### Silver Cleaning

2 March	Mrs. Coates	16 March
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Be patient, meditate, trust - Nicos Kazantzakis

The annual Parish Quiet Day of Prayer will be held on the first Saturday in Lent on 7th March, 1992

This will be led by the Rev. Leonard Childs 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 our preparations for Good Friday and Easter.

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.

We will assemble at 9.30am to 10.00am and will end with tea at approximately 4.00pm. A simple vegetarian lunch will be provided and the cost per head for the day will be a modest £3.

It is in stillness, in the creativeness of silence that we know God. Those called to the work of intercessors are called not to be putting their own ideas before God, but to listen to the will of God for their own souls and for the whole world.

Father Gilbert Shaw

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 4th March at 2pm. Jumble can be received in the Church Hall from 10am on Saturday morning. All welcome.

## LENT 1992

Churches Together in S17 are promoting 3 different courses this Lent. St. John's Church, Abbeydale are using the Sheffield Diocesan Course on Evangelism "Something to Share" on each Tuesday. Christ Church, Dore, and Dore Methodist Church are having a course of addresses by the Rev. Dr. George Tolley entitled "The Gospel is for Today". There are also a number of ecumenical groups to study the course "Living the Good News". These will be at the following addresses:

Monday 8pm  
starting 9 March      Mrs. Doris Baker  
31 Durvale Court

Tuesday 2pm  
starting 10 March      Mrs. Tess Webb,  
12 Aldam Close

Tuesday 8pm  
starting 10 March      Mrs. Margaret Spivey,  
30 West View Lane

Wednesday 8pm  
starting 11 March      Mrs. Eke,  
27 Mercia Drive

Wednesday 8pm  
starting 11 March      Mr & Mrs. Neil Hayden,  
33 Rowan Tree Dell

Friday 8pm  
starting 13 March      Mr & Mrs. M. Snowdon,  
1 Quarry Road.

THE PEOPLES' WORSHIP is a series of 10 ecumenical meetings, spread over the next year and initiated by Sheffield Methodist District, led by speakers with experience in worship arising from social and political contexts.

They are all at the Friends' Meeting House in St. James' Street; all are on Friday evenings starting at 7.30pm.

The first meeting is on Friday 20th March when the Rev. Howard Miellor MA., BD., Director of Evangelism for the Methodist Church, engaged in the training and practice of evangelism will speak on "COMMUNICATING CONVICTION" - issues relating to evangelism and community development, their interface in worship. Subsequent meetings are on: 3 April, 22 May, 12 June, 18 September, 9 October, 13 November, 4 December 8 January '93 and 12 February '93.

Further details from Rev. Inderjit Bhogal on 661381.



## ELECTIONS AND APATHY

"Science may have found a cure for most evils, but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings." - Helen Keller. We shall end with a quote too, that is easy; it is the in-between part that is difficult without causing offence and that the church (even a modest page in a parish magazine) should be construed as "the church meddling in politics". I find this strange. We do, or at least try to, carry out Christian faith into our daily lives, even into the workplace.

But this is about apathy - not exercising your right to have a say in the affairs of your own country. Apathy in any sphere is a threat to its existence; apathy is the enemy of progress, for today's decisions may affect those who follow us. Not to vote for one's own reason is selfish.

But how to vote? Ah, that is for you to decide. Newspapers almost without exception, are notoriously biased; perhaps I think it is simple - just select the party whose policies approximate most closely to the Christian ethic as expounded in the Gospel. Now don't say "this is 1992", for its message is still clear and applicable to today. Just look around the tragedies of nations and individuals that could have been averted had Christian ethics prevailed. Mind you, there would be occasions when the Christian ethic was not to our liking - that is when the waverers and doubters opt out.

End quote: "Love thy neighbour as thyself - that's what politics should be about" - David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham.

Rex B.

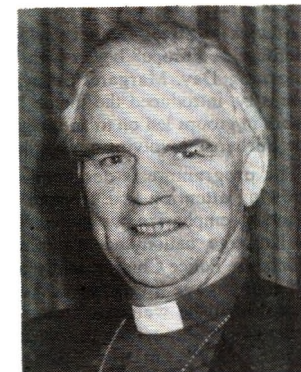
## COME FOR COFFEE.....

...or tea if you prefer! The Church Hall will be open from 10am until noon every Monday from 9th March for a trial period of three months. The idea is to offer the facilities for a social gathering - to play draughts, to play whist or scrabble or to play with your favourite toys(!) or just to chat and have a coffee. We hope that this might appeal to all ages - leave the weekly wash until Tuesday!

We would also be glad for a few people to help with the actual making of the coffee on a rota basis. Guaranteed high wages at zero pence per hour but a lot of fun! Contact Maurice Snowden (362822) for details.

# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

MARCH, 1992



## **OBEDIENCE TO THE LIVING GOD**

*The Bishop of Doncaster writes:-*

**I have never been a great one for fasting. It has been a traditional practice of course; not only during Lent but also prior to receiving communion. It was revived in the nineteenth century, as far as the Church of England was concerned, by the Oxford Movement. It also happens to be in vogue in some quarters among those in the contemporary renewal movement.**

It has respectable precedents - indeed the most respectable of all. Our Lord's own fasting was a Spirit-given preparation for his public ministry and his sacrificial death. Neither I nor anyone else who claims to follow Jesus has any excuse for not looking at the possibility seriously.

We must be careful however that any practice of self-denial is true to its essential purpose. Fasting has some claim to being a means of strengthening the spiritual life by weakening a desire for the sensible pleasures of the world; but it is not to be either a piece of escapism or an exercise in merit. I think I am right in saying that its chief aim is to bring the life of the Christian or the Christian community into obedience to the will and purpose of God.

Now obedience is not a fashionable word, to put it mildly. Understandably the whole tenor of our society is for personal fulfilment and community development: for freedom to be

ourselves and to find out for ourselves. We don't like being at the beck and call of small-minded or limited personalities; and Christians of all people don't want to be in thrall to a caricature of God made in the image of a local pope.

Yet there is no avoiding the fact that obedience is a theme which has a large place in the Scriptures and in the life and tradition of the Church. It can't be explained away as the cultural conditioning of the past or a product of a patriarchal outlook. It is an emphasis which has at its heart obedience to the living God.

Perhaps I ought to exercise this discipline of fasting from time to time; perhaps this Lent I ought to encourage you to do the same; but rather more importantly we need a modest refresher course in the school of obedience and the servant ministry of Jesus. It is not so much a question of obeying Bishops (looking at the Church of England, that will be the day!) or of following my less than convincing example. It means rather turning our eyes to look at the one who lived in lonely solitude for forty days, facing temptation and triumphing over it; in order that he might live a life of obedience to his Father's will.

And the joy is that in our obedience to a gracious God we find the freedom and fulfilment that always otherwise eludes us.

**WILLIAM**

Bishop of Doncaster



## Heritage in Europe - 1992

Adwick-le-Street Deanery's 1992 Programme "Our Heritage in Europe" began with 75 people attending a Learning Day. Margaret Selby, Deputy Director of Ministry, introduced the theme "Seven Whole Days". Work in groups led on to an imaginative presentation of the Eucharist, involving our whole life.

The programme is designed as a response to the growing attention to European affairs. The Deanery wants to emphasize our shared faith across boundaries of language, nation and culture. In February the South Yorkshire Police Choir, recently returned from a visit to Germany, gave a concert in Adwick Parish Church. People will be welcome from across the Diocese to other events throughout this year. This month there's a QUIET DAY entitled "Benedict Today" at St. Edmund's Church, Anchorage Lane. It will be a time to reflect on the spirituality which has sustained Europe for fourteen centuries. Further details are available from: The Revd. Geoffrey Harbord, Tel: Doncaster (0302) 781986.

## Sheffield Diocesan Open Church Group

### OPEN MEETING

"The way Authority works, or doesn't work, in Anglicanism" - the Provost of Sheffield, the Very Revd. John Gladwin, with wide experience of the Church of England as Secretary in past years, both to the Board for Social Responsibility and the world-wide Anglican Consultative Council, will speak and lead a discussion.

THURSDAY, 12th MARCH, 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. at ST. JOHN'S, RANMOOR PARISH CENTRE, off Fulwood Road, Sheffield, and on No. 60 'bus route. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Canon Giles for more details on Sheffield (0742) 753434.

## Tails of the Unexpected

David English, writing in St. Mark's, Mosborough Newsletter recounts a cautionary tale for teachers from thirty years ago. It had been a difficult morning, thirty-five boys and girls of ten can be very exacting - so on the stroke of 12 noon I was looking forward to a relaxing lunch time and a re-charging of batteries for the afternoon session.

It was then that I felt a tug on my jacket sleeve and young Jamie said "Can I bring it then this afternoon, sir?" "Of course, you can", I said, not really understanding what 'it' would be. I enjoyed my dinner, and, as always, in good time wandered down the garden path to the school yard to be greeted by a group of excited school children shouting "He's brought it, sir" and by golly he had - a young piglet jumped out of the sack and disappeared into school, the children in hot pursuit. After it was captured, the class, teacher and piglet were in place for the customary calling of the register. What was to be done with the pig? That was easily accomplished with a few desks strategically placed, and lessons proceeded to the occasional gruntings of an amazingly well-behaved pig. Whatever the children learned that afternoon, no one learned more than the teacher - namely, make sure you hear the question properly BEFORE you say 'yes'.

## Mission by Water

From 30th May to 6th June, Bishop David will be 'sailing' through the Diocese. Early in his episcopacy, he travelled by water from Sheffield to Goole, and he will be repeating this but in reverse at Whitsuntide thanks to the Sobriety Centre at Goole who will be providing the 'fleet' - the 'Sobriety' (built in Beverley in 1910 as a Humber Keel), the "Eden" (originally a Leeds and Liverpool Canal shortboat built in Northwich in 1947), and the 'Telethon Louise' (a former P & O liner's lifeboat).



*Flashback to the Bishop's last journey by canal through the Diocese - some young bystanders hitch a lift through Tinsley locks.*

The aim is to show the flag and proclaim that the Church of England is in business and has a gospel to share.

Tony Davis, the central contact for the 'Mission by Water' says "We plan to concentrate on happy and noisy events embracing the local communities en route."

A Steering Group is now busy planning stopping places, liaising with British Waterways and the media, ordering souvenirs and establishing local committees who will be organising events along the route. There is a tremendous scope for all sorts of activities with a special emphasis on young people. There will be a music group on board to entertain the many visitors expected. There'll even be a special edition of a Diocesan Newspaper to be used by all the parishes of the Diocese around the time of the Bishop's journey.

The Revd. Bernard Croft, now in retirement in York, on hearing of the Bishop's voyage, wrote to the Editor of the NEWS under the heading "Shipwrecked at Goole"

"I trust", he says "that the Bishop sailing from Goole on 30th May will have a safe voyage - unlike that of an old friend of mine (the Revd. John Foster, Curate of St. Peter's, Abbeydale in my young days in Sheffield) who told of being stranded on a sandbank at Goole on starting out on a cruise."

And so say all of us.

Tony Davis can be contacted at 6 Silverdale Croft, Sheffield S11 9JP Tel: Sheffield (0742) 367095.

## Silent Retreat

A traditional silent retreat, using the Book of Common Prayer, will be held at Parcevall Hall, Wharfedale, from 4.00 p.m. Monday, 18th May until after breakfast Friday, 22nd May. The Revd George Burningham will be conductor. Lovely situation, delightful accommodation, good food and spiritual refreshment. Total cost £115. Details from and booking to: Robin Davies, Anglican Association, 8 Park Close, Off Skipworth Road, London. E9 7LF.

## Lion Publishing

Helen Moyes is the local representative for Lion Books, and can offer the opportunity to obtain discounts on the most attractive range of christian books by Lion. If you host a party for your friends, church members or anyone that you think will come along and buy these books, Helen will give you a discount of 10-15% of the total sales figure to spend on books. What a good idea. Helen can be contacted on Sheffield 585737.

## Totley Teddies

The congregation of All Saints', Totley have been hard at work knitting garments for "Save the Children" orphanages in Albania, and along with the clothes, they have sent 51, hand-knitted, colourful and unique teddy bears, which they hope will bring some joy to the children who receive them. There are plans to send more Totley Bears as soon as they can be knitted.

## Bread of Life

An extract from the Bishop of Doncaster's Book of Meditations and Prayers for every day of Lent:

ASH WEDNESDAY

TEMPTATION. Luke 4 1-11

East from Jericho

A mountain rises

With steep menace

Above the scorched desert of the plain.

Alone he went

Preparing the way

That led him

To a ministry of life

And death

And life again.

Forty long days

And longer nights

Temptation's 'if'

Three times assailed him,

More searching

For the Son of God

The Holy and the undefiled.

Stones into bread

A headlong fall

To less than glory,

Worship at the devil's feet

To gain a worthless kingdom.

He did not fail his Father:

Or his less than faithful followers.

He understands them.

He always will.

## A PRAYER

Jesus you were tempted.

I am tempted too;

Tempted by possessions

And my pride,

Always wanting

To be the centre of attention.

You never fell.

I often do.

By your grace, forgive;

And, overcoming,

I will follow you.

In your name I ask it.

Amen.

## Parish Poetry

Charles Hamilton, and the Cambridge Poetry Group hope to compile an anthology of parish poetry sometime during this year. Their interest is in poetry and verse displayed in or otherwise associated with particular parish churches, and which has only been published locally, if at all (for example in the parish magazine). This poetry and verse is usually written by parish poets, and can be deserving of a wider audience. The poetry does not have to be about a particular church to qualify for possible inclusion, the only criteria is that it should express its theme from a christian viewpoint.

Of no interest in the anthology are parish appeals for money written in verse, there's already far too many of those!

The essential details required are:-

The name and location of the church/parish concerned; the author; short biographical details of the author; the contributor's name and address; and last but not least - the poetry.

If the anthology is subsequently published, all royalties will be donated to BreakThrough, a major new charity founded in 1991 to fight breast cancer. Contact: Charles Hamilton, 9, Comfrey Court, Cambridge CB1 4YJ.

## Urban and Rural Linking

Judith Dawson, a member of the Education Team, with special responsibility for children and youth has observed that our Diocese has links with many other parts of the christian church, with the Diocese of Guildford, with Hattungen-Witten in Germany, and even now new links are being explored with parts of South America. For those who are involved with links, they are clearly a valuable asset and offer a broadening of understanding and experience.

With all the benefits that linking can offer, perhaps some urban and rural parishes within our own Diocese might want to explore links with each other.

Judith often meets children who have little or no experience of the countryside, and also those who have no notion of the city life and the city church.

There's lots of opportunities to forge links between rural and urban parishes, with such things as summer picnics in the country or visits to pantomimes and factories, and visits to one another's churches.

Judith can be contacted at the Diocesan Education Office, Sheffield 754386 or at home 0909 - 771149.



## Appointments

**The Revd. Anthony Isaac Dalton**, Priest-in-Charge, Accrington St. Mary, in the Diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Robert Aidan Fitzharris**, Assistant Curate, Dinnington St. Leonard, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Bentley St. Peter in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Stephen Donald**, Curate of Ardsley (in charge of Kendray - Vicar Designate of Kendray), in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Kendray, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Jeffrey Froggatt**, Vicar of Christ Church, Dore, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 16th May, 1992.

**The Revd. Eric George Clarkson**, Vicar of St. Columba, Crosspool, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 31st May, 1992.

**The Revd. John William Ashburnham Woods**, Rector of Barnburgh w. Melton-on-the-Hill, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 30th April, 1992.

**The Revd. Canon Michael Wright**, Vicar of Wath-upon-Deame w. Adwick-upon-Deame, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rural Dean of Wath.



### Organ Recitals 1992

Mondays at 7.00 p.m.

20 April .....	Jonathan REES-WILLIAMS (St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle)
4th May .....	Olivier LATRY (Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris)
25 May .....	Douglas LAWRENCE (Melbourne, Australia)
15 June .....	David BRIGGS (Truro Cathedral)
13 July .....	David LIDDLE (London)
3 August .....	Colin WALSH (Lincoln Cathedral)
31 August .....	Simon PRESTON (Formerly Westminster Abbey)

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## Ministry to the Elderly

"People, not old people" is the theme of a day conference at ST. PETER'S ABBEYDALE, SHEFFIELD on Thursday, 30th April from 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

It is for anyone who has an interest in the ministry to the elderly, drinks are provided, but bring your own lunch. Please indicate your interest in advance to the Revd. Malcolm Alflatt on Sheffield 550719, or the Revd. John Thompson on Sheffield 586790.

## Last Lap for Bishop's Appeal

John Gladwin, the Provost of Sheffield has been asked by Bishop David to co-ordinate the last lap of the Bishops' £Million Appeal. In a recent letter to the parishes, the Provost says that it has been agreed to bring the Appeal to a formal conclusion at Pentecost, Sunday, 7th June, with a major Diocesan celebration in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that every parish in the Diocese will be represented, and that the £1 million target will have been reached.

"We are all greatly encouraged" writes the Provost, "by the huge efforts which have been made across the Diocese. There is much to be thankful for in every way. Many parishes and individuals have stretched themselves a long way in support of the Appeal. £800,000 (4/5th of the target) can be assured by June, and it has come almost exclusively from giving by the members of the church in the Diocese of Sheffield".

Launching the last lap of the Appeal, the Provost hopes that the £1 million target will be reached. That will mean that having met our obligation to The Church Urban Fund of £300,000 (we have already received from the Fund over £400,000 of grants), there will be over £200,000 to spend on work throughout the Diocese.

In getting ready for the 1992 drive, and the last lap of the appeal, the support of every parish in the Diocese will be needed, and reaching the target would give the whole Church in the Diocese a great boost.

Not long to go to Pentecost, 7th June.

## Shoestring Retreat

You don't have to know how to pray (though it won't matter if you do). You don't have to be a Christian (though you will be welcome if you are). You don't need any idea of what a retreat is (but it probably won't spoil it if you know).

But if you have - a desire to become more aware of God active in your life - or a wish to get to know yourself better - or if you want to take stock and look where your life is going - the Shoestring Retreat may be just the thing for you.

Conductors trained and experienced in the Ignatian tradition will offer individual guidance based on scripture. The place is St. Peter, Abbeydale. The days Tuesday to Thursday July 14,15,16. The time - the morning and afternoon of each day (flexibility is possible in the timing for each person). The cost: £15 per person.

Full details: The Rev. Malcolm Alflatt, 31 Ashland Road, Sheffield, S7 1RH. Tel. 550719.

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## PASTORAL WORKERS' AND READERS' COURSE

As some are aware, last year I began the first module of this two/three year course. Having now completed this, I would like to share the main areas of discussion and study with you.

The title is called "Church and the Community", and initially we were involved in identifying our perception of a community.

We all live in many different communities i.e. home, work, street, parish, town, city etc. How we witness our faith, both as individuals, and as a corporate Church within these communities, are areas all Christians need to constantly analyse.

I was involved in a Parish visit to St. John the Baptist Church, Wales, Nr. Rotherham. As some others in the group were involved in the visit here, many questions were raised that evening, some of which I list below.

1. What degree of lay participation is there?
2. Is there any shared worship with any other denominations?
3. What are the policies of serving newcomers and children?
4. What is the outreach policy?
5. Does the Church involve itself in the local community?
6. Does the Parish Magazine relate to the local community?
7. Does the Church serve the community?

Finally, I include copies of two studies I have found helpful.

### 1. The Edge of Glory

In the Celtic way of prayer, the divine glory was intertwined with the ordinariness of everyday life. They believed that Christ comes to us in many guises and we should be ever open to his call.

This prayer, taken from David Adams' book "The Edge of Glory", challenges us to see Our Lord in all things.

You are the caller  
You are the poor  
You are the stranger at my door.

You are the wanderer  
The unfed  
You are the homeless  
With no bed.



You are the man  
Driven insane  
You are the child  
Crying in pain  
You are the other who comes to me  
If I open to another you're born in me.

2. Read: Luke 10 v 25-37

"We need the kind of church which serves people where they are. It is the style of life of the church community which will decide for many people whether they join or not.

Every local church likes to believe that it has a welcome for everyone. But many onlookers have concluded from what they have seen that there is a welcome only provided they fit in our ways". ("Bias to the Poor" - David Sheppard).

1. Read the two passages above.
2. Do you agree/disagree with David Sheppard?
3. What kind of image do you think the local community has of our church?

Terry Dixon

MRS. D. WOODHEAD, DECEASED

It is with great pleasure that we record the fact that Transport 17 have received £104.00 in respect of Donations in lieu of floral tributes.

Mrs. Woodhead received great comfort from her trips with Transport 17 and it is pleasing to note that her relatives have shown their appreciation in this way.

This, of course, gives further encouragement to the work of Transport 17.

A & J. Jackson

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1st APRIL - ALL FOOLS DAY?

The Totley All Saints' Toddler Group is holding a Fun Raising Event in aid of The Children's Society.

In optional Clown or Jester Fancy Dress the children will be "Toddling" a set track, Sponsored Sliding or Counting Climb and Slides (according to capability), instead of their usual activities.

The group, aged from under one to under five, will be doing their best for charity; supporters of all ages will be welcome.

Wednesday 1st April 10-11.30am  
Totley All Saints' Church Hall  
See You There!

QUOTES

Age is a matter of mind - if you do not mind, it does not matter

Faith without practice is a contradiction in terms, and love without obedience an impossibility.

Human wrongdoing is inextricably linked to social deprivation, poverty, poor housing and illiteracy.

Archbishop Carey

"What is your favourite word?"

"We - because it means togetherness".

Hannah Hauxwell

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## LADIES CLUB

On 3rd March we hope to see all our members at the A.G.M. which will be followed by a Welsh quiz and maybe a Welsh treat! Can you guess why?

On 17th March: an evening of games and music with an Irish flavour to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Wear something green to gain admission. Guests very welcome.

THANK YOU from Dorothy and Les Firth for all your prayers, kind thoughts and messages of concern during Alison's stay in the Northern General. At the time of writing this, they will have arrived at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where it is hoped to perform a lung transplant operation. Please continue to uphold Alison and her parents, and the Newcastle medical team during what will be traumatic days for them. No doubt they would appreciate letters and cards, and I will keep in touch through the Anglican Chaplains there.

David

WANTED! Musicians of all abilities to join our music group, The group normally plays at the monthly "Come and Worship" Service. Anyone interested is asked to get in touch with Vivienne Filleul (360872).

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL is one of a small number of schools in the city which has been awarded a "Healthy Tuckshop of the Year" certificate for 1991 from the Health and Consumer Services Programme Committee.

### Dates for your diary:

All Saints' School: Nearly New Sale on Friday 20th March at 2pm.

Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st March  
10.30 -12 noon

If you have any jumble to be collected please contact School (361934) or Elaine Ferguson (361839).

### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I AM the door; anyone who comes into the fold through ME will be safe. He will come in and out and find pasture".

John 10.9 NEB & GNB)

## MARCH DIARY

3 Tue.	2.00pm 7.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close Ladies Club AGM & quiz - Hall
4 Wed	8.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion
5 Thu	10.30am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Dance Fellowship - Hall Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
6 Fri.	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer
7 Sat	7-9.30pm	PARISH QUIET DAY - SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL Totley Community Whist - Hall
9 Mon.	8.00pm	Lent Group - 31 Durvale Court.
10 Tue.	2.00pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Lent Group - 12 Aldam Close Lent Group - 30 West View Lane Men's Fellowship - "St. Paul's Epistle to Totley" - - 1 Quarry Road
11 Wed.	8.00pm 8.00pm	Lent Group - 23 Mercia Drive Lent Group - 33 Rowan Tree Dell
13 Fri.	8.00pm	Lent Group - 1 Quarry Road
14 Sat	2.00pm	Ladies Working Party Jumble Sale - Hall
16 Mon.	8.00pm	Lent Group - 31 Durvale Court
17 Tue.	2.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Lent Group - 12 Aldam Close Ladies Club Irish Evening - Hall Lent Group - 30 West View Lane
18 Wed	2.00pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent Lent Group - 27 Mercia Drive Lent Group - 33 Rowan Tree Dell
19 Thu.	10.30am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Dance Fellowship - Hall Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
20 Fri.	2.00pm 8.00pm	Nearly New - All Saints' School Lent Group - 1 Quarry Road
21 Sat.	10.30-12noon 7-9.30pm	Jumble Sale - All Saints' School Totley Community Whist - Hall
23 Mon	8.00pm	Lent Group - 31 Durvale Court
24 Tue.	12.15pm 2.00pm 8.00pm	Liaison Lunch - Hall Lent Group - 12 Aldam Close Lent Group - 30 West View Lane
25 Wed.	8.00pm 8.00pm	Lent Group - 27 Mercia Drive Lent Group - 33 Rowan Tree Dell
26 Thu.	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 91 Abbeydale Park Rise
27 Fri.	8.00pm	Lent Group - 1 Quarry Road
28 Sat.	7.15 - 10.15pm	Totley Community Dance
30 Mon.	8.00pm	Lent Group - 31 Durvale Court
31 Tue.	2.00pm 8.00pm	Lent Group - 12 Aldam Close Lent Group - 30 West View Lane
1 April	10.00 - 11.30am	Toddley Group Fun Day - Hall.



## SERVICES IN MARCH

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 1st 7TH BEFORE EASTER - "Christ the Friend of Sinners"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Epistle : Colossians 1: 18-23  
     Gospel : John 8: 2-11  
 10am Young Saints  
 11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
     Old Testament: Isaiah 30: 8-17  
     New testament: Mark 6: 45-56
- 4th ASH WEDNESDAY  
 10am Holy Communion  
 8pm Holy Communion
- 8th LENT 1 - "Temptation"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
     Epistle: Hebrews 4: 12-end  
     Gospel : Luke 4: 1-13  
 10am Young Saints  
 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
     Old Testament: Isaiah 58: 1-8  
     New Testament: Luke 22: 1-38
- 15th LENT 2 - "Conflict"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Come and Worship - a service for all ages  
     (Visiting Speaker: CMS Area Secretary)  
 3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Epistle : 1 John 3: 1-8  
     Gospel : Matthew 12: 22-32
- 22nd LENT 3 - "Suffering"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 19-25  
     Gospel : Matthew 16: 13-end  
 6.30pm Memorial Service
- 29th LENT 4 (MOTHERING SUNDAY) - "Transfiguration"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Morning Service for all ages  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
     Epistle : 2 Peter 1: 16-19  
     Gospel : Matthew 17: 1-13

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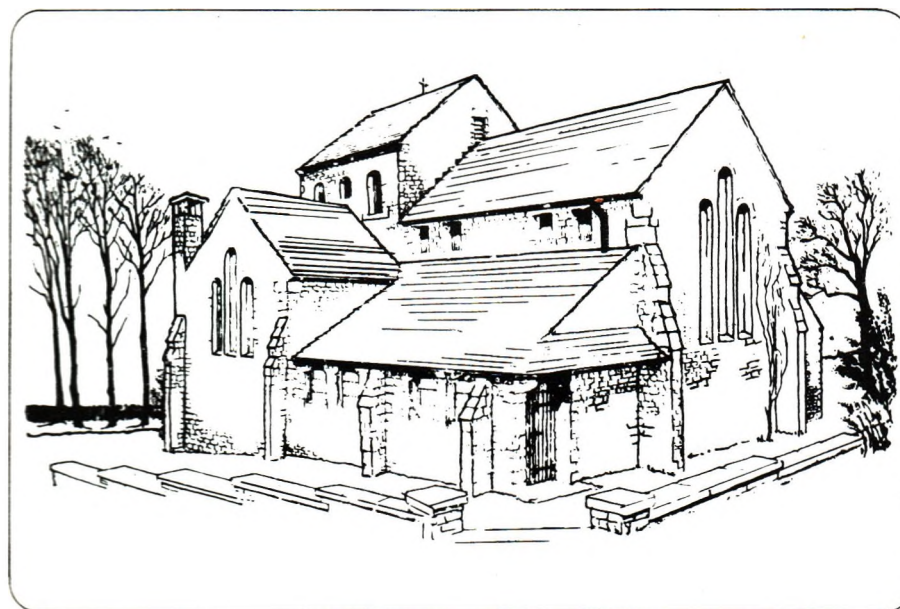
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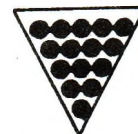
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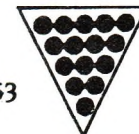
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## FROM THE VICAR

### TOWARDS A MORE CARING COUNTRY AND WORLD

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this magazine, Election fever will be in overdrive. You may be feeling heartily sick of the whole media coverage and wish it were all over! Despite this "hype", could I urge you to do two things ...

Firstly, please don't be overcome by apathy and fail to vote, for it is a Christian's duty (and privilege) to vote. Please spend some time in prayer before casting your vote.

Secondly, try to get involved in the political discussion meetings prior to Election Day. As a Christian, be prepared to challenge the local candidates about the issues you feel are important. My twin concerns focus on Education and the Health Service for pastoral reasons. Our Church School is now growing in numbers, and yet, owing to budgetary restrictions, we are unable to afford to appoint the additional teacher for the autumn. Our staff will, as always, do their best, but our children would benefit more from smaller classes and more teachers. This is a common problem for many schools, so let's challenge our prospective M.P. about this issue. I am equally frustrated about the state of our Health Service. Alison, aged 18, (whom I visit weekly) desperately needs lung transplant surgery. She was moved from Sheffield to the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle, where she settled well with good support from the Chaplain. After various tests, visits to the theatre, and being high on their list for surgery, she was suddenly whisked back to Sheffield because "they want her bed". Imagine the distress and frustration this has caused Alison and her family. On the other hand, excellent treatment, care, and support, have been given to other families, so all is not bad. However, there is room for improvement in the Health Service, so why not challenge our prospective M.P. about this issue.

If we don't get involved, and use our vote, we can't really complain if our country and our world becomes less caring about the things that concern our family and other families.

May God bless you and your family

J. David Benson

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

3rd March Irene Shaw Pemberton (88), 48 The Grove  
3rd March Elizabeth Cantwell (78), 99 Aldan Road  
12th March John Fowler (84), 17 The Quadrant  
19th March Dorothy Cynthia Seaton (84), 10 Vernon Road

IRENE had lived on The Grove for 55 years and was well known at the Green Oak Day Centre, as well as locally where she worked at the newsagents on Dore Station for many years. She was a trained hairdresser, running her own business at Heeley. She died peacefully at home.

BETTY Cantwell was Pauline Perkinton's Aunty, and had been a widow for 20 years. She was a true Yorkshire "character", often outspoken, but greatly loved by her many friends at the three clubs she attended. She had worked hard all her life, but retained her faculties to the end.

JOHN came to Totley, on retirement, from Birmingham and Doncaster where he had been a commercial traveller. He served with distinction in the "Desert Rats", and loved all kinds of sport. He and his wife were very close and it was a devastating blow to him when she died last year. She had nursed him through recent illness, from which sadly he never fully recovered. He was the "perfect gentleman" and a superb neighbour who will be greatly missed.

DOROTHY had the unique distinction of being the first housekeeper to the first Vicar of Totley and lived at 37 Sunnyvale Road until Mr. Hutton's death. She then moved with Mrs. Hutton back to Derbyshire (she was born at Ridgeway) and married Robert at Mosborough Church. They came to live in Vernon Road after marriage, and Dorothy was a regular member at All Saints. Failing health confined her to home in recent months where she has been visited by Church members. Clergy and Readers have taken Communion to her, but she always missed coming up to our Church. She suffered a severe stroke from which she never recovered.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the Memorial Service on April 26th at 6.30pm, we shall remember: Alexander Sims, Ronald Allen, Albert Foulstone, Frank Brittain, Margaret Wooffinden, Charles Henry Jones, Evelyn Scruton, Cecil Noton, Wilhelmina Lloyd, Gladys Wass, Alan Sollitt, Harry Edwards, Cyril Swift, Archie Herbert Thomas.



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

5th April	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite
12th April	Mrs. Ludlam & Mrs. Lewis
19th April	Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Warrender
26th April	Mrs. Ibbotson & Mrs. Cooke
3rd May	Mrs. Firth & Mrs. Benson

### Flowers

19th April	Altar
26th April	Easter
	-

### Memory Table

Mrs. Noton
Mrs. M. Jones

### Silver Cleaning

19th April	Mrs. Noton
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## ECUMENICAL GATHERING

There will be an Ecumenical Gathering for Worship and Fellowship on the Wednesday in Holy Week, 15th April, in All Saints' Church Hall at 8pm. This will serve as a "follow-up" to the Lent Groups but all are welcome whether they have attended a Lent Group or not.

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday Fellowship will re-start after Easter on Wednesday 29th April at 1 Quarry Road.

## LADIES CLUB

On 7th April we are holding an Open Evening and would encourage all members of All Saints' to come and hear about the missionary work of Pam and Tony Lindsay. There will also be a "Bring & Buy" stall. Please come and support us and bring your friends.

On 14th April there will be a Holy Week Service in Church, with coffee and a chat in the Hall afterwards. All are welcome. No meeting on 21st April.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I have loved thee with an overlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee".

(Jeremiah 31: 3AV)

## THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO TOTLEY

During this winter's meetings the members of the Men's Fellowship have each presented their version of a letter which St. Paul may have written to Totley. At their last meeting they agreed to share them with All Saints' News, and the first is by Maurice Snowden.

### Chapter 1

From Paul to my brothers and sisters in Totley: Greetings and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I rejoice to be able to write you this letter for I learn that you have a new shepherd amongst you and this could be a very great period in your lives. It is not always good when someone new comes amongst you but I am sure that in this case you will make the most of the opportunity which is now yours.

It is always right to look over the past situation and to give thanks to God for the many blessings received. Truly we have all got much to be thankful for, and a thankful heart is very becoming to one who follows our Lord Jesus.

It is also right that we should remember that our present blessings are because of God's providence to us and that, without Him, we would sink to the lowest depths of depravity. Of our own strength we could have achieved very little and it is only by the grace of God that we are capable of recognising His work in us.

We can learn from mistakes which we have made in the past but it is an error to think that we can go back and correct those mistakes. We have to learn from such experiences and look forward to the future with renewed strength, confidence and insight. Then we can, with God's grace, make the most of the opportunity which now opens out before us.

So you are at a turning point and looking to the future. It is good to remind you that you and your future are in God's hands. It is only with His help that you can move forward to complete the course which He has set before you. Naturally you want to know what that course will be, but you must remember that God will reveal it to you only when it is necessary for you to know it.

What is required of you, and this is where your new shepherd can help you, is to be open to whatever the future holds. This may be hard, as it has been hard for me, but the prize is great.



The most necessary thing for now is that you take care to have the right attitude in all your dealings with other people. It is more than likely that God's will for you will be revealed through the words or actions of other people and you must be ready to discern them.

This needs humility and I have written before (see Col.3.12 and Phil. 2.5-8) to other brothers about this. You would do well to read again all of those other letters for many of them would be helpful to you now.

To be continued .....

#### ON PIN-UPS

Parents of teenagers are only too well aware of pin-ups - their bedroom walls are awash with them; sporting types are tolerable - the pop stars with hideous hairdos and way out dress are beyond belief. Teenage bedrooms are almost forbidden territory, except to other teenagers. It's a lucrative business aimed at that impressionable age group. I confess to having one - of the Marx Brothers (I say it is an art form). I have others that exist only in my imagination and memory.

The first two exerted much influence on me, and all have impressed. Ted Wickham, Bishop of Middleton (retired), co-founder of the Industrial Mission: to see and hear him at meal breaks in the steel mills, guiding, supporting and clarifying the complexities that bedevilled our impromptu debates on matters spiritual was something special. Father Richard Roseveare, SSM, first Vicar of St. Cecilia's, Parson Cross, later Bishop of Accra, whose lifestyle added strengths to his beliefs, endearing him to all, and set a splendid example to try and follow.

Others are Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, CR, fierce opponent of evil apartheid; Archbishop Desmond Tutu, no less a fighter for freedom; Bishop Jim Thompson, Bath and Wells, for sustaining the traditions of great Stepney bishops; and my favourite, poet John Betjeman, churchman and lover of church liturgy an architecture. You, too, must have collected, over the years these imaginary pin-ups. It is comforting and inspiring to recall them occasionally and, what is more, your walls will never be the same!

Rex B.

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## NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY

*The Bishop of Sheffield Writes:*

Well no it isn't. It's not "the Party" that needs our aid but our very good friend Democracy herself. Common sense has never really given her much chance. One of Shakespeare's pert kids makes the point well:

*Son:* "And must they all be hanged that swear and lie?"

*Lady Macduff:* "Every one."

*Son:* "Who must hang them?"

*Lady Macduff:* "Why the honest men."

*Son:* "Then the liars and swearers are fools for there are enough liars and swearers to beat the honest men and hang them up."

The Experts in Political Theory aren't that keen either. Plato, the first and most influential of them (writing way back in 400 B.C.), though he saw Democracy as "an agreeable form of anarchy" in which "anyone is allowed to do what he likes", was certain that inevitably, and fairly speedily it ended in despotism.

The Church too has been a distinctly luke warm supporter. The Bible knows nothing about Democracy and tells us to obey the Emperor. "The Divine Right of Kings" has been an article of faith of many otherwise apparently intelligent Christians. And within the Christian world right-wing despotisms, however awful, have never lacked steady Church support.

But you and I, who have the extreme good fortune of living in a Democracy know, if I may coin a phrase, that Democracy is King. Despite all its faults, it gives us a lot of freedom and only a little anarchy, with much liberty and only occasionally tyranny. We can all have some say in our nation's affairs and even with our oddish electoral system, cumulatively every vote counts. But Democracy can be no healthier than her citizens. She needs morality and goodness in the people if she is to flourish.

In fact "the Party" (and the politicians) far from needing our help can be the enemy. In their zeal for victory at the polls they can debauch the electorate by appealing to self-interest instead of the common good. Cynicism is the killer of Democracy. Once the politicians believe the electors can be bought, an election becomes an auction. Contempt for governments chosen in such a way opens the door to the "honest dictator" and Democracy is dead.

The remedy is in our own hands. We must make it clear that we are not 'for sale'. Be certain to cast your vote in accordance with your conscience and for the well-being of all. Honest caring electors are the saviours of Democracy. Vote well!

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

APRIL, 1992







## Soweto to Sheffield

The University area and parish of St. Mark's Broomhill is well used to welcoming people from different parts of the world who come to Sheffield to study and train. One such visitor who arrived here in September of last year was the Revd. Freddy Masole, an Anglican priest from Soweto in the Diocese of Johannesburg.

Father Freddy was an altar boy in Desmond Tutu's parish and is currently serving as an assistant priest in the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Tladi township. Through a joint bursary between St. Mark's and the U.S.P.G. Freddy has joined the staff at Broomhill for a period of 8 months, experiencing contrasts and similarities in ministry between the two Anglican dioceses! He brings with him the joys and vitality of African Christianity as well as the heartaches and anguish of his people. Such a visit, facilitated by the missionary societies, can do so much to enrich our understanding of the world church in differing cultures. Father Freddy has given and received much and we pray for him and his new parish in Soweto.

The highlight of his stay in Sheffield will be a visit to St. Mark's on Monday April 27th at 7.30 p.m. when Bishop Trevor Huddleston will speak to an open meeting on 'South Africa: the Ecstasy and the agony' and the meeting will close with prayer led by Bishop Trevor and Freddy. You are warmly invited to come along.

## The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The next meeting of the Society will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, on Friday, 24th April at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a short service followed by a talk and discussion on difficulties in appreciating the person and role of Mary.

For further details, please telephone (Sheffield) 550719.

## Music at St. Andrew's

The St. Andrew's Music Group led by The Revd. Elizabeth Cammelly have just made a recording at a Sheffield recording studio. The cassette was made at Blank Tape Studios in Sheffield and at Union Studios in Oxford, and consists of 12 songs written by Liz Cammelly. Most of them are suitable for use in worship - they have a contemporary sound and the cassette features flute, clarinet, guitar and vocals.

The cassette, 'The Collection', is available from Liz Cammelly at 18 Raven Road, Nether Edge (tel: 580926) £4.00 by hand or £5.00 by post. (Cheques payable to Liz Cammelly).

## Bishop of Doncaster to retire...

The Bishop of Doncaster, the Rt. Revd. William Perrson is to retire at the end of the year. This was announced at Sheffield Diocesan Synod on Saturday, March 7th.

He has been Bishop of Doncaster - Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Sheffield - since 1982 and has been a leading light in major Diocesan events such as the two highly successful Diocesan Eucharists at Doncaster and many other events in the Diocese. He has also played a major role in Church life at the national level as a member of General Synod and of major boards and committees of the General Synod.

The Bishop - Bill to those who work with him - has been ably supported by his wife Ann. In retirement they will live in North Dorset. Their grown-up family are Rachel, Matthew and Adam.

## Business Degree for Diocesan Secretary

Diocesan Secretary Tony Beck has just been awarded his MBA (Master of Business Administration) degree after the hard slog of part-time study squeezed into and round the busy schedule as the chief administrative officer of the Diocese. He has served as Diocesan Secretary for the past 15 years, and hopes that his MBA will inspire others working at the Diocesan Office in Carver Street, Sheffield, to consider taking on more training. As it is - so far as official listings show - he is one of only two Church administrative with the qualification. The only other one works for the Roman Catholic Church in the South of England.

## Family Fair

All Hallows Church, Hartshill, will be holding their annual Spring Fair on Monday 4th May during the afternoon at The Paddocks, 6 Union Street, Hartshill. There's a variety of stalls, games and refreshments. All the family are welcome. Why not take the opportunity of the Bank Holiday to visit the village, the delightful church and the Spring Fair all at the same time?

## Rossington Arts and Crafts

An Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on the 2nd., 3rd., and 4th May at St. Michael's, Rossington. Open from 10 until 6 on Saturday and Monday, and from 1 until 6 on Sunday, paintings will be displayed in the church, and crafts, stalls and refreshments will be in St. Michael's School next door. Lunches will be served. The church will close on the Saturday for a wedding, but the school will be open. Admission is free. Anyone wishing to exhibit, why not give it a try, is invited to obtain an entry form from Frank Clarke, 15 Church Fields Road, Rossington DN11 0HX.

## Music for the Bishop's Appeal

There's a Grand Musical Concert by the Sheffield Intermediate Choir, at St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, on Friday, 1st May at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2, and the proceeds are for the Bishop's Appeal. Contact Mrs. Mary Cooper on Rotherham 542848 for more details.

## German Visitors:-

### 5th to 12th October 1992

In response to our invitation a party of Hattingen-Witteners consisting of 10 to 15 ministers and 20 to 25 lay people hope to be with us during the above dates to continue to strengthen and deepen our growing personal relationships and theological understanding. It has been agreed that, whatever else we do while they are here, their ministers and some of our clergy will spend a period of time in Bible Study together, this time from a German Lutheran perspective, under the leadership of Prof. John Rogerson of Sheffield University. Similarly, we are planning for our lay people and theirs to hold a workshop on issues of common Christian concern - either on the environment, international peace or justice. German church members have already begun to do some thinking in these areas. Please, may we ask for your interest, your participation and for offers of hospitality and accommodation during their stay. Note the dates in your diary now. Enquiries and offers to the Revd. Stuart Brindley (Tel: Rotherham 364341) or the Revd. Grant MacIntosh (Tel: Sheffield 360786).

## Argentina bound



Stephen Lowe, Archdeacon of Sheffield, Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communication Officer and Chaplain to the deaf, and Anne Watson, a Reader at St. James, Anston, are to travel to Argentina at the end of April to spend two weeks looking at the Diocese there as the first part of our exploration of the possibility of a Diocesan Link. A similar party from Argentina hopes to be in our Diocese in September/October of this year. The photograph shows the Rt. Revd. David Leake, the Bishop of Argentina, on his first encounter with the Diocese of Sheffield in the shape of the Archdeacon, at Cromer Parish Church.

## Howden Minster

An Organist and Choirmaster is required for Howden Minster. Enquiries should be addressed to: Mr. Dennis Lucas (Churchwarden), 49, The Meadows, Howden, Goole DN14 7DU. Tel: 0430 430236.

## Arksey invite...

As part of the continuing Deanery Celebration "Our Heritage in Europe - 1992" staged by Adwick-le-Street Deanery, All Saints Church, Arksey, is hosting a recital of European Organ Music by Dr. Francis Jackson O.B.E. It's on Saturday, 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. and all are welcome.

## "Called to be friends"

is a joint initiative by The Christian Musicians and Artists and Mission Doncaster. The vision of both these organisations is to see a linking of hands of Christians of all denominations throughout Doncaster and the wider region. As a step towards that vision a day at Barnby Dun Church, on Saturday, 4th April, from 10.15 a.m. to late evening, has been organised with fellowship, worship and teaching. If you would like more information contact: Ian Mayer (0302) 780276 or Les Parker (0302) 369834.

## Bereavement Support Service

Following the successful establishment of the Northern General Hospital Bereavement Support Service eighteen months ago, the Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care has been asked to pilot a similar scheme at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. The aim is to provide a support service for family/friends immediately before or after the death of a patient in the hospital, particularly where there is no other support available. The scheme will run, in the first instance for a period of two years. A training course for volunteers begins on Thursday, 28th May and runs for six weeks, with a monthly meeting for trained volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, why not contact Elizabeth Holloway on Sheffield 759452/757310 for more details and an application form.

## Easter at Brodsworth

Brodsworth Church Art Exhibition, over the Easter weekend, 19th, 20th, 21st April is to be held in Glebe Barn, Brodsworth from 10 until 8 daily. There are crafts, homemade refreshments and paintings all done by local artist from within a 50 mile radius of the village, many of the paintings are for sale. Children from schools within Doncaster Local Education Authority have been busy in their art and craftwork, and they have an exhibition in the ancient, mentioned in Domesday Book, St. Michael's Church.

## Do you remember?

The Venerable Peter Bostock and his wife Elizabeth from 1959 to 1967 lived in Doncaster, where Peter was Archdeacon of Doncaster and Vicar of St. James', High Melton. They then moved to Oxford where they still live. Peter celebrated his 80th Birthday recently, and Elizabeth celebrates hers later this year. In May they will both be back in Doncaster, and would be delighted to meet up with old friends, whilst they are staying with Mr. & Mrs. Peter Smith at Barnburgh Grange, High Melton. If you would like to meet them again on the afternoon of Saturday, 9th May for refreshments, please telephone 'The Smiths' on 0709-582137, or Mrs. Beryl Simper on 0302-750725.



## May Day Colour at Hatfield

St. Lawrence Church, Hatfield will again be a blaze of colour for the early May Bank Holiday this year, when they stage the 1992 Flower Festival.

Based on the theme "Psalm Praise", the festival at the beautiful 12th century church, near Doncaster, will feature over 30 floral arrangements and other decorations.

It will be open to the public on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 2, 3 and 4, from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. to swell the fabric fund. Entry is free but there will be souvenair and produce stalls and a brochure, and refreshments will be available at the adjacent Henry Travis Church School throughout the festival.

During the festival there will be an organ recital by Vernon Hoyle on the Saturday at 8.00 p.m., the Bishop will be conducting a service of confirmation on Sunday at 6.30 p.m. and Diocesan Advisor on Evangelism Dennis Lennon will be preaching during a Praise Service on the final day at 8.00 p.m.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Christopher Greenwell**, Rector of Bolton by Bowland with Grindleton, in the Diocese of Bradford, to be Vicar of Hoyland St. Andrew, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Kevin Thompson**, Assistant Curate, Brinsworth St. Andrew with Catcliffe St. Mary in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Kimberworth Park St John, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Jonathan Patrick Milton-Thompson**, Assistant Curate, Bispham All Hallows, in the Diocese of Blackburn, to be Curate of Darfield in charge of Great Houghton, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Jack Harris**, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Doncaster, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. John Draycott**, Vicar of West Bessacarr St. Francis of Assisi, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, in the Diocese of Rochester.

**The Revd. Peter Ingram**, Team Vicar, Great Snaith Team Ministry, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rector of Adwick-le-Street St. Laurence, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Patricia Needham**, Parish Deacon, St. Chad's, Norton Woodseats and Chaplain to Beauchief Abbey, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 30th September 1992, but continuing as Chaplain (NSM) to Beauchief Abbey, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. John William Ashburnham Woods**, Rector of Barnburgh with Melton-on-the-Hill, in the Diocese of Sheffield to retire on 16th May.

## SPCK Cathedral Bookshop

The SPCK Bookshop in Sheffield Cathedral is now open on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. as well as Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. You can be assured of pleasant and efficient service for church supplies and books.

*Synod report from Roy Arnold: Diocesan Communications Officer. Recording Diocesan Synod Meeting on March 7th 1992.*

## Financial challenge faces Church...

With the current economic recession badly hitting the work of the Church Commissioners the Dioceses and parishes of the Church of England are starting to feel the pinch. The Church Commissioners - who handle the central finances of the Church of England - are this year going to lop £4 million off the amount they allocate nationwide to the Dioceses for the payment and housing of the clergy, and more stringent cuts are promised for the next few years.

The implications of this were spelt out at the Synod for Church of England folk in the Diocese of Sheffield by the Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt. Revd. David Lunn who, in common with the other Diocesan Bishops serves as a Church Commissioner. He explained that the income of the Church Commissioners had been badly hit by the recession in that much of the money they handled had been invested in farmlands and latterly in property. Both these areas of investment had been badly hit. Added to this subsequent drop in income was the problem which the Church Commissioners had in having to find so much money to pay the pensions of retired clergy.

The actual funds of the Church Commissioners were not likely to get any less, said the Bishop, but nor were they likely to increase. The result was that clergy might not be getting any substantial pay rises for the next few years. And it was likely that fees for special church services such as weddings would be on the increase, so as to meet some of the financial shortfall. The Bishop said he felt there was little value in reducing the number of clergy "I'm convinced that we need fulltime stipendiary people to really do the job" he said. He did not favour any "recipes for withdrawal and defeat". Nor did he favour the other option of ordaining less men and women to the Ministry. It would be "a terrible disaster" not to bring new life and fresh ideas into the Ministry and general work of the Church. "In the end we need to commit ourselves to maintaining a fulltime stipendiary workforce as at present" said the Bishop who said that perhaps one idea would be to reduce some of the centralisation of funding so as to make parishes realise the cost and value to them of their clergy.

Earlier Synod members had elected the Revd. Stuart Matthews (Sprotborough) to fill a vacancy on the Bishop's Council for the Archdeaconry of Doncaster.

They also agreed to set up a Diocesan Advisory Committee to look after the matters related to the repair, maintenance, refurbishment and renewal of church buildings.

There was time for a brief look at Synodical Government - 20 years old this year - and after an enlightening impressionistic presentation about the work of the general Synod by the Revd Richard Atkinson. Synod divided into groups to discuss the work of the General Synod. Their written findings will be revealed at a future date.

A motion from Doncaster Deanery about the work of Diocesan Officers - asking for reports about what officers were doing and what they planned to do - provided perhaps the liveliest debates of the Synod but in the end Synod members agreed that the question be not put.

## THE 1992 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We were delighted by the good attendance for David's first Annual Meeting, and we were encouraged by the quality of debate and discussion.

At the Vestry Meeting (prior to the A.G.M.,) Elsie Mayson and Angela Waite were unanimously elected Churchwardens. Retiring Warden Cliff Job was thanked for his years of loyal service and hard work. The Vicar presented him with a NIV Bible on behalf of the congregation.

At the A.G.M., after receiving apologies and approving the Minutes, Cliff gave a report on the Aims and Objectives Survey carried out after last year's A.G.M. Copies of the results were distributed. Robin Carter and Chris Booth, who had been nominated as Deputy Wardens, were (after a spot of procedural dispute) duly elected to the P.C.C. Some of the remaining vacancies on the P.C.C. were filled by Terry Dixon, Peter Purkiss, Maurice Snowdon and Alan Walker - each having been duly proposed and seconded. We welcome all these to their new responsibilities, and thank all retiring members.

The splendid A.G.M. booklet had previously been available (thanks to Ann Ruthven for production and our Guides for stapling). This contained brief reports from all our Organisations together with the audited Annual Accounts. After valuable discussion, these reports were accepted with grateful thanks for all the work involved.

The "Future Pattern of Services" was then discussed, following the 5-month evaluation period. The Vicar in his report, had stressed that "no Church can function as a loving Christian family unless every member gives due honour and regard to others". He also quoted Bishop David's recent comment to his Clergy - "no congregation can ever hope to satisfy every individual members' wishes regarding hymns, tunes, Services or Sermons". It was clear that most people present felt happy with the present pattern, but there did appear to be less provision for those not Confirmed, especially friends whom we would like to bring to All Saints. After wide-ranging discussion, it was proposed, seconded and carried, that we introduce Morning Prayer at the 10am Service on the First Sunday of every month, starting after Easter. On the First Sunday, Evensong will be replaced by Holy Communion. The new monthly pattern will be as follows:



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
First	Holy Communion(BCP)	Morning Prayer(ASB)	Holy Communion (BCP)
Second	" "	Holy Communion(ASB)	Evensong (BCP)
Third	" "	"Come and Worship"	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fourth	" "	Holy Communion(BCP)	Evensong (ASB)
Fifth	" "	Holy Communion(ASB)	A Praise Service

The question of "Publicity" was also raised and discussed. The quality of our printed material, it was felt, does tend to reflect the "quality" of our Church and its outreach. The new P.C.C. will be giving some thought to this issue.

The date of the 1993 A.G.M. was announced as Thursday March 11th - early notice!

#### COME FOR COFFEE OR TEA FOR TANZANIA!

If you are out walking, or enjoying a country drive, anywhere near the Mayfield Valley on Easter Monday (20th April) - please call for refreshment at 41 Slayleigh Lane, Fulwood and support a worthy cause. We will be having an "open-house" between 10am - 12 noon, 2.30pm - 4.30pm and 7.00pm-9.00pm; this will be to raise funds for the Elective Project in which my daughter Kate and a friend will be involved, during July and August, as part of their medical training at Newcastle University.

Kate and Bruce will spend an initial 3 weeks at the hospital attached to "The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine", taking a course in tropical diseases. After that they will travel out to Tanzania and spend 6 weeks working at the Kindwitwi Leprosarium at Rufiji.

Although The Rufiji Leprosy Trust (which is a registered charity) will provide them with accommodation at a nominal sum, the cost of air, train, bus and boat fares, vaccinations and insurance etc., which amounts to £2524, has to be met by Kate and Bruce.

On 20th April they will be available to tell you more about their Elective Project - so do come along and buy your morning coffee, afternoon tea or evening nightcap at 41 Slayleigh Lane and contribute to the fund.

Joan Stratford

#### LADIES WORKING PARTY

Thank you to all who helped in any way at the Jumble Sale held on 14th March. This year our Spring Lunch will be held on Saturday 2nd May in the Church Hall at 12.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 each, obtainable from members of the Ladies Working Party. Our next meeting will be held on 28th April in the Church Hall at 2.15pm.

#### YOUNG SAINTS

Some of the Young Saints leaders are taking part in the Diocesan Children and Youth Worker Training Course. It is designed to help not only those who are just starting out, but also to widen the field of those with more experience.

The course is composed of blocks of six weekly training sessions. It is possible to complete six of these blocks over a two-year period. Before Christmas we attended the course on Creative Learning, which was most interesting. We learned about the use of drama, music making, making banners, creative craftwork and using audio-visual aids. The sessions were led by leaders from various churches in the diocese with a particular talent in these areas, and their enthusiasm has encouraged us to "have a go" at All Saints.

We have also gained a lot from getting to know the other members of the course and talking to each other about the situations we work in in our own churches.

The block we have just completed was about worship. In May there will be a course called "Rediscovering the Gospel" which will be a study of St. Luke's Gospel.

We are grateful to the P.C.C. for their financial support as we take part in the course.

THANK YOU for the anonymous donation of £50 for the Alan Haywood Organ Scholarship Fund. Thanks also to Arthur Birley's sister, Dorothy Nash, for a most generous donation towards our Church Hall Extension Fund in memory of our much-loved late Sacristan. It is hoped to dedicate a new Lounge to Arthur's memory with this donated gift.

Thank you also to one of our members of the gift of 100 copies of Morning and Evening Prayer (ASB). All these gifts are gratefully accepted for the Lord's work in our Parish.

#### SERVICE ALTERATION

David

The 3.30pm Cheshire Home Service for April will be on the second Sunday (April 12th) and not Easter Day. There will be Communion at the Cheshire Home on Easter Day.



## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY

Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy at  
Heatherfield Conservative Club, Baslow Road, Totley

Wednesday 29th April, 10.15am - 12 noon

Admission 50p including Coffee and Biscuits  
Cakes, Preserves, Bookstall, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, etc.

PLEASE DO COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

### ANY VOLUNTEERS?

Every Sunday (except Come and Worship Services) a creche is provided in the Church Hall. Numbers have grown in the past months and we now need two adults per week to supervise the children. If anyone feels they could help, your offer would be most welcome. We have a rota, so this need not be a weekly (or even monthly) commitment. If you cannot help us with the creche, then please pray for us and for the parents and members of our church family who provide this service for our younger "Young Saints". Please contact Liz Hayden (364944)

### THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

After the very encouraging meeting with our consultant, Mrs Carol Sims, on 22nd January, a Steering Committee has been formed and held its first meeting with Carol. The main business in hand at the moment is to compile a list of households who will be visited for the Attitude Survey in May and to assemble a team of visitors. This work is going on quietly behind the scenes and we hope to report more details in All Saints' News in May. Meanwhile if anyone wants to have an up-to-date and more detailed picture, a statement will be prepared for the P.C.C. meeting April or you could contact me at any convenient time.

Maurice Snowdon

### TOTLEY TEDS

Another 25 Teddies have hitched a lift on a lorry to Albania recently - this time via Thorne and Eurovangelism, and a letter of thanks is on the notice board.

More Teddies have appeared on the piano in Church and two arrived on the Vicarage doorstep in the company of Guides. Many thanks again - they are all greatly appreciated.

Margaret B.

## APRIL DIARY

1	Wed.	10-11.30am	Toddler Group Fun Day - Hall
2	Thu.	10.30am	Dance Fellowship - Hall
		2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church & Hall
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Crescent.
4	Sat.	7 - 9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
6	Mon.	10-12 noon	Morning Coffee Hall
7	Tue.	7.30pm	Ladies Club Open Evening - Pam & Tony Lindsay - Hall
9	Thu.	7.30pm	P.C.C. - Communion in Church Meeting in Crypt
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cresc.
11	Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
13	Mon.	10-12 noon	Morning Coffee - Hall
		7.30pm	Annual Parents' Meeting - School Hall
14	Tue.	9.30am	Easter Service - School Hall - all welcome
		7.30pm	Holy Week Service - Ladies Club - Church
15	Wed.	2.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 182 Warminster Rd.
		8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship - Hall
17	Fri.	10 - 10.30am	Children's Service - Church
18	Sat.	3.30pm	HOLY MATRIMONY - Michael Jones and Sarah Allison
		7 - 9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
20	Mon.	10 - 12noon ) 2.30 -4.30pm)	"Open House for Tanzania" 7.00- 9.00pm) 41 Slayleigh Lane
23	Thu.	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres.
25	Sat.	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
27	Mon.	10-12 noon	Morning Coffee - Hall
28	Tue.	2.00pm	Tuesday Fellowship - 12 Aldam Close
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party - Hall
		7.30pm	"These I Have Loved" - Hall
29	Wed.	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
30	Thu.	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres.



## SERVICES IN APRIL

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 5th LENT 5 - "The Victory of the Cross"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Hebrews 9: 11-14  
Gospel : Mark 10: 32-45  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Lamentations 1: 1-14  
New Testament: Luke 23: 26-49

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- 12th PALM SUNDAY - "The Way of the Cross"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-11  
Gospel : Matthew 21: 1-13  
10am Young Saints  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Palm Praise
- 14th TUESDAY  
9.30am School Easter Service  
7.30pm Service - The Way of the Cross
- 15th WEDNESDAY  
8pm Evening of Worship & Fellowship (Hall)
- 16th MAUNDY THURSDAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29  
Gospel : John 13: 1-15
- 17th GOOD FRIDAY  
10am Children's Service  
Noon "The Three Hours" Devotions  
8pm "Tennebrae" at Totley Rise Methodist Church
- 19th EASTER DAY - "The Resurrection of Jesus"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20  
Gospel : John 20: 1-18  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Guest Evensong (ASB) - Invite your family  
and friends  
Old Testament : Isaiah 42: 10-16  
New Testament : Luke 24: 13-35
- 26th EASTER 1 - "The Bread of Life"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 53-58  
Gospel : John 6 : 35-40  
6.30pm Memorial Service

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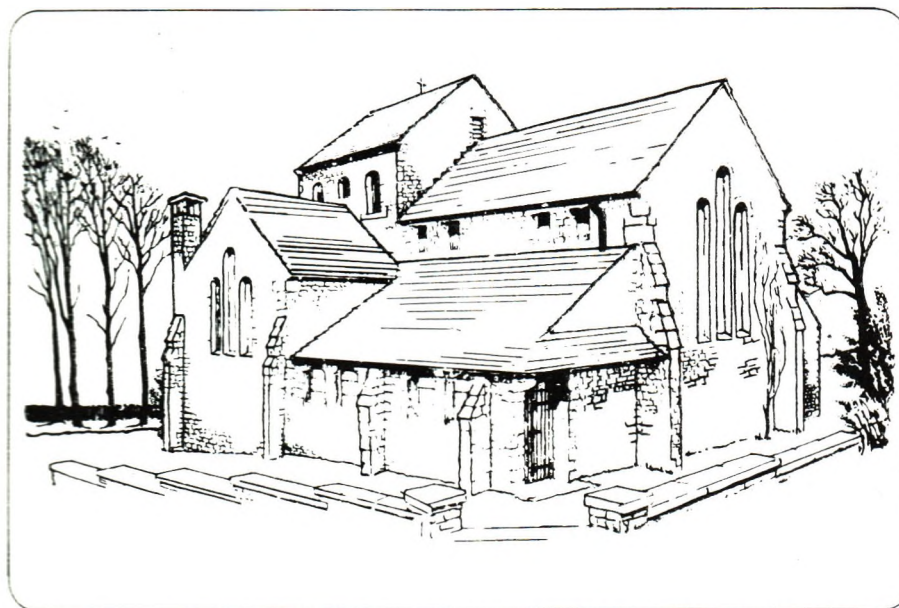
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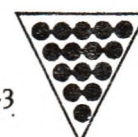
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FROM THE VICAR:

"You are more than Alive; You are LORD."

Dear Friends,

The Easter message rings out loud and clear for those who have faith - "Jesus is Alive, He has Risen". Yet what does it mean for those who are unable to find work? What does it mean for those who care for the sick or the aged? What does it mean for those recently bereaved? What does it mean for the mentally ill and all who cannot cope with the pressures of the modern world?

I came across this helpful meditation the other day which I think helps to answer those questions and others that people ask from time to time . . .

You are not only risen and alive, you are Lord.  
You reign over this whole universe.  
You stand over and above all that is best in life;  
You stand above all that is worst as the ultimate victor;  
You stand above all powers and authorities as judge;  
You stand above all failure and weakness as forgiveness  
and love.  
You alone, therefore, are worthy of total allegiance,  
total commitment.  
You are LORD.

The Resurrection of Jesus means, therefore, that Jesus cares for us in our different situations; it means that Jesus knows our needs and understands; it means that whatever troubles and trials we have to face, He can sympathise because He has been that way before - on the way to the Cross. No matter how much we human beings may be called upon to suffer, there is no way that our sufferings can ever compare with His sufferings, which were for you and me.

Take strength from these words of St. Paul ... "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above ... Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3: 1-4).

May the Risen Christ be Lord of your life.

J. David Benson

SERVICES IN MAY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 3rd EASTER 2 - "The Good Shepherd"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Morning Prayer (ASB)  
Old Testament : Ezekiel 34: 7-15  
New Testament : John 21: 1-14  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : 1 Peter 5: 1-11  
Gospel : John 10: 7-16
- 10th EASTER 3 - "The Resurrection and the Life"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Colossians 3: 1-11  
Gospel : John 11: 17-27  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 43: 8-21  
New Testament : John 21: 15-25
- 17th EASTER 4 - "The Way, the Truth and the Life"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : 2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 5  
Gospel : John 14: 1-11
- 24th EASTER 5 - "Going to the Father"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : Romans 8: 28-39  
Gospel : John 16: 12-24  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Memorial Service
- 28th ASCENSION DAY  
7.30pm Deanery Service (Venue to be fixed)
- 31st SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION - "Christ's Ascension"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP) - Revd. Wilfred Hudson  
10am Holy Communion (ASB) - Canon John Collie  
Epistle : Ephesians 4: 1-13  
Gospel : Luke 24: 45-end  
6.30pm Ascension Praise - Speaker, Church Army Student



## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### Funerals:

3rd April      Geoffrey Dixon (73), 56B Green Oak Road  
14th April     Alison Mary Firth (18), 6 Milldale Road.

"GEOFF" Dixon was born at Hillsborough and brought up very strictly. However, this didn't hamper him from becoming a friend to many, chiefly through his work as a Fireman (for 12 years) and then latterly as a local collector for various firms. As Brigade Chaplain, I was particularly honoured to take his Service which was attended by some of his Fire Service colleagues.

ALISON had tremendous courage, coupled with a firm Christian Faith, which both strengthened her and those of us who visited her in hospital these past three months. I know that I have been humbled through my friendship with her. Rev Michael Woodhead (a family friend for many years) has written this tribute . . .

### A Picture of Alison

Today is very much a day for memories; each of you here this afternoon will have your own memories of Alison. Memories are precious; do treasure that special picture of her that you have; maybe a Sunday morning here in church or at Young Saints in the Hall, or perhaps helping at the garden party ... a picture of Alison that will always be with you.

I want to share with you now another picture of Alison, one that will always stay with me. Several weeks ago I went with a friend, David Ward, to pray with Alison. While we were praying David had a picture of Alison beside a stream; the sun was shining and it was very much a picture of peace and contentment. I believe that is what Alison is doing now, and she is not alone - the Lord himself is with her by that stream.

Some of you may well be asking this afternoon Why? Why did this have to happen? A young woman with her life before her? Why couldn't she have a transplant? Why wasn't she given a chance? Why? I have to say to you that I don't know why. I, like many of you have been shouting at God and asking him those same questions. I don't know why. But what I do know is that Alison will have no more suffering; no more gasping for her next breath, no more pain. She is with Jesus by that stream, in the sunshine, happy, at peace and waiting. Waiting for the day when Jesus shall return to this earth and

she will be re-united with all those she loves. What a day that will be!

We who remain behind have our grief and sadness and pain, and it's hard. But we have God's promise that for all who trust in Jesus death is not the end but the beginning; the beginning of a new life, a life free from pain and suffering, a life that is eternal. If there is no life after this then the Christian faith is meaningless and I have nothing to say to you this afternoon. But thanks be to God that we do have his promise, we shall live again. We will grieve for Alison, we will weep with Les and Dorothy and Ann Margaret, but don't let your head drop or your faith falter, she wouldn't want that - be assured, we shall see Alison again by that stream and dangle our feet with her in the water.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the special service on 24th May at 6.30pm (to which we invite all friends and relatives), we shall remember: Dorothy Harris, Alec Watson, Edward Wilkes, Thomas Green, Barbara Jean Jockel, Ronald Laver, Rose Taylor, Constance Stansfield, Ernest Jackson.

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

The day was long, the burden I had borne,  
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,  
And then it lifted - but I did not know  
Someone had knelt in prayer:  
Had taken me to God that very hour,  
And asked the easing of the load, and He  
In infinite compassion, had stooped down  
And taken it from me.  
We cannot tell how often as we pray  
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed  
The answer comes, but many times those hearts  
Find sudden peace and rest.  
Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!  
So many, many hearts have need of prayer:  
Oh let us pray!

I have treasured this particular prayer card for the past 25 years, and now, in the light of my recurrent illness it seems appropriate to share with The Family of All Saints', Totley in the hope that it will re-affirm the power of prayer, and to say that I too, along with many other people, are witness to this depth of love, strength, comfort and peace of prayer.

I am unable to find words to express my appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers offered up to Our Heavenly Father



for our family, except to say

"So many, many hearts have need of prayer",  
so let us continue to pray for one another.

Jane Needham

#### REVISED SERVICES PAT TERN:

From the First Sunday of this month, we are adopting the following monthly pattern which was approved at the Annual General Meeting. We do apologise for the error in reporting the new pattern in our April Magazine ... so please discard that and pin this correct order on your notice board:

Sunday	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
First	Holy Communion(BCP)	Morning Prayer(ASB)	Holy Communion (BCP)
Second	" "	Holy Communion(ASB)	Evensong (BCP or ASB)
Third	" "	"Come and Worship"	Holy Communion (ASB)
Fourth	" "	Holy Communion(BCP)	Memorial Service
Fifth	" "	Holy Communion(ASB)	A Praise Service

As I tried to emphasise at the A.G.M., Worship is about what we give to God and each other as well as what we receive from God and from each other. Please try to come to whatever Service is on the "menu" at the time you normally attend. On the other hand, how about coming at a different time to meet a different group from our All Saints' family. See you on Sunday!

David

#### PARISH OUTING

Following last year's enjoyable visit to Belton House, the Social Committee are hoping to organise a similar day out to the Dukeries Centre near Worksop on Saturday July 11th.

The Centre is situated in Sherwood Forest, and has a wide range of attractions (restaurant, garden centre, fish and reptile house, adventure playground, pet centre, etc.), which should appeal to people of all ages.

A coach has already been booked and with the help of proceeds from previous events, it is hoped to restrict the cost to £2 for adults and £1 for children. Admission to the Adventure Playground will be optional extra at approximately 90p per head.

Please see the notice board in the Church Hall for further details and sign up as soon as possible if you would like to take part (or contact any member of the Social Committee)

#### UNDER FIVES

The children and parents of the Under Fives group are holding a "Teddy Bears' Picnic" on Thursday May 7th from 12 noon in the Hall. Please bring your own picnic - tea, coffee and

# "ANSWERABLE TO GOD"

*The Bishop of Doncaster writes:*

'The powers that be are ordained of God'. We may be less familiar these days with that majestic quotation from the Authorised Version; but even in more mundane translations of the Bible, Paul's claim in the thirteenth chapter of his letter to the Romans sounds pretty incredible.

I rather wish as a consequence that it gave me an episcopal hotline so that I know in advance the result of the election. That however has been denied me; and at the time of writing this letter I have no idea if the Majors are still gracing 10 Downing Street, or whether the Kinnocks have taken up residence.

Going further afield it is a very difficult assumption to make. Reflecting on brutal dictatorships, incompetent and corrupt administrations, self-serving political or commercial interests: is one really saying that these are ordained of God? Haven't human beings the right and duty to do their best to redeem the evil and create hope?

Well of course they have and none more so than Christians; whose faith requires a recognition of the fact that their own ultimate answerability is to God. Even so Paul's comments provide us with two important biblical principles. The first is that if the powers that be are ordained of God they are also answerable to him. It is part of the Christian's duty to remind not only the state but all those in any position of authority of this solemn requirement. Micah's message to Israel is a universal message - 'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God'.

The second principle is that we need to have more confidence in recognising the hand of God in every society's activities; and not least, after an election, in our own. Christians are believers in a proper ordering of our nation's affairs; and thank God we are in the business of social renewal and reformation too.

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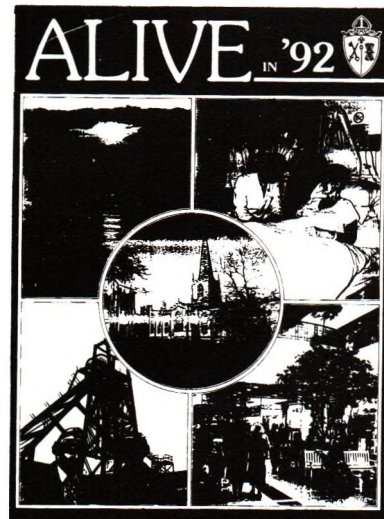
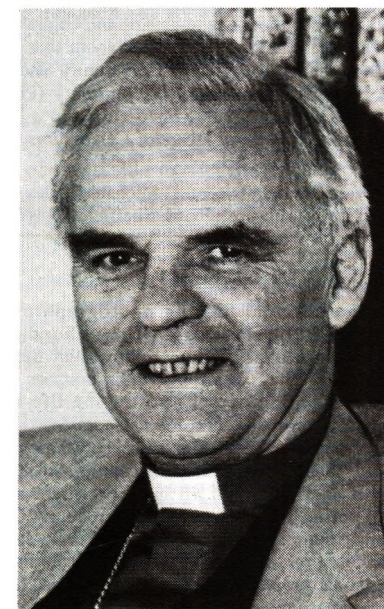
An exciting time lies ahead for the Diocese at the end of this month; as the Bishop makes the journey from Goole to Sheffield "Mission Afloat". We hope to see people congregating at the appropriate places on the canal bank. Make sure you bring your interested friends; for in this Decade of Evangelism this is so much more than an in-house journey. It is a Bishop fulfilling a part of his ministry which has been a priority since the earliest times: to be a missionary Bishop sharing the faith. As our Bishop shares the faith with those who listen it will encourage all of us to do the same.

Also available this month to be used widely is a single issue Diocesan Newspaper. 'ALIVE' is its title; for Christ is alive and that is what we are in him. Don't leave your parish copies at the back of the Church. Take them home and give them to your friends and neighbours.

WILLIAM  
Bishop of Doncaster

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

MAY, 1992





# Christian community WEEK

7 - 14 June 1992

What are Christian Communities? What makes them tick? Who belongs to them and why? Christian Community Week is celebrating community in all its variety. It has been initiated by the National Association of Christian Communities and Networks (NACCAN).

Since 1980 NACCAN has been bringing together individuals, people from long-established religious orders, new communities, groups from local church settings and groups formed round contemporary issues. During Christian Community Week some groups and communities in the area offer opportunities for people to experience communities at first hand and to learn more about them. Local events in the Week include Open Evenings at the House of Light (Rotherham), New Roots Community Shop (Glossop Road, Sheffield) and a Root Group (Handsworth, Sheffield); Eucharists at the Ashram Community (Pitsmoor, Sheffield), Roche Abbey (near Maltby), Jim Cotter's House of Hospitality (Firth Park, Sheffield), and a Faith and Light Eucharist (Chesterfield Parish Church); a picnic (Norfolk Park, Sheffield) and a Day of Celebration which offers the chance to meet people from a wide range of communities (Whirlow Brook School, Sheffield).

For more details contact Michael Bayley, Sheffield (0742) 585248, or send a stamped addressed envelope to Michael Bayley, 27 Thomsett Road, Sheffield S7 1NB.

## "Faith in the City?"

is a national touring photographic exhibition organised by the Church Urban Fund, and it's at Sheffield Cathedral from Friday, 29th May to Friday 5th June. The exhibition, which consists of 28 black and white photographs portraying life in the inner cities, is on tour round the cathedrals of England, and Sheffield is one of its first calls. The photographs, all by Sam Tanner, concentrate on people and their relations with each other, in areas where there are projects supported by the Church Urban Fund. The Church Urban Fund works with those suffering from poverty. Building on the work of the Church, the Fund supports practical projects in urban priority areas, helping local people to meet their spiritual, social and economic needs.

Of "Faith in the City?", Sam Tanner says: "The photographs attempt to make visible the immense problems people face in run-down, neglected urban areas - lack of jobs and decent housing, and a lack of care and hope. They also try to show how the Church Urban Fund has helped provide small-scale, local solutions."

It's a powerful photographic exhibition, well worth a visit.

## Dave Bilbrough

the author of many modern songs including 'Abba Father', and 'An Army of Ordinary People', is visiting St. Mary's Church, Catcliffe, near Rotherham for an Evening of Praise and Celebration on THURSDAY, 18th JUNE at 7.30 p.m. Admission is £2.50 and tickets are available by 'phoning Mr. R.E. Wilson on Rotherham 370305. The visit is bound to be popular, and coincides with the release of Dave Bilbrough's new live worship recording.

## By Hook or by Crook

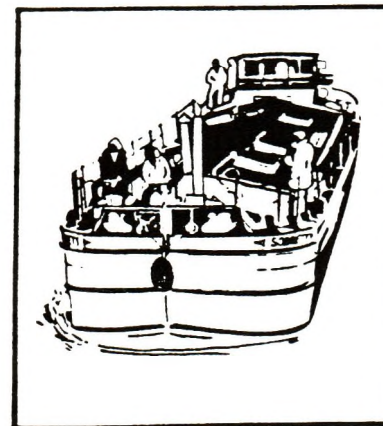
The Revd. Harry Bagnall's butchering skills came in very handy when, along with his wife, Iris, he served for seven years as Rector of the Falkland Islands, at Port Stanley. The islands, way back in 1979, had many, many more sheep than people, and mutton formed the mainstay of everyone's diet. Harry and Iris were in Port Stanley during the Argentine occupation and the Falklands War, and on their return to England, where Harry is Vicar of Hook, near Goole, Harry wrote his book about the War, "Faith under Fire."

They have both been invited back to the South Atlantic as official guests of the Islands' Government, for the events to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of hostilities. They hope to stay with the present Rector of the Falklands, Canon Stephen Palmer, and look forward to meeting again all the friends they had made during their stay on the islands. So it's Bon Voyage to the Bagnalls as they return to the Falklands for the anniversary. What an honour to be on the guest list.

## Mirfield Centenary Commemoration Day

This year, Commemoration Day is an important one - celebrating 100 years of the Community of the Resurrection, on SATURDAY, 18th JULY, with the Solemn Eucharist at 12 noon and Solemn Evensong at 5 p.m. The preacher at the Eucharist, making his first visit to Mirfield is the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey.

Programmes, which are required for admission to the grounds are free, but service sheets for the Eucharist are 30p each. Applications for programmes and service sheets should be sent to: Commemoration Day Secretary, CR, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. YF14 0BN. Please enclose stamps for the cost of postage, but not envelopes.



# MISSION AFLOAT

## *Danger: The Bishop's About*

30th May - 6th June, 1992

Way back in 1982 the Bishop of Sheffield went on a voyage of exploration down the River Don from Sheffield to Goole. Ever since he has seen the River as the neglected backbone of the Diocese of Sheffield. And today that River could be a major channel for commerce to Rotherham in the heart of South Yorkshire.

Alas, there isn't much commerce these days on the River and the Canals. But from 30th May onwards an Armada (three boats actually: Sobriety, Eden and Telethon Louise) will be a MISSION AFLOAT from Goole to Sheffield. Religion is boring they say? Not this: the fleet of Boats, the music, the balloons, the people - the River and the Canals - and above all the determined preaching of the unchanging Gospel of Jesus Christ in the changing world of 1992, will make this MISSION AFLOAT something that no one involved will ever forget.

Come and cheer us on our way, have a ride along the Canal in Telethon Louise, pray with us; praise God with us, and bring your friends to hear the Gospel preached!

There will be many 'events' springing up as we go along but note especially the great Mission Services by the Waterside and come and join us (why not astonish yourself and come to them all?).

Saturday	30th May	11.00	Goole Sobriety Centre
		2.30	Pollington
Sunday	31st May	11.00	Stainforth
		6.30	Thorne Canal Bridge
Monday	1st June	7.30	Doncaster Lock
Tuesday	2nd June	7.30	Sprotbrough Lock
Wednesday	3rd June	7.30	Mexborough Churchyard
Thursday	4th June	8.00	Rotherham
Friday	5th June	7.30	Tinsley Flight
Saturday	6th June	11.00	'The Bowl', Attercliffe
		1.45	The Basin, Sheffield
		2.30	The Cathedral, Sheffield

The Church of England dying, divided, disheartened? Nonsense: come and see for yourself what's happening when the Bishop's About on a Mission Afloat.

## AND PLEASE PRAY FOR MISSION AFLOAT

The Bishop will lead a simple service of Holy Communion each day during the Mission at 8.00 a.m. in a Church near the River. We'd be delighted if you could join us when we are not too far from you.

Sunday	Kirk Bramwith
Monday	Barnby Dun
Tuesday	St. George, Doncaster
Wednesday	Sprotbrough
Thursday	Mexborough
Friday	Bridge Chapel, Rotherham
Saturday	Hill Top Chapel, Attercliffe



## Calling all Rural Folk!

The Bishop's rural advisor, Rev. Philip Ireson is organising a special event for rural parishes within the Diocese (for laity and clergy) on May 16th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burghwallis Convent on sharing the Good News in the countryside. The speaker at the meeting will be Rev. John Cole, Diocesan Missioner in Lincoln. The event is free and will include a light lunch. Bookings are being organised by Rev. D. Lennon (Doncaster 700227).

None of us are experts, nor is the conference exclusively for rural people, town folk with an interest in the countryside are warmly invited too. You might like to book November 14th in your diaries when the next mini-conference will be at the Bam, Moss (in the Fishlake group of parishes) when the subject will be working with rural youngsters, the speaker will be Hereford Diocesan Youth Director, John Pollock.

If you have not started to receive rural information either via your clergy or directly mailed please contact Rev. Ireson (0405 704643) who will be pleased to help).

## Growing Enthusiasm

Parishes in both our Diocese and the Diocese of Guildford are growing in enthusiasm for the Sheffield/Guildford Partnership, and links between Cathedrals, Deaneries and Diocesan Officers continue to develop. Recent news from the Guildford end of the Partnership brings further encouragement to Urban Priority Area Parishes in this Diocese. Guildford has exceeded its target for the Church Urban Fund, having contributed well over £1 million, and the formal fund raising appeal in Guildford has ended. This has allowed the Guildford end of the Partnership to approach the Parishes of Guildford Diocese to try and raise money for Sheffield projects. There are particular projects, supported by the Church Urban Fund in this Diocese where some difficulty has been experienced in raising the balance of monies necessary for the projects to continue. So far those projects have benefitted from well over £3,000 from Guildford Parishes, and what a difference it has made! Thanks!

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum Study Day

"Sudden Death and dealing with the Aftermath" is the subject of the Study Day at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd June. One of the speakers is Professor Ann Faulkner. This is a second chance to take part in an interesting and popular day. For further information contact: Muriel Williamson, 60 Carterknowle Avenue, Sheffield. S11 9FU. Tel: (0742) 582164.

## Stainborough Rhododendrons

Northern College and Silkstone Church, near Bamsley, invite you to spend a couple of hours touring the House and Gardens at Wentworth Castle on Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the grounds is £1, and there are tours of the House at 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. at £2 including booklet. To find your way as you approach Bamsley, follow signs marked "Stainborough Rhododendrons".

## Come for a Whirl at Whirlow

**Monday 25th May 1992 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Come and spend an hour or so with us on Monday 25th May. Whether it's wet or dry, cold or warm, there will be plenty to see and do. Stalls (books - cakes - plants - crafts - bric-a-brac): embroidery demonstration: music and flowers in the Chapel: games for the children plus a fun run: scone and jam teas: fresh made doughnuts.

Entrance: 25p adults 10p children

## St. Mary's Music

St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield are holding a Musical Evening on Friday 8th May 7.30 p.m. Geoffrey Coffin - Organ, Edwina Smith - Flute. For further information phone (0742) 692403.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Richard Finn Blackburn**, Priest-in-Charge, Isleworth St. John in the Diocese of London to be Vicar of Mosborough in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. William Francis Bazely**, Team Vicar, Netherthorpe in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Unit Chaplain with West Lambeth Community Care Trust (Shadow) in the Diocese of Southwark.

**The Revd. John Richard Newton**, Rector SS Peter and Paul, Todwick in the Diocese of Sheffield to retire on 30th April, 1992.

**The Revd. Canon Derek Norman Gibbs**, Vicar of Cantley St. Wilfrid in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Paphos in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

**The Rt. Revd. William Michael Dermot Persson**, Bishop of Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 31st December, 1992.

**The Revd. Victor Alan Vout**, Vicar of Clifton St. James in the Diocese of Sheffield to retire July, 1992.

**The Revd. Allan John Lacey**, Rector of Treton St. Helen in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Thorpe Hesley in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Brian George Kyriacou**, Vicar of Shiregreen St. James and St. Christopher in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Team Vicar in the Schome Team Ministry in the Diocese of Oxford.

sqash will be provided. We extend a warm invitation to everyone whether you have an "Under Five" or not. Don't forget your Teddy!

## CHURCH FAMILY WALK - SATURDAY 6th JUNE, 2pm

... meeting at the car park approach to Bakewell - before the bridge. Transport can be arranged if required - please contact the Social Committee or George Hazlehurst. The Bakewell circular walk is suitable for pushchairs.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Sellars on being awarded her Ph.D. in Botany by The University of Sheffield.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP From Easter onwards for a period of time the Tuesday afternoon Fellowship will be having a break. If anyone wishes to join us we shall be joining the Wednesday monthly morning Fellowship after Communion - venues as arranged. Albert and Tess Webb

## TODDLERS' FUN DAY

On April 1st - no joke - over 40 children took part in a sponsored event in aid of The Children's Society. An enquiry by the society's local representative, Mrs Dorothy Simons, blossomed into a full-scale "funraising" spectacular. The children of the Totley All Saints' Parent & Toddler Group, aged between a few months and four, did sponsored "toddles", slides or climb and slides, according to capability, instead of their normal activities. Many of the children (and a couple of "young at hearts") were dressed as clowns in line with the National Joker Theme. Supported by the Ladies Group and other members of the church, as well as friends and relatives, the event is likely to raise in the region of £400, when all donations and sponsors have been collected.

Well done to all concerned for their valiant efforts in a good cause.

## THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK

The month of May will see the first visiting done under this project when our 37 visitors will be leaving an Attitude Survey Form at the homes of our congregation. The Form is confidential and will not bear any personal identification but will invite you to answer some straightforward questions. The Form will be collected one week later and our A.S.A. consultant will analyse the answers and give us a report on the total findings for future discussion.

If you feel that you ought to have had a Survey Form and it hasn't arrived by the end of May please let me know. Compiling the list of households has not been easy and we may have missed a few names. Equally if you feel that you might have acted as a visitor there is room for volunteers!

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As this stage of the Project we are essentially looking in at ourselves to see where we are. The time for us to look outwards will follow in due course.

Maurice Snowdon

#### UNDER FIVES PRAISE GROUP

We thought it would be very helpful if we had a smallish, portable keyboard for our times of worship. If you have one for sale, or would like to donate one, it would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Margaret Benson

THANK YOU to the kind person whose anonymous gift has enabled us to buy copies of the "Morning and Evening Prayer" booklets. They will enable us to have a non-Communion Service at 10am on the First Sunday of each month, and we hope thereby to attract new folk who are not yet Confirmed. The booklets will also be used at the monthly Evensong, alternating with the Prayer Book.

THANK YOU also to one of our members for the anonymous gift of a set of new and very luxurious pew runners for the choir stalls. The Vicar's stall has one of these also, so if you see him nodding off, you will know the reason why!

#### PARISH ROTAS

##### Coffee Rota

3 May	Mrs. Benson & Mrs. Firth
10 May	Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Lawry
17 May	Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Davis
24 May	Mr & Mrs. Collie
31 May	Mrs Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft
7 June	Mr & Mrs. Iosson

##### Flowers

##### Altar

##### Memory Table

3 May	Mrs. Wainford	Mrs. Watson
10 May	Mrs. Harvatt	Mrs. Harvatt
17 May	Mrs. Tym	Mrs. Pearce
24 May	Mrs. Carter	Mrs. Beeley
31 May	Miss Perfect	Mrs. Mason

##### Silver

10 May	Mrs. A. Waite	24 May	Mr. Beaumont
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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Transport 17 desperately needs volunteer drivers and escorts as soon as possible. If you feel you can spare an hour or two for this work, please contact Michael Finn at Transport 17, 172 Baslow Road, tel.362962.

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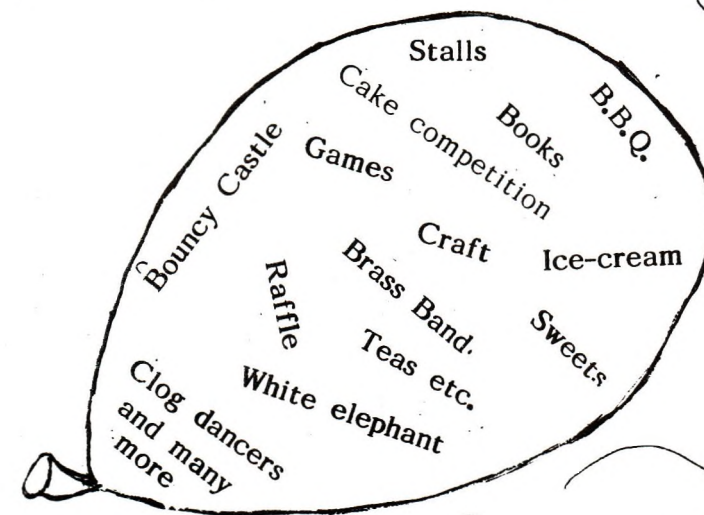
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## THE ANGLICAN STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION - A NEW APPROACH

The Church's Task: The main task of our church is to win people to the Christian faith, to help them to understand the gospel of Christ and to commit themselves and their lives to God. Church membership calls for participation and action by us all, not just a few. So it is that we have asked the Anglican Stewardship Association to guide us over the coming months in the introduction of a Thanksgiving and Pastoral Link Project.

Real Faith in the Real World: This project will enable us all to re-examine our relationship with God and our response to Christ. The stewardship of money is an integral part of Christian teaching and is specifically included in the basic stage of the project. However, our project is not based on the financial needs of the church but on the need of every Christian to practise stewardship. It will help us to live a real faith in the real world, and so to witness more fully the love of Jesus.

Consult: Firstly, we want to activate everybody in our Church and consult with them about basic attitudes to faith and life. We shall call this our Members' Attitude Study. A church visitor will bring you a questionnaire, which you will be asked to complete and put into a sealed envelope without your name - so that your answers are anonymous and you can say exactly what you think. All the replies will be evaluated independently outside the parish. There will be a written report which will be brought to you.

Discuss: Secondly, there will be discussions about the findings in small groups throughout the parish, thinking about ways forward for us to renew our gratitude and commitment to God. Following on from this we shall all be invited to a Thanksgiving Service at which we shall have the opportunity to complete a Thanksgiving Card indicating our intended giving to God's work through the church each week during the next twelve months.

Care: Thirdly, immediately after the Thanksgiving Service we shall begin our programme of Pastoral Link visiting. In the Pastoral Link everyone in the family of the church will be visited, in a friendly, informal way, four times a year. This network of caring and communication will help our feeling of community and strengthen us as we seek God's will for our church in the coming years.

Goodwill: With the goodwill of us all our Thanksgiving Pastoral Link will develop and grow as we develop and grow, opening up

an exciting prospect for the future.

## SLIMMING AND FASTING

Little did I realise when I harboured thoughts that the Bible has an answer to, or at least a pertinent observation on, present day living, but I have, by a roundabout route, concluded that slimming (and isn't that fasting of a kind?), going without certain foods and luxuries we normally enjoy can be related to the Good Book. The season of Lent and the comments of Professor William Barclay D.D. in his book "the gospel of Matthew" add strength to my view: "fasting is good for your health", "it is possible where we live to eat, instead of eating to live", (e.g. adverts in newspapers and magazines invite us to sample super food in super eating places). However that is not to forego the occasional meal with friends or families.

"Fasting preserves us from becoming slaves of habit; that which ought to be a pleasure becomes a necessity", Tony Crosland said. "What one generation thinks is a luxury, the next thinks it is a necessity". One eastern religion annually observes a daily fast from dawn - when it is light enough to distinguish a white thread from a black thread - until sunset. The only proviso, that if a person for health's sake must eat, they must make good the breach of fasting by giving alms to the poor.

Now where the eastern religious person gives alms to the poor for eating, charity fundraising sponsored "slims" give to charity for not eating or indulging. The custom still prevails among present day church members that should they break a private vow, they also give to charity or to the church.

Rex B.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1992

The theme for Christian Aid Week (11th-16th May) is once again "We Believe in Life Before Death". Most of us are made aware through our newspapers and television screens of the terrible suffering through hunger, homelessness etc. in so many parts of the world. As usual, All Saints' is joining with the other churches in our area to carry out a "House-to-House" collection. Please give generously and pray for those who are collecting.

## WHIRLOW GRANGE CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Friends of our Diocesan Conference Centre are holding an Open Day entitled "Come for a Whirl at Whirlow" on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May from 2pm till 4pm in the grounds of the Centre. There will be the usual varied "diet" of children's games, stalls, crafts, teas, etc. Marjorie Snowdon (362822) would appreciate contributions of cakes for the Cake Stall.



## MAY DIARY

2	Sat	12.30pm 7-9.30pm	Ladies Working Party Spring Lunch - Hall Totley Community Whist - Hall
5	Tue	7.30pm	Ladies Club Plant Auction - Hall
6	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship-126 Totley Brook Rd
7	Thu	10.30am 12 noon 8.00pm	Dance Fellowship - Hall Under Fives Teddy Bears' Picnic - Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
9	Sat	12 noon	Holy Matrimony - Michael Mashiter and Lynda Herbert
CHRISTIAN	7.15 - 10.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall		
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WEEK	(16 Sat	2.00pm	GARDEN PARTY
	(	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
18	Mon	10-12 noon	Morning Coffee - Hall
19	Tue	7.30pm	Ladies Club-An evening with Bert Jackson - Hall
20	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Rd
21	Thu	10.30am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Dance Fellowship - Hall Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
23	Sat	7.15-10.15pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
25	Mon	2-4.00pm 5.00pm	OPEN DAY - Whirlow Grange Holy Matrimony - Stephen Perkinton and Catherine Entwistle
30	Sat	7-9.30pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

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(John 10.10 NEB)

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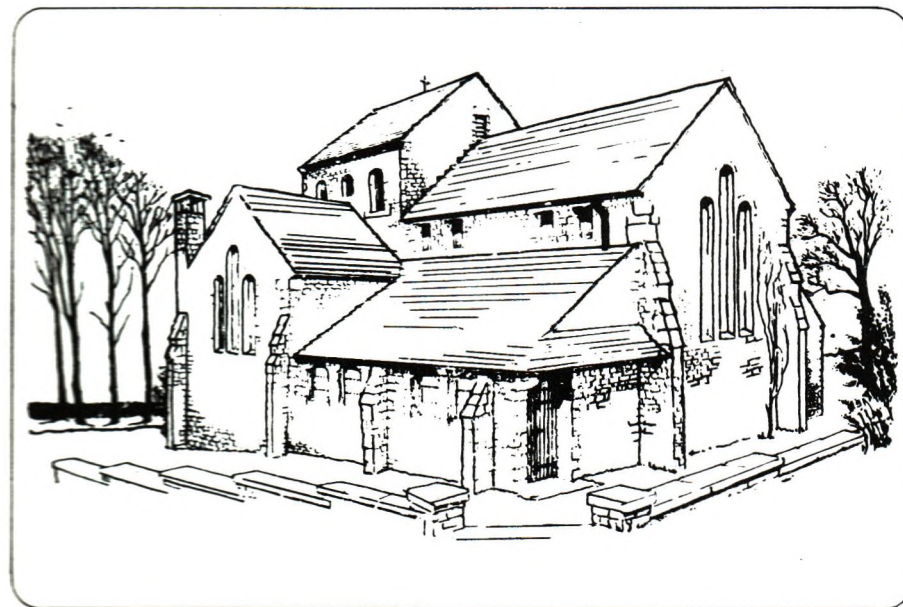
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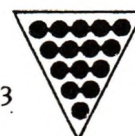
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## FROM THE VICAR

### I N T E G R A T I O N

All Saints' is a Church which I believe wonderfully shows the diversity of God's creation. We include in our church family people of all different ages and backgrounds. We are also blessed with a great variety of gifts which are being used in God's service in many different ways. We also, I believe, enjoy a lovely sense of unity, underlying which is the unity we have in Christ.

Our worship together expresses our unity in diversity. Within our Church there are those who 'prefer' traditional hymns and those who 'prefer' newer hymns and a more informal worship. Our worship should reflect that. Worship always requires a great deal of generosity. It is first of all a response to God's grace and generosity to us. Our generosity to one another should be expressed in the way we share worship together.

I believe that All Saints' is a Church which shows a lovely spontaneity. Someone has an idea and they put it into action. Where I think we need to be strengthened is in our strategy. We have to learn to think more strategically. This will involve listening to God together to try to discern his purposes for us. When we've done that we will be better placed to discern whether or not we are using our resources, gifts and talents in a way which most effectively fulfills those purposes.....

Now is the time for me to come clean. These words come from the Magazine of St. Martin's, Hull, where I started my ministry, and from where I was Ordained Priest 30 years ago on June 14th - so please come and join me at the Services that day.

As I read those words, I couldn't help but think how they applied to our present situation here at Totley. We have been greatly blest in so many ways, and God has given us some very dedicated people who are full of enthusiasm. Like St. Martin's, we now need to channel all our gifts, ideas and resources along the way that GOD wants us to go. I am convinced that our Thanksgiving and Pastoral Link Project will, if we all become totally committed to it, provide us with the spiritual and Biblical basis for discovering God's purpose for All Saints'.

May God help us to be open to His guiding.

J. David Benson.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17

The week 7th-13th June is being observed in this area as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As in previous years there will be daily prayers in the various churches. Times and venues will be published in the church notices. Please try and join with our fellow Christians in the other churches in praying for greater unity among God's people.

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### Baptism

3rd May Natasha Rose Yasmine Cryan, 28 Aldam Croft

#### Weddings

18th April Michael Jeff Jones to Sarah Elizabeth Allison,  
5 Lemont Road

9th May Michael John Mashiter to Lynda Margaret Herbert,  
69 Sunnyvale Road

#### Funerals

29th April Ernest Gascoigne (86) Flat 14, Green Oak Drive

5th May Eric Quinn (72), 63 Sunnyvale Road

15th May Judith Ann Caborn (49), 147 Green Oak Road

18th May Florence Mabel Ward (87), c/o 52 Chatsworth Road

Ernest came from a local farming family down Totley Bents, and had a love of the outdoors. He was an accomplished artist, receiving a special Certificate from a drawing school. He suffered a massive stroke some 8 years ago, but recovered sufficiently to look after his wife, Marion.

Eric was also an expert artist and photographer as well as a philatelist of national repute. His work as an accountant brought him into contact with many folk who became firm friends. Sadly, he became confined to the house in recent years, but was still about to carry on with his chief hobby.

The teaching profession has lost a dedicated teacher with the death of Judith. Her many friends supported David and Jane at her funeral. Latterly she was at Earl Marshall where she looked after special needs pupils. She had a love of history and the arts and visited many locations with her family. Judith and Jane were members at All Saints, and we praise God for their Christian faith which we pray will sustain David and Jane in the coming months.



Mabel was Doreen Bezant's mother who was one of those marvellous folk who seem to have spent all their lives caring for others. Wherever they lived, theirs was open house - feeding and making clothes ( as a skilled tailoress) for any in need. She lived for her family of two boys and a girl, one of whom owns a garden centre in which Mabel spent many happy hours - working of course! She and her husband had 11 years of retirement together, and she has been a very lively-minded widow for the past 14 years.

We send our love and assurance of our prayers to all these bereaved families.

At our Memorial Service on 21st June, we shall remember:

Edmund Henry Roberts, Elaine Clark, Violet Hannan, Janet Mary Raven, Rose Askham, Elizabeth Brownell, Eileen Bryer, Elsie Williams and Vera Brownhill. All families and friends are warmly invited to this Service at 6.30pm.

#### QUOTES

There are two things to aim at in life: first to get what you want, and after that to enjoy it; only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.

Logan Pearsall Smith

Never rob a man of his dignity and never let them rob you of your own.

Colin Welland's Dad

God does not love you because you are lovable: you are lovable because God loves you.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Koran says: He deserves paradise who makes his companions laugh.

CANON Richard Tydeman received a note from a former parishioner who used to present him annually with pots of marmalade. "Sorry, no marmalade this year," she wrote. "Couldn't find any civil oranges."

CONFIRMATION will be held at our Church at 6.30pm on Sunday June 14th and will be conducted by the Bishop of Sheffield. Do try your best to be there and please pray for our candidates who are:- Stuart Hazlehurst, Eileen Mason, Rae Muff, Helen Powell and Valerie Ruthven.

#### SERVICES IN JUNE

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

7th WHIT SUNDAY (PENTECOST) - "The Gift of the Spirit"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Prayer (ASB)

Old Testament : Joel 2: 23-29

New Testament : John 14: 15-27

10am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel : John 20: 19-23

14th TRINITY SUNDAY - "The Trinity"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel : John 14: 8-17

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Parish Confirmation by the Bishop of Sheffield

Old Testament : Isaiah 6: 1-8

New Testament : Ephesians 1 : 3-14

21st PENTECOST 2 - "The Church's Unity and Fellowship"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : Acts 2: 37-end

Gospel : Luke 14: 15-24

28th PENTECOST 3 - "The Church's Confidence in Christ"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 4: 8-12

Gospel : Luke 8: 41-end

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service



## CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations are due to several choir members: Christine Riley, Valerie Ruthven and Helen Powell have gained their red ribbons; Brian Ruthven passed with distinction his Grade VI pianoforte exam.

## "OPEN DAYS" AT ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

"Open Days" are planned for Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June between 9am-12 noon and 1.30pm-2.30pm for visitors to see how All Saints' school operates on a fairly typical day. Please feel welcome to come along.

## TANZANIAN APPEAL

Kate Stratford would like to thank the people who sent contributions towards her Elective Project in Tanzania. She was absolutely staggered at the generosity of everyone - some of whom were complete strangers, and would like to thank all the anonymous donors. She is very grateful and expects to have raised the amount she needs by the end of June. In the autumn she will let you have news of the visit.

## ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

One of our parents, Mr. Peter Westland, ran in the London Marathon in April. He was raising money for the School and for the Children's Society. Well done Peter, it was a tremendous effort and everyone at school was proud of you.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP has two tapes in the "practical mystic" series which may be borrowed - "Waiting for God", simple exercises in relaxation and meditation with eight short talks on The Lord's Prayer, and "Into God", an introduction to contemplative prayer based on the method used by the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer, with five practical exercises. Contact Rosalie Carter (365969) if you are interested.

Our GARDEN PARTY was a tremendous success in every way - the day was sunny, the fellowship was great and the total money raised topped the £1,000 mark! The proceeds are to be divided between 'Transport 17' (75%) and our Church Funds (25%). From our funds and a retiring collection, we were able to surprise our opener, Archdeacon Stephen Lowe, by presenting him with a cheque for £500 for the Bishop's Appeal. Well done everyone!

# **NEW WORDS FOR OLD**

Genesis 2:18 got it wrong! So we need a new word -short, pithy and memorable - to sum up all that we share in our common humanity: a word that we know beyond ambiguity and doubt speaks for us all whatever our sex, whatever our age, whatever our colour. In Genesis 1:26-27 we had the word we need -"Man": "let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in His own image; male and female He created them". There we have the beginnings of a vocabulary that makes both the points of distinction and the points of identity that are within our experienced reality: we are all human; males are different from females; and if we - males and females alike - are made "in the image and after the likeness" of God then we have to recognise that female language is as appropriate as male language in our struggling attempts to circumscribe our experience of the Godhead.

Then in Genesis 2:18 it all begins to go wrong. "Man" becomes "the man" and poor Adam on his own needs a companion Eve. The consequences have been far-reaching ever since the attempt to use the one word "Man" both for our inclusive humanity and for the male part of that humanity has resulted in at best confusion and some hurt and at worst a seriously flawed understanding of the relationship of women to men. For it must have encouraged the foolish false belief that the male is the typical human and the female somehow something less. And so too the foolish false belief that the typically male activities are more important than those of the female - "Woman's work" they murmur dismissively. And from this develops the idea - surely equally foolish and false - that the woman must proclaim her equality by behaving like a male and that if a man can somehow cope with and enjoy the skills that are generally considered to belong to the woman he is "effeminate" and that this is a term of abuse! What a mess!

When we move to the language of theology and devotion our difficulties increase. Central to our faith is the belief that God within the womb of Mary took to himself our humanity. Jesus is the God-Man, the Word was made flesh. In all this we are staying with the vocabulary of Genesis 1:27: "male and female" are both within that humanity which our Lord has entered and so redeemed. No one I imagine (though you never can tell!) has ever suggested that He died so that all males can be forgiven! Yet Jesus is not a man-woman. As he is truly a Jew, truly lived in Nazareth, he is truly a male human being. But we can't believe that this maleness of his is in any way an essential part of the work of our redemption. It is simply part of the givenness of the events. God chose to act in that way, in that place, at that time. And for this we can only offer our thanks.

In the current disputes on the ordination of women to the priesthood this confusion over the word "man" leads both sides, I rather rashly assert, to talk nonsense. To say that because "God became man" all priests must be male gives an entirely unjustified significance in the scheme of redemption to the maleness of Jesus. But on the other hand to say that because the whole human race has been redeemed through the incarnation of Jesus the Church must open every office to any human being, young or old, male or female, makes us unhelpfully blind to the reality of the distinctions within our humanity.

St. Paul and Archbishop Cranmer (and in some ways even the compilers of the Alternative Service Book in 1980) didn't seem to think there was a problem. Without difficulty they used "man" in both ways and assumed the congregation could make the necessary adjustments. Presumably neither thought it odd to address a mixed congregation as "Brethren". Reluctantly, I've come to see we can't go down their path. In ordinary speech today "man" and "men" have come to refer only to males and I don't think we can win our way back to the older usage. The clamour for "inclusive" language is often irritating. But to defend the old forms can seem to involve us in the defence of a pattern of relationships in which women were kept subservient and this must be wrong. The Christian understanding of creation and redemption commits us to finding a pattern for men and women living together in which the keynotes of our equality, our individuality, our mutual responsibility and faithfulness all come to be understood. What's in a word? A great deal sometimes.

DAVID LUNN

Bishop of Sheffield

## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

JUNE, 1992





## DON'T FORGET MISSION AFLOAT 1992



Come yourselves and bring your friends to the great Mission Services by the Waterside with Bishop David. Every parish in the Diocese is within reasonable travelling distance of the River Don and the Canal which forms the backbone of the Diocese, and it would be great if there were large and cheerful crowds at every stage of the journey.

**Saturday, 30th May at 11.00 a.m.** Sobriety Centre, Goole.

**Sunday, 31st May at 6.30 p.m.** Canal Bridge, Thorne.

**Monday, 1st June at 7.30 p.m.** Doncaster Lock, Doncaster.

**Tuesday, 2nd June at 7.30 p.m.** Sprotbrough Lock.

**Wednesday, 3rd June at 7.30 p.m.** St. John's Church, Mexborough.

**Thursday, 4th June at 7.30 p.m.** Rotherham, All Saints' Square.

**Friday, 5th June at 7.30 p.m.** Tinsley Flight.

**Saturday, 6th June 11.00 a.m.** The Bowl, Sheffield

2.15 p.m. Sheffield Basin & March to Cathedral

3.00 p.m. Thanksgiving in the Cathedral

### New Church for Doncaster

A quarter of a million pounds appeal has been launched for a new church and centre in the Parish of Christ Church, Doncaster. The congregation has been meeting in temporary facilities made available by the School for the Deaf, but with growing numbers, the need for a new church is becoming even more pressing than ever.

The Revd. Jack Harris, Vicar of Christ Church, has written to every home in the parish telling of plans for the new church, and encouraging people not only to support the appeal, but to see for themselves what the life of the church is all about. Writing about the new church, he says, "We have an impressive heritage of Christianity in Doncaster through the ages, and we can go forward into the future in faith and full of confidence that the years ahead will give cause for celebration."

Bishop David, in commending the appeal for the new church, knows that new churches don't just happen - "A task like this," he writes, "needs a lot of confidence, commitment and courage and I entrust this responsibility to you all with every blessing for your efforts."

### Half Way Eucharist

St. Cuthbert's, Fir Vale's Guildford link with St. Martins East Horsley is going very well. Visits have been made from both parishes but our problem is, the distance between the parishes made visits few. We have, however, some very firm friendships and our aim is to make more.

To this end both churches are meeting on 6th June at St. Andrews Parish Church, Kegworth. (We must thank Mr. Theo Mayfield of Coventry Cathedral and the Rector of Kegworth Rev. Robin Nash, for their help and enthusiasm in arranging the day) The visit will take the form of a "Faith Lunch" followed by time to get to know better our brothers and sisters in Christ, and will culminate in an evening Eucharist.

We are hoping for a good day both in weather and fellowship and God willing, it will be good. We'll let you know.

### Request

Thirty Seven Years Service to the church at Hooton Roberts will come to an end when Mrs. Dorothy Herbert retires at the end of September. She will be known to many who have attended Mrs. Perrson's teas at Bishop's Lodge. Dorothy began as Verger with her husband, but gradually found herself taking on more tasks as cleaner, organist and general handyperson. We acknowledge her constant work for her Lord. But her retirement will leave Hooton Roberts looking for an organist - a one manual, 6 stop, misaligned pedal-board job that plays wonderful Bach fugues! If you know of anyone who could help, please contact the Rector: David Ford on Rotherham 850336.

### Mission Doncaster Events

On the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, 6th June at 7.30 p.m., there's a special celebration "The Promise is for You", with the Rt. Revd. Richard Hare, Bishop of Pontefract as the Preacher, at Priory Place Methodist Church, Doncaster. All are welcome.

Saturday, 13th June sees a Leadership Training Day - "Making Teamwork Work" with Canon Robert Warren at Hexthorpe Methodist Church 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. It's essential to book, and more details are available from: Mission Centre, Y.M.C.A. Wood Street, Doncaster DN1 3LH. Tel: (0302) 342200.

### Church Missionary Society in the North

On Saturday, 13th June at 10.30 a.m. for 11 a.m. at St. Thomas' Church Hall, High Street, Kimberworth (next to Green Dragon and opposite Salvation Army), there's the Annual Meeting of Northern Members Council of the Church Missionary Society. The speakers are the Revd. Mark Oxbrow (Britain Region Secretary) and Mr. David Bleakley (CMS President), and Bishop Harry Moore will preside. The opening worship will be led by Rev. Judith Trickett who is a former CMS Mission Partner. All are welcome, especially CMS members and supporters. There's a bookstall too. Please take a packed lunch, drinks will be available, and the day will finish about 3.30 p.m.

## FLOWERS, FESTIVALS AND OPEN DAYS

### St. Mary's, Rawmarsh

Saints and Sacraments is the theme of the Flower Festival in aid of the Church Restoration Fund from 12th-14th September from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The displays are to be arranged by Rotherham Floral Art Society which celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year.

### "A Journey through Europe"

#### Flower Festival in Owston.

Travel through Europe in spirit when you visit Owston Parish Church Flower Festival this year. It will be held during the second weekend in July - Friday 10th to Sunday 12th, and the Church will be open from 10 a.m. each day. The European theme is Owston's contribution to the "Our Heritage in Europe 1992" programme of events being organised by the Deanery of Adwick-le-Street.

Owston with its well preserved 12th century Church, is a small, attractive and historic hamlet about 6 miles north of Doncaster on the A19 Selby Road (turning beside White Lodge Restaurant, and well signed). A warm invitation is extended to all, and light refreshments are available each day. Further details from Doncaster (0302) 337101.

"All God's Gifts" is the theme of the flowers at All Saints' Parish Church, Darfield from 3rd-6th July. There'll be craft stalls with working crafts too, mystery plays, and many other activities during the weekend. Refreshments will be available each day, and for those wishing to take a party, lunch or tea can be provided by prior arrangement. For more information ring Mrs. Robson on 0226 754773 or Mrs. Hicks on 0226 755730.

### Barnardo's Garden Party

By kind permission of Bishop David, Barnardo's are holding a garden party on Sunday 12th July at Bishopscroft, Snaithing Lane, Sheffield 10. Admission for adults is 50p. and children 25p. The under 5s are free. Attractions include Stannington Brass Band, Stalls, Sideshowes, Games, Tombola, Cakes and Teas, and of course, the Bishop's Garden.

### St. Helen's Church, Thurnscoe

are holding their Art Exhibition and Craft Fair at The Church Hall, High Street, next to The Little Theatre, on Saturday, 4th July from 12.30 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 5th July, from 12.30 to 6 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress of Barnsley will attend the exhibition on the Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Admission for everyone else is a very modest 10p. There'll be refreshments too.

### Garden Open Day at Bishopscroft

The Garden 'Open Day' at Bishopscroft under the auspices of the National Garden Scheme is on Sunday, 28th June from 2 p.m. onwards. Admission is £1, but it all goes to good causes. Teas will be available, and plants for sale.



### Kilnhurst's First Flower Festival...

#### Come and See us.....

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 3rd, 4th & 5th in the Parish Church. The theme:- "All things bright and beautiful". Not just a flower festival, also a crafts section.

We open informally at 7 p.m. on Friday evening and from 10 a.m. on Saturday concluding in the evening with a barbecue. The Church will be open on Sunday after 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion until Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m. at which the Bishop of Sheffield will preach. The Eric Tingle Memorial Window and new kneelers depicting the history of Kilnhurst will be dedicated. Mrs. Aileen Goodwin will sing and Kilnhurst School Choir and Band will perform. Everybody welcome.

**Thrybergh Summer Fair** used to be held in the grounds of the Rectory and adjacent St. Leonard's church. This year the venue is changed to the CHURCH HALL on Park Lane (opposite Fosters Garden Centre) July 11th from 2.00 p.m. Strawberries and Cream for tea!

### Outing to Oughtibridge?

The Church of the Ascension, Oughtibridge, are holding their Garden Party on Saturday, 11th July '92 in the grounds of Anderton House (Old Vicarage) School Lane, off Church Street, Oughtibridge. To be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. Dallas Warren. Proceeds for Church Funds. Admission 20p. We look forward to welcoming you all!

### The Marshland Parishes

are holding three parish open days this summer to encourage visitors to this fascinating and beautiful part of the Diocese.

June 27th & August 31st (Bank Holiday Monday) 1.30 p.m. onwards

Swinefleet, Whitgift and Adlingfleet Churches open. Follow the Wesley connection at Swinefleet with a guided tour around the village where Wesley preached eight times. 2 p.m.

Medieval trail around Adlingfleet village 3.30 p.m. Refreshments available at Whitgift Church. Village Garden open at Adlingfleet all afternoon.

Whitgift and Adlingfleet churches open, village garden open. Tours around Adlingfleet medieval trail 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Join a village "Songs of Praise" at Whitgift Church 6.30 p.m.



## OXFAM - 50th Anniversary

In 1991 there were 43 million refugees living in camps around the world. To draw attention to the plight of the refugees and to the pressures which create refugees Oxfam are asking people to support FORCED TO FLEE. This is to take place in Temple Newsam Park, Leeds on Saturday, July 11th starting at 12 noon.

People are being asked to become A REFUGEE FOR THE DAY. They will take the refugee trail to a fully functioning refugee camp built by OXFAM.

They will be given a taste of camp life; there will be videos, exhibitions, crafts and theatre.

Further information from: OXFAM Campaigns Office, 281-283 Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BD Tel. No. 683307.

## Winners

In the Parish Magazine competition organised recently by the Sunday morning religious programme on Radio Sheffield, the two winners were: "The Sharrowian", the magazine of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, Sheffield, which won the duplicated section of the competition, and "Contact" the community magazine of Pitsmoor Parish Church, which won the best printed magazine competition. The Editor of the Sheffield Gazette and Mr. Ray Bradley, a regular broadcaster on the programme together with the Revd Roy Arnold, Sheffield Diocesan Communication Officer were the three judges.

## Appointments

**The Revd. William Ernest Howe**, Vicar of Anston in the Diocese of Sheffield, to retire on 30th June, 1992.

**The Revd. Canon John Robert Giles**, Residentiary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Lee Good Shepherd with St. Peter in the Diocese of Southwark.

**The Revd. Janet Hardy**, Parish Deacon St. Paul's, Wordsworth Avenue in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Parish Deacon with the Team Ministry of Great Snaith in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Stephen Mark Wright**, Assistant Curate Thome St. Nicholas in the Diocese of Sheffield, has been accepted by CMS for work in Nigeria.

**The Revd. Robert William Jackson**, Vicar of St. Mark's Grenoside in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St. Mary's with Holy Apostles Scarborough in the Diocese of York.

**The Revd. David Grant Williams**, Assistant Curate All Saints Ecclesall in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Christ Church Dore in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Please pray for **Philip Clark** who is to be accepted into office of Evangelist in Sheffield Cathedral on 19th June 1992 and Commissioned as Church Army Captain on 20th June 1992 at their Training College and who is to serve in the parish of All Saints Woodlands.

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*Copy for August edition to the Editor by 20th June please.*

*Please pray for those to be made Priest in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 4th July.*

**BECKETT, George** serving at St. Lawrence, Hatfield.

**BRAIN, Christopher James** serving at St. Thomas, Crookes.

**COLEBY, Andrew Mark** serving at Christ Church, Heeley.

**COOPER, Andrew** serving at Rawmarsh with Parkgate.

**HALE, Keith John Edward** serving at St. Mary, Greasbrough.

**MATHER, James William** serving at St. Leonard & St. Jude, Doncaster.

**TONES, Kevin Edward** serving at St. Peter, Wamsworth.

**WHITEHOUSE, Robert Edward** serving at St. Leonard, Norwood.

*Please pray for those to be made Deacon in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 5th July.*

**BURRIDGE-BUTLER, Paul David** of Lincoln Theological College. To serve in the parish of St. James, Handsworth Woodhouse.

**CAMERON, Michael John** of Lincoln Theological College. To serve in the parish of St. Leonard, Dinnington.

**COCKAYNE, Gordon** - To serve in the parish of St. John, Owlerton (NSM).

**GOATER, Michael** of Northern Ordination Course. To serve in the parish of St. James, Norton.

**HUGHES, Peter** of Wycliffe Hall to serve in the parish of All Saints, Ecclesall

**MURRAY, Alan** of St. John's, Nottingham. To serve in the parish of St. Mary, Wombwell.

**THOMPSON, Mervyn** of College of the Resurrection Mirfield. To serve in the parish of St. Catherine, Richmond Road.

**WIGGLESWORTH, Mark** of St. John's Nottingham. To serve in the parish of St. Andrew, Brinsworth w St. Mary, Catcliffe.

**BRADLEY, Joy** of Ridley Hall, Cambridge. To serve in the parish of Wadsley.

**FRYER, Jennifer** of Northern Ordination Course. To serve in the parish of St. Mary's, Ecclesfield.

## SAMS International Conference

South American Missionary Society (SAMS) is holding its International Conference "Thy Kingdom come" at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick from 4th-6th September. The Conference will be joined by a team from South America as well as by a number of Missionaries. Details from: Mrs. Sue Osmond, SAMS, Allen Gardiner House, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 3QU. Tel: 0892 538647

## THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO TOTLEY

### Chapter 2

Do not be misled into thinking that God only wants you to influence the life of the church in Totley. Many of you have contacts through work and through other people you know (with a wider sphere of influence). You should be ready to minister in that wider sphere whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Nevertheless, it is important that you remain untarnished by your wider contacts. In many places there is a problem because so many people hold to faiths other than that taught by Christ. It is sometimes fashionable to suggest that such faiths are merely another way of understanding the true nature of our heavenly Father.

It is, of course, true to say that none of us in this world fully comprehend the nature of God but our Lord Jesus taught us very clearly that He is the way through which we should gain that comprehension. It is also true to say that there are many sides to the nature of God and that others may see sides which are obscured to us. Neither they nor us, however, can expect fully understanding without the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is therefore very important that you develop the right relationship with those who hold fast to different faiths. Of course you must love them for they too are children of God and you must respect them as such. The fact that they are in error, however, must not be ignored although it may not be your place to tell them so. It is again a question of humility.

That which causes me most concern, however, is the reputation which the whole of your society has gained for materialism. I am sure that there is some truth in the reports which I have received.

Do you not remember our Lord's teaching about materialism? He gave many illustrations about the problems which riches bring and then showed us quite clearly that all we need in this world will be provided by the God who loves us!

Why then do you worry so much about temporal things? Why are they so important to you?

It seems to me to be a denial of the faith which we have in the teaching of our Lord to assume that we can always have worldly comforts. Their pursuit is insidious and gets in the way of the development of our spiritual life.

Maurice Snowdon



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

7th June	Mr & Mrs. Iosson
14th June	Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
21st June	Mr & Mrs. Filleul
28th June	Mrs. Jockel & Mrs. Dixon
5th July	Mrs. Cryan and Mr. Hazlehurst

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
7th June	Miss Gillott	Miss Gillott
14th June	-	Miss Wilson
21st June	Mrs. Perkinson	Mrs. Parsons
28th June	Mrs. Hill-wilson	Mrs. Simons
5th July	-	Mrs. Mayson

### Silver Cleaning

7th June	Mrs. Powell
21st June	Mrs. Firth
5th July	Mrs. Gray

## TOPICAL QUOTES

Never yet was a springtime when the buds forgot to blow.  
Margaret Sangster

Spring is never sprung unless it comes too soon.  
G.K. Chesterton

At morn the cherry blooms will be white, and the Easter bells  
be ringing.

Edna Dean Proctor

It's a recession when your neighbour loses his job;  
It's a depression when you lose your own.

Harry S. Truman

## PASSING NOTES

Britain's social security system is not alone in its imperfections. South Carolina's social services department has just sent a dead man this letter: "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may re-apply if there is a change in your circumstances."

Historical note in the handbook of the United Reform Church, Welling: "Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address whilst travelling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope."

## *Be Still, and Know that I am God—*

*I sat in the church (I'd gone to break bread)  
The pastor began to assure us  
That we could spend time with our minds fixed on God.  
But somebody thought of a chorus.  
I wanted to dwell on the mercy of God,  
On how He does love and adore us;  
I longed just to meditate then on His grace,  
But somebody thought of a chorus!  
I knew, if we centred our minds on the cross  
That this would uplift and restore us;  
I yearned for some sharing of time on such thoughts,  
But somebody thought of a chorus!  
The pastor stood up and he read to us all,  
He started to rightly implore us  
To concentrate hard on the Christ of the cross,  
But, somebody thought of a chorus!  
The church became quiet, my mind was at peace,  
I looked at the table before us;  
I prayed for a vision of Christ glorified,  
But, somebody thought of a chorus!  
I'm not in the new anti-chorus brigade,  
But, why the new-fangled pretence  
That worship is helped by those toe-tapping tunes  
And those words which so seldom make sense?  
"Worship in Spirit and Truth" we are told,  
And this will both bless and enlighten.  
But some folk appear like they've been at the beer  
On a factory outing to Brighton!  
I do wish to meditate quietly at times,  
Unaided by musical violence;  
Yet, some folk seem hooked on their pauseless refrains –  
Are they really so frightened of silence?  
I'm not anti-chorus, I just fear extremes,  
And tune-chanting could be an illness  
Which makes one less likely to know more of God,  
For God says we'll know Him in stillness!*



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Worship Group, Faith and Light, House of Light, Root Group,  
S7 (contemplative prayer) Group, Sisters of Mercy, Claremont,  
Urban Theology Unit, YMCA.

All welcome, but if possible, please ring Michael Bayley to  
say you are coming, tel. 585248, and if you intend to bring  
children, please let him know by 1st June.

Details of other events to be held during the week can be  
found in the insert of the May Magazine.

WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"MY presence will go with you, and I will give you rest".

(Exodus 33.14 RSV)

POETRY AND PROSE

Down in the human heart, crushed by the Tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that Grace can restore.  
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness  
Chords that were broken, will vibrate once more.

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Enter this door, as if the floor within were gold,  
And every wall of jewels all of wealth untold,  
As if a choir, in robes of fire, were singing here,  
Nor shout, nor hush - but hush: for God is near.

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The above lines are on the entrance to a Youth Chapel on  
the South Coast.

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The poor tread lightly on the earth, the higher the income  
the more resources we control, and the more havoc we wreak.

Paul Harrison

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, but found  
difficult and left untried.

G.K. Chesterton

It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

Brendan Ingle  
Boxing Manager

It's not how far you have got in life, but how you got there.  
Sharrow Church Notice Board

A bad system cannot produce good men.

1838 - John Frost,  
Lord Mayor of Newport  
and Leading Chartist

The great contribution of Jesus to religion was that he did  
away with it.

George McLeod, Iona  
Community

There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you  
want, and after that to enjoy it; only the wisest of mankind  
achieve the second.

Logan Pearsall Smith

Compiled by Rex B.



## JUNE DIARY

1	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
4	Thu	2.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
6	Sat	11.00am  2.00pm 2.30pm 7-9.00pm	<u>Holy Matrimony</u> : Mark Woodhead and Amanda Croydon <u>Church Family Walk</u> from Bakewell <u>Holy Matrimony</u> : Paul Bezant & Sally Hunter Totley Community Whist - Hall
8	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
10	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 2 Main Avenue
11	Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
13	Sat	2.00pm  7.15-10.15pm	<u>Holy Matrimony</u> : Nicholas Laurie and Julia Harrison Totley Community Dance - Hall
14	Sun	6.30pm	<u>CONFIRMATION SERVICE</u> at All Saints'
15	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
17	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road
18	Thu	2.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
20	Sat	7-9.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
22	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
24	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
25	Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
27	Sat	3.00pm  7.15-10.15pm	<u>Holy Matrimony</u> : Mark Banham & Jane Heald Totley Community Dance - Hall
29	Mon	10-12nn 9-12nn ) 1.30-2.30pm ) )	Morning Coffee - Hall OPEN DAYS
30	Tue	9-12nn ) 1.30-2.30pm )	All Saints' School

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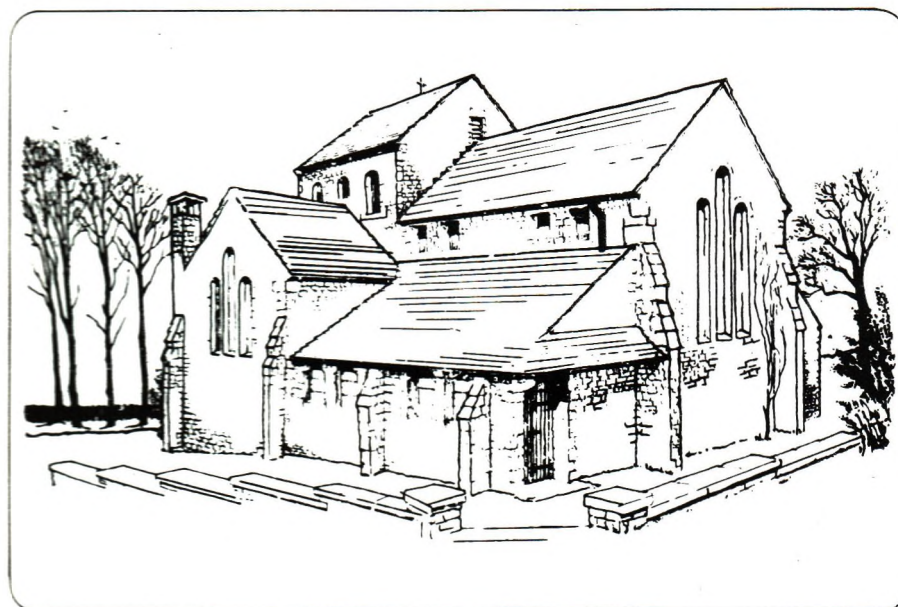
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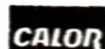
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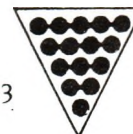
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FROM THE VICAR:

Dear Friends,

### OUR WORSHIP

By the time you reach the end of this letter, you will be telling yourself that the Vicar of Totley has no thoughts and ideas of his own, as I have yet again 'pinched' most of this letter from another Parish Magazine!

One of the nice things about going on holiday is the opportunity it affords to worship in other churches. I seriously want to encourage all of you to go to Church when you are on holiday, as it does show us how effective (or otherwise) those Services are, and it gives us a yard stick by which to measure our own. Those of you who are on our Church Council will know only too well how many meetings are devoted to examining some aspect of our Sunday worship, and how frustrating that can be if your particular view of how it should be is not accepted. Be not dismayed, read these words from Cirencester Parish Magazine . . . . .

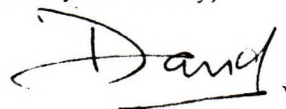
"We have to recognize that many people find the Church as an institution, offputting, and our worship, whatever form it may take, difficult to understand and follow. With regard to the first of these two, we have to see the church primarily as a gathering of christian people who come together to worship God and to gain strength as they seek to serve Him in their daily lives in the world. Like any human organization it has its failings, for which we need to make allowance. As an institution, the Church is never able to fully represent the views of all its members. There will be things which all of us find difficult from time to time, but that is the nature of such a large organisation and, if we are realistic, it is difficult to see how things could be otherwise. Turning to our worship, there are some who feel that everything should be simplified to such an extent that everyone can follow easily. Whilst there is obviously a need to do this on some occasions, to do so regularly would mean that we were unable to adequately feed those people who require something deeper. The sense of mystery and other-wordliness is one of the elements which we must preserve in our worship since it reflects that part of the nature of God himself. We must realize that anyone coming into church as a relative newcomer will feel strange, perhaps out of place, and even uncomfortable. There are many situations with which we are equally unfamiliar, such as a court of law, in which we would experience similar feelings. We need to help people feel welcome, acclimatize themselves, become a part of that worshipping group, and understand more fully what our worship tries to convey."

So, there is a situation in which things are similar to All Saints. May we be sensitive to the needs of all who worship with us.

'O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.'

God bless you and your family,

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### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Weddings

- 25th May Stephen John Perkinson, 2 Main Avenue to  
Catherine Anne Entwisle of Dore
- 6th June Mark Woodhead of Hackenthorpe to  
Amanda Julie Croydon, 4 Totley Hall Lane  
Paul Nicholas Bezant, 52 Chatsworth Road to  
Sally Jean Hunter of Stonehaven
- 13th June Nicholas Bruce Laurie, 29 Baslow Road to  
Julie Michelle Harrison, 36 Laverdene Avenue

#### Funerals

- 27th May Peter Mitchell (44), 16 Aldam Road
- 11th June Harold Humble (78) 12 Queen Victoria Road  
Joan Walker (68) 39 Stonecroft Road

Peter, who died from cancer, was (to quote from Stewart Rayner's funeral address) "a very caring, considerate and courageous character. He was a devoted husband and father ... held in high regard by his neighbours and friends. It was part of his nature to think well of others, to be supportive and friendly, to show kindness and concern. This too was the experience of of his working colleagues at S.J. Engineering. He was dependable, with strength of character and faith. The staff and parents of All Saints' School admired the tremendous courage he showed in walking to school to collect Matthew until shortly before his death." We ask your continued prayers and support for Gillian and her family.

Harold, as a skilled Electrical and Mechanical Inspector, had the kind of job that brought him into contact with a variety of folk, many of whom supported Vera and family at his funeral. However, he was at heart a family man, loving his home and garden, in which he suffered the serious stroke from which he never recovered. He will long be remembered in many parts of our city.

Joan was born in Sheffield and married Ron at St. Peter's Abbeydale in 1946. They moved into their then new home in Stonecroft Road in 1953, and were very happy in Totley. Joan was loved by a wide circle of friends in this area.

We send our love and assurance of our prayers to those bereaved families, and we shall remember them at our Memorial Service on 28th June. At our next Memorial Service on Sunday 26th July at 6.30pm we shall remember:

3.



## THE ORIGINAL CROSS OF THE BIBLE

According to the traditions of the early church the original cross was made of four kinds of wood; to represent the four corners of the world - the upright shaft of cypress, the cross piece (arms) of cedar, the headpiece of fir, and the footrest (suppedaneum) of boxwood. According to another early legend, the two latter woods were olive and palm, and in other, still older, legends of the East (of greater probability) of one wood only. According to some legends, the aspen\* was used, and according to others the mistletoe before, as a punishment, it dwindled into a small parasitical shrub from having been a full grown tree.

\*A Scottish tradition is that aspen leaves are never at rest because the cross was made of the aspen or "trembling poplar" wood.

Taken from the Clarion Ramblers' handbook of 1922/3 and written by the late G.H.B. Ward, FRGS

## THE WOMAN PRIEST

I had heard of women priests (who hasn't) and now, right in front of me "taking" the funeral service at a local crematorium was - a woman priest.

Her fair hair framing her face, her quiet delivery and American accent held our attention. After the usual service the family stood in the bright morning sunshine exchanging family news, and in their midst this woman priest was attentively listening; then one of the women pointed out to the priest the other womenfolk: "This is my sister", "and this is my other sister and her husband and son". There were relatives from afar and these also were pointed out. I thought how comforting and quietly strengthening was her presence - it was quite noticeable among the women present - she was a sort of senior member of the family. In conversation later she told me more and more use was being made of women priests in cases of emotional stress and cases of all manner of abuse. I can quite well believe it.

Rex B.

## CHOIR NEWS

All choir members are invited to a Summer Social in the Church Hall on 17th July at 7pm. further details will be circulated nearer the date.

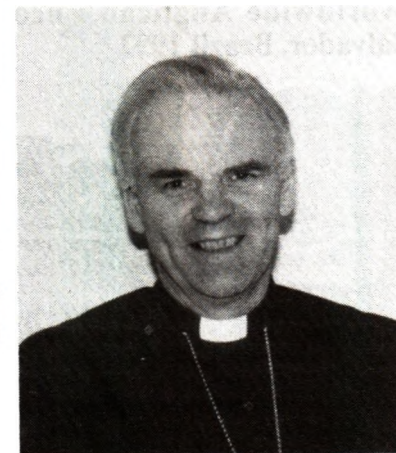
CONGRATULATIONS go to chorister Christina Riley who has passed her Grade VII Violin Examination with Merit. Well done Christina!

## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

JULY, 1992

### **The Heavens are telling the Glory of God**

*writes the Bishop of Doncaster*



Astronomers in America have recently been making some remarkable discoveries. What they claim to have found is evidence of the birth of the universe; how the stars and galaxies were formed. The Cosmic Background Explorer Satellite has apparently detected huge ripples of matter at the edge of the universe; and it all ties in with the 'Big Bang' theory of origins. While claims of this kind need caution and further confirmation, this latest piece of research could well be a major scientific find.

I suppose one of the questions that is likely to be asked is - "Where does all this leave God? Are scientists bowing him out of his universe?"

With suitable humility I might observe that I don't think God is unduly worried; because the idea that there is a basic conflict between science and religion, between God and our observation and understanding of the world he made, is false.

In the Nineteenth Century the explosion of knowledge in the physical sciences and the growing accuracy of method and measurement led to the belief that there was an increasing body of data marching remorselessly on to unlock all the secrets of the universe. While the temptation remains to view the application of scientific method as the only reliable guide in an uncertain world, Einstein and quantum physics have given these earlier nineteenth century certainties more than pause for thought. The laudable aim of unlocking secrets continues unabated and the laws of physics are a constant; but at present it seems that models of reality are as far as we can go in discovering physical reality itself.

The point is that material research, however valuable to human well-being, can never be ultimate. The Astronomer Royal has recently observed that research in astronomy to evolve a 'theory of everything' in the material world does nothing to militate against the existence of God in any work that has been done; if anything perhaps the reverse.

I think the greater danger that contemporary Christians face lies not so much in a faulty reaction to the appropriate reliability of the disciplines of science it lies much more in making the inevitable relativism of material knowledge a kind of criteria by which we judge religious belief. Of course we want to be on our guard against bogus certainties; but Christians must surely question those voices, even within the Church, that tell us everything in the Christian's life of faith is provisional too. God is not provisional. Nor is his purpose. Nor is Christ's incarnation, his sacrificial death, and his resurrection. I also believe that moral order has an eternal dimension.

Of course our present understanding of God's purpose is limited and as fallen finite beings we can only see through a glass darkly; but one day it will be different when we can have the glorious privilege of seeing Christ face to face and knowing even as we are known.

For the moment, as I look at the stars, for me there is mystery and awe. I'm not terribly musical or as highbrow as some people like to pretend to be. Yet whenever I listen to a magical choir singing Haydn's Creation, I can't help joining in. For the heavens are telling the Glory of God.

**WILLIAM**  
Bishop of Doncaster



Dorothy Walker, Joan Glentworth, Enid Dorothy Taylor, Alan Haywood, Clarice May Loukes, Linda D'Arcy, John Raymond Hall, David John Pearson, Sylvia Mary Hall and Willie Beckett.

If you know the whereabouts of the relatives of these parishioners please get in touch with them and give them a very warm welcome to that Service. Thank You.

David

THANK YOU to the generous family who gave us money towards the cost of our two Notice Boards which, thanks again to Robin Carter, look rather splendid at either end of the approaches to our Church.

Dorothy Seaton's bequest has also provided us with sufficient money to purchase some computing/word processing/desk top publishing hardware in her memory. We plan to purchase such equipment early in 1993, and set up a working group, composed of folk interested in the whole sphere of communicating the Christian message through the printed word. Anyone who would like to be part of such a group should give their names to our Vicar.

#### PARISH ROTAS

##### Coffee Rota

5 July	Mrs. Cryan & Mr. Hazlehurst
12 July	Mr & Mrs. Carter
19 July	Mr & Mrs. Loft
26 July	Mrs. Job & Mrs. Murrell
2 August	Mrs. Ruthven & Mrs. Snowdon

Flowers	Altar	Memory Table
5 July	-	Mrs. Mayson
12 July	Mrs. Manterfield	Mrs. Phillips
19 July	Miss Taylor	Mrs. Perkinson
26 July	Mrs. A. Waite	Mrs. Billard
2 August	Mrs. Jockel	Mrs. Smith

##### Silver Cleaning

5 July	Mrs. Gray
19 July	Mrs. Carter

#### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

The Annual Coffee Morning will be held on 15th July at the home of Eric and Dorothy Simons, 220 Baslow Road, from 10.30 to noon. Please come and bring your friends.

#### SERVICES IN JULY

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

5th PENTECOST 4 - "The Church's Mission to the Individual"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Morning Prayer (ASB)  
     Old Testament : Joshua 24: 14-25  
     New Testament : John 4: 1-26  
 10am Young Saints  
 11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
     Epistle : Acts 8: 26-38  
     Gospel : Luke 15: 1-10

12th PENTECOST 5 (SEA SUNDAY) - "The Church's Mission to All Men"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Preacher : Canon Leslie Stanbridge of York Minster  
     Epistle : Acts 11: 4-18  
     Gospel : Luke 10: 1-12  
 10am Young Saints  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
     Old Testament : Jonah 3: 1-10  
     New Testament : John 4: 27-42

19th PENTECOST 6 - "The New Man"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone  
 3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Epistle : Ephesians 4: 17-32  
     Gospel : Mark 10: 46-52

26th PENTECOST 7 - "The More Excellent Way"  
 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
     Epistle : Romans 8: 1-11  
     Gospel : Mark 12: 28-34  
 10am Young Saints  
 6.30pm Memorial Service



## Worldwide Anglican Encounter Salvador, Brazil 1992



In March, 3 intrepid women from Sheffield Diocese set off to Brazil for a conference entitled "A Celebration of Life for a Reign of Justice and Peace". It had grown out of the last Lambeth Conference, when it had been decided that the Anglican Communion should do something to mark the World Council of Churches' Decade of Women.

Rev. Jan Hardy, Deacon of St. Paul's, Wordsworth Avenue, Jennie Richardson, Northern Networking Officer for the Evangelical Coalition for Urban Mission, and Margaret Selby, Deputy Director of Ministry managed to raise sufficient funds to go. The Conference was held in Salvador, where the Portuguese first landed in the sixteenth century. It was the centre of the slave trade, and today 80% of its inhabitants are of African origin. It is a city with many favelas, built on any spare land, with any materials to hand, by those driven from the countryside to the city by poverty and hunger.

It was an apt setting for a Conference, which aimed primarily to focus on how women could help to bring about Justice and Peace, especially in those areas where women are the chief sufferers, and the principal burden-bearers.

There were representatives from the whole Anglican Communion, from most of the countries of the Americas (including representatives of 42 indigenous tribes), Australia, the Far East, Africa - but only 7 from England.

The six days of the Conference included plenary sessions on subjects ranging from 'Justice and Peace' to 'Breaking Down Barriers', and there were about 60 different workshops from which to choose. These gave the opportunities to listen to women working in a vast variety of different situations, where poverty and discrimination is present. There was also a visit to a favela.

We returned with a wide vision of the great variety of people who are gathered into the Anglican Church, with their varied needs and concerns, and with many questions about how women in South Yorkshire can work together more keenly in pursuit of justice and peace.

## Deanery of Adwick-Le-Street "Our Heritage in Europe 1992"

As part of the Deanery's celebrations of "Our Heritage in Europe 1992", the members of Campsall Parish Church invite you to "A TASTE OF EUROPE".

This will be held in the Parish Church on Saturday 18th July and Sunday 19th July between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. and 11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. respectively.

Go along and experience the sights, sounds and tastes of a variety of European countries in the beautiful surroundings of their Parish Church.

Refreshments will be served throughout both days.

Campsall can be found north of Doncaster from either the A19 or A1.

Further details available from Jennifer Clark (0302 700286).

## Sykehouse Garden Festival - 4th and 5th July

In aid of Holy Trinity Church, Sykehouse Appeal Fund, Gardens in the village are open for viewing on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon when there is a coffee morning, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. when afternoon teas are served. Tickets for viewing the gardens, available from the Village Green opposite the Church, cost £1.50. On Sunday, the Church Service is at 11 a.m. with viewing of gardens from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and teas available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Why not find your way to Sykehouse, and have an enjoyable visit?

## Commemoration Coach

A coach trip to Mirfield for Commemoration Day is being organised by Affirming Catholicism. This year is the Centenary of the Community of the Resurrection, and the preacher at the Eucharist at 12 noon is the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey. On Saturday 18th July, the coach will pick up at Rotherham, Dinnington and Sheffield and the cost will be approximately £4.00. Departure times are to be confirmed.

To book a seat, and for further details, contact Patrick Linskill, Tel: (0742) 556025 (home) or (0742) 737050 (work).

## Greenbelt '92

As well as plans by the Diocesan Education Team, a coach is again running from Mosborough, Crookes, City and Woodseats to Castle Ashby. It will leave at lunchtime on Thursday 27th August, returning from the site at lunchtime on Tuesday 1st September. More details are available from: Ted Scholfield, 9 Meadowcroft Glade, Westfield, Sheffield. S19 5EN (s.a.e. please) or 'phone him on (0742) 485432

## All Saints' Church, Arksey

An Organ Recital by William Culmbacher, Organist of St. John's, Bierley, Bradford, takes place on Saturday 4th July at 7.30 p.m. For further details contact: Ian Wilkinson (0302) 873106



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## Wanted - half a million

The Launch of the Appeal for the new Parish Centre at Saint Peter's Church, Greenhill was held at Greenhill School during May. When completed, the new Parish Centre, which is to be built adjacent to the Church, will provide the community with a central "Meeting Place", with facilities for caring and advice groups, both voluntary and statutory. Its aim is to offer particular care to the lonely and the elderly, and also to provide facilities for children and young people. As the brochure for the Appeal states, "The aim of the Centre is to 'put more heart into the community.'" The final cost of the project is expected to be in the region of £500,000. The Appeal was launched by The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Mrs. Doris Askham, and the Provost of Sheffield, the Very Reverend John Gladwin.

## Bright idea...

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley had a bright idea last year when they updated their Pack "Your Class Visit to St. Alban's Church", and distributed it to local schools. Why not issue a special invitation to visit the Church during the annual "Open House Week"? Members of the Church acted as hosts and guides during the week, and there was an excellent response. From one school, every single class visited the Church.

## Worsbrough Mystery Plays 1992



1992 sees the production of the 6th Cycle of the triennial Worsbrough Mystery Plays which will be performed in St. Mary's Churchyard, Worsbrough Village, Barnsley from Monday, 6th July until Saturday, 18th July (with no performance on Sunday, 12th July). Unlike the York Mystery Plays which are also to be performed during this Summer, the Worsbrough Plays have no professionals, but only a small band of loyal, talented and hardworking people who use a beautiful churchyard and amphitheatre, and choose the best of every other cycle of mystery plays.

Many people prefer Worsbrough to York.. is it a case of David and Goliath?

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## Toy Library

'Friends of St. George's', based at St. George's Church of England First School in Doncaster, support a Toy Library initiated by the Teaching Support Service. The Toy Library is designed to encouraged home/school links and to make good quality toys easily and readily available to nursery, reception and pre-school children from the catchment area served by the school.

Members of the community and parents of school pupils have joined forces to offer this weekly service and to raise funds for its continuation. The aims of the Toy Library are to stimulate and improve the manipulative and language skills of the children, to encourage co-operative play and to provide opportunities for children and parents to care for and be accountable for the toys they borrow.

The estate on which the Toy Library is based is small and geographically isolated by busy roads and a railway line. The area is starved of amenities, having no community centre, church hall, library, chemist or surgery. Shops are basic and the bus service is poor. In recent years unemployment has had a noticeable effect - 60% of the children in school receive free school meals and many households exist on Income Support.

It was therefore considered important to try and establish a way of supporting parents and the Toy Library provides opportunities for the development of parenting skills and also gives access to toys beyond the financial reach of many families. It has fostered links between young parents, the school and the wider community and the service is already showing great benefits to the young children in the area.

## Strawberry Fair - Saturday, 4th July

The Friends of St. Helen's Church at Burghwallis invite everyone to spend a couple of hours in the Gardens of Home Farm and Parkside in Old Village Street. We always aim to give you an enjoyable time, with games, stalls, competitions and prizes. Wonderful home made cakes, scones and English strawberries will abound. Please join us anytime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## Help the Aged

The United Nations have designated October 1st as International Day for Elderly People, and Help the Aged have produced a special pack to be used in churches in the context of worship. Help the Aged see their project as following on from the General Synod's Board of Social Responsibility's report "Ageing" and "Happy Birthday Anyway". To obtain a pack write to: Stephen Goddard, Help the Aged, St. James's Walk, LONDON EC1R 0BE. Tel: 071-253-0253 Ext. 277.

## Ranmoor Recital

The last of three Organ Recitals at St. John's, Ranmoor (Sheffield 10) by Peter Goodman will be given at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 11th July. Tickets £2 (concessions £1).

## Appointments

**The Revd. Michael Robert Burke**, Assistant Curate Anston St. James in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Crosspool St. Columba in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Alan Charles Griffiths**, Assistant Director of Education (Youth & Children) in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of West Bessacarr St. Francis of Assisi in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd Douglas John Drye**, Rector of Armthorpe St. Leonard & St. Mary in the Diocese of Sheffield to retire on 31st August 1992.

**The Revd, Ian Andrew Davis**, Assistant Curate Hatfield St. Lawrence in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Assistant Curate Beighton St. Mary the Virgin in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Peter Donald Stell**, Parish Priest Deeping St. Nicholas and Part-time Community Chaplain South Lincs. Health Authority, Mental Handicap Unit H/Q, in the Diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar with the Team Ministry of Maltby in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Stephen Philip Pickering**, Chaplain RN, to be Priest-in-Charge of the new Conventional District of St. Nicolas, Ryecroft in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Canon John Robert Giles**, Residentiary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral, will become Canon Emeritus of the Cathedral on his move to the Diocese of Southwark in September 1992.

## Award for choristers

At St. Mary's Church, Worsbrough, The Haigh-Stratford Award has been established to pay for singing lessons for selected choristers. It is the intention over the years to provide a nucleus of young, trained voices, and to develop in those choristers a love and knowledge of the liturgy and music of the Church of England, thereby helping to ensure the future of Church Music and the Church Choir of Worsbrough.

It will be a condition of the Award, named after two much loved and distinguished former organists and choirmasters, that the recipient should be a probationer or regular member of the choir at St. Mary's. It is hoped that the first awards will be made by September of this year. Details are available from Prudence Shaw, Hollowgate, Billingley, Little Houghton, Bamsley, South Yorkshire S72 0HY.

## Rawcliffe Parish celebrates

In recent years Rawcliffe has been busy raising funds for the new church roof, doing some reordering, redecorating and providing new carpets, and it's all finished in time for St. James' 150th Anniversary. There is much to celebrate, The JULY 25th to 28th celebrations include a Flower Festival with displays from local history groups. Refreshments are available during the day. A service on the Sunday sees the return of four previous clergy who are now in retirement and whose ministries covered thirty years. The celebrations coincide with the annual visit to Rawcliffe of Tuby's Funfair, with rides and roundabouts on the Village Green. A festival atmosphere is guaranteed.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of all the "Users" of Transport 17, I would like to say a big "THANK YOU". The donation of £766 from the proceeds of the All Saints' Garden Party was handed to Transport 17 on 8th June and was very gratefully received! We are all working hard to achieve our target of £12,000 and know that a great deal of hard work must have gone into making the garden party such a success. As many of you will be aware the late Rev. Alan Jockel was one of the founding members and initial driving force behind the founding of Transport 17. It appears very appropriate that 10 years on, All Saints' is still working for the good of the whole community. It is so very encouraging for those of us who run the project to be part of such a caring community, from which many offers of help have been received. Once again from us all - Thank You.

Mrs. I. W. Wells  
Secretary, Transport 17

## CHRISTIAN AID

Following the House-to-House collection in Christian Aid Week, the magnificent total of £1108.43 was sent to Christian Aid from All Saints'. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time and money to achieve this. Special thanks to Marjorie Snowdon for organising the Collection.

David.

## LADIES CLUB

On 7th July we shall be holding our annual strawberry evening, and we would like all our members to come and join us.

On 14th July is our annual summer outing. We are going to Castleton for a browse around and meal at the Castle Hotel. The coach will leave the Cross Scythes at 7pm; all seats are now taken.

There will be a break in August and our meetings will resume on 1st September with a slide show on Mountain Holidays by Tony Marples.

## QUOTES

Life has taught us that love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking in the same direction.

Antoine De Sait Exupery

The law often allows what honour forbids.

William Saurin (1957-1839)



## ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

This year is 100 years since the Totley Railway Tunnel was completed, although the first train didn't pass through until 1893. To celebrate this event the children in school are doing work about the tunnel. We had Brian Edwards, who has written a book about the tunnel to talk to our pupils and show them slides.

One fine June day the whole school accompanied by the staff, the Vicar and around 15 parents, grandparents and friends walked from School across the hills to Grindleford. We looked at air-shafts for the tunnel, and the number of hills we had to climb made us realise why the railway track could not be put overland and why there was a need for a tunnel to be built.

We had a lovely picnic on the hills near Longshaw, and fun and games. Then we walked down to Grindleford Station and caught the train back to Dore Station, travelling through the Totley Tunnel.

It was a lovely day and work done by the children will be on display on our 'Open Days' on 29th and 30th June.

The following is some writing done by the youngest children.

### Rowena Ward (aged 7)

On our walk to Grindleford, when we had just started, we saw some air-shafts, the nickname for them is pepper-pots. They lead into the Totley tunnel. We came to celebrate that the Totley Tunnel was finished 100 years ago, in 1892. The people who built it were called navvies, they lived in Totley Rise. The navvies children came to our school.

### Rachel Dean (aged 7)

On Tuesday we went to Grindleford. We saw an air-shaft, then we set off again. When we came to a field, we stopped to have a drink then set off again. It was really foggy at first. The reason we went was because we were celebrating that the Totley Tunnel was finished 100 years ago, but trains did not go through until the next year. The navvies children went to Totley School, the navvies built the Totley Tunnel. It was one of the longest tunnels in the country. We walked over the Totley Tunnel, it was very bumpy.

### Michael Woolvin (aged 7)

When we went on our walk to Grindleford, we saw some air-shafts. The reason for the walk was that the tunnel was finished 100 years ago this year. The navvies lived at Totley Rise. The first train went through the Totley Tunnel in 1893. There was a sign over the tunnel saying Totley Tunnel. We went back to Dore on the train through the tunnel.

### Rebecca Lawry (aged 5)

We all walked to Grindleford. We went to celebrate the building of the Totley tunnel. The navvies finished it in 1892. The navvies used to live in Totley Rise, and the navvies children used to come to our school.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE TOTLEYONIANS

(as suggested by Dudley Nixon)

Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the Church of God at Totley; Grace and Peace to you who are living nearly 2000 years nearer the Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed from Heaven than was the case when I ministered on Earth! I rejoice in your faith and love in these end days when the delusion of which I spoke in my epistle to the Romans (Chapter I) has gripped so many of your contemporaries, with the attendant lifestyle I described therein. You strive to keep yourselves from this lifestyle while not condemning (rightly) those who have given themselves to godlessness, lust, crime, cruelty, violence, destructiveness, etc. Yet I am concerned for you, for it appears that the righteous judgement with which Our Lord Jesus will judge all evil at His appearing, is so played down that you are in danger of a lopsided faith and appear to proclaim God as ultimately accepting everyone. This is quite contrary to the teaching of all the Apostles besides myself (and I remind you that I received my Gospel not from men but direct from the Lord) and also contrary to Our Lord Jesus' teaching which is recorded in the books you call Gospels.

This failure to proclaim the severity of God alongside His gracious mercy, is not honouring God. Indeed, it sounds as though you do not trust God's judgement! Remember all judgement is committed to the Son, Jesus Christ, who being both human and Divine is more than qualified to judge. Also you lessen the non-believer's opportunity to enter the salvation Christ died to make, for it is often the fear of judgement that first motivates a person to listen. Clearly such a fear can only be the initial response but it throws into vivid clarity the gracious loving mercy of God in Christ, in dying the death of the cross on our behalf. The fear and the love of God really convicts with authority and power. It also creates Christians who love the whole nature of God, holy, righteous, just, true, gracious, merciful, loving and faithful.

There is another matter that causes me concern for you. In my day I wrote concerning my brother Jews, proving to them from the Scriptures (your Old Testament) that God had always intended to bring in all the nations to be His People. However, I also wrote that blindness (that is spiritual blindness in not recognising Jesus Christ as their Messiah), had come upon the Jews for a time only, that they would be restored to all God's purposes for them as foretold in the Prophets, and so all Israel, both natural and grafted on Gentiles, would be "saved".



The Old Testament Prophets foretell that God would restore Israel to her land, that He would bring them from North, South, East and West and from the uttermost parts of the Earth. Clearly the restoration from Babylon (before Christ) did not fulfil this. Isaiah even foretells their restoration while they are still "blind", which of course they still are.

At the time of my ministry on Earth, it was unclear how this return to the land was to be fulfilled as the dispersion of the Jews into other lands following the destruction of Jerusalem had not occurred. However, that is not only now ancient history, but their survival through nearly 2000 years of persecution is also history, as is their present restoration to the land of Israel. With a few exceptions, the Church of the present time has failed to appreciate the significance of this fulfilment of God's Word. We are now back to the situation that prevailed when I was preaching the Gospel. It is now possible for the appearing of the Lawless One, of whom I warned the Thessalonians and must now warn the Trolleyonians, who will set himself up as God in God's Temple (the latter has still to be rebuilt).

I advise you to read my second Epistle to the Thessalonians, my Epistle to the Romans, chapter II and Matthew's Gospel, chapter 24 (as it is in your New Testament) to get the picture. In short, the "Lawless One" will win great support in the world and will appear to usher in a period of world peace and security. He will be ruthless with those who do not toe his line; Christians will be persecuted. He will break an agreement with Israel and bring many nations' armies to attack Israel. It will be A.D. 70 all over again but with a difference. The Lord Jesus will return with great power and glory and will destroy the Lawless One and all who side with him. Then the eyes of blind Israel will be opened, they will recognise Jesus to be their Messiah, they will repent. Jesus will reign on the Earth in a new world order with all His people as described by Isaiah in his chapter 2, verses 1 to 5. There will be no real peace until then, but you already have the peace that passes understanding, that peace with God through faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Endure the coming time with patient endurance and do not be deceived, for Jesus said "He that endures to the end shall be saved".

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

Go out ...; proclaim the Good News to all creation.  
Whoever believes ... will be saved."

(Mark 16.15 JB)

## THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

By the time you read this the Report of the Attitude Survey will be available in the parish. This is being distributed by our visitors but if you haven't had yours by 12th July please let me know and we will arrange for you to have one. With the report will be an invitation to attend a series of four discussion groups, one each week from 14th September onwards. These groups will be open to everyone whether they filled in a questionnaire or not. Full details of venues, etc., will be given in next month's magazine.

156 Sealed envelopes were sent off to our Consultant early in June and the comments and answers contained will form the basis of her report. We are very grateful to our visitors for collecting these replies and to all the many people who took time and trouble to give their views. Individual responses of course were confidential and we cannot make any comment on the total picture until we hear from Carol Sims, but it was a most encouraging start to our project. It augurs very well for future stages of the programme and we have every reason to suppose that the church will be strengthened by the many contacts made. Please hold the project in your prayers so that we may continue to be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Maurice Snowdon.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

We wish to thank all retailers and individuals for their contributions of prizes for our Raffle.

J. Beeley

## QUOTES

Think fairly, love widely, feel bravely and do humbly.

Motto of Toc H, a First World War Association.

A quiet female is a gift from the gods, a quiet male is perfection itself, and that is how it should be - but never is.

Notice on office wall in Holloway Prison.



# JULY DIARY

- 1 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 2 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
12 Marstone Crescent.
- 8.00pm Standing Committee - Vicarage
- 4 Sat 3.00pm County School Gala - American theme.
- 6 Mon 10-12 noon Morning Coffee - Hall  
1.15pm Fun Sports Afternoon - All Saints' School  
(helpers and spectators welcome)
- 7 Tue 7.30pm Ladies Club Strawberry Evening - Hall
- 8 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd
- 9 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres  
8.00pm P.C.C. - Crypt.
- 13 Mon 10-12noon Morning Coffee - Hall
- 14 Tue 2.00pm Concert - All Saints' School  
7.30pm Ladies Club Summer Outing.
- 15 Wed 10-12noon Children's Society Coffee Morning  
220 Baslow Road  
2.00pm Monthly Afternoon Fellowship  
108 Sunnyvale Road  
7.15pm Concert - All Saints' School  
8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 68 Dalewood Road
- 16 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 20 Totley  
Grange Crescent
- 20 Mon 10-12noon Morning Coffee - Hall
- 21 Tue 12.15pm Liaison Lunch - Hall
- 22 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
- 23 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -  
12 Marstone Crescent
- 24 Fri 9.30am Leavers' Service - All Saints' School
- 25 Sat 3.00pm Holy Matrimony Gary Fidler and  
Victoria Louise Waite
- 27 Mon 10-12 noon Morning Coffee - Hall
- 29 Wed 8.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 30 Thu 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres

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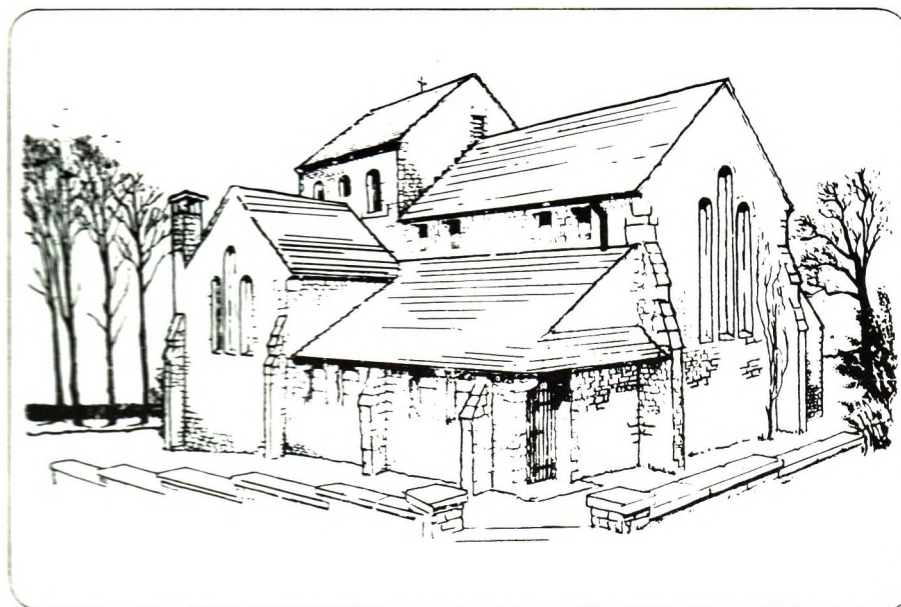
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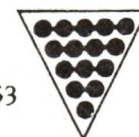
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## FROM THE VICAR

### ON THE WAY

Dear Friends,

Our Thanksgiving and Pastoral Link Project is now well under way. Groups will be meeting to discuss the Members' Attitude Study Report and to begin to think and pray about our way forward. We hope that you are going to take part in these discussions.

### Next Steps

Our consultant, Carol Sims, will soon be with us for the Basic Stage of the project. She will be based at the Vicarage and will be busy with planning and meetings. More importantly, she is here to be available to all of us on a friendly and informal basis. She has asked us to make it clear that she can be contacted at any time. Take any doubts or concerns to her.

### Invitation

During the Basic Stage each church householder will receive an explanatory leaflet about Christian giving. This will include an invitation to our special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 25th October at 10.00 (Please note that there will be no 8am service that day).

### Commitment in Thanksgiving

The heart of the matter will be reached during the Thanksgiving Service. During this service you will be given the opportunity to complete a Thanksgiving Card - saying how much you wish to give for God's work through the church each week during the next twelve months.

The invitation is designed to help you think about this before you come - there will be no fuss or bother or pressure for you to do anything against your will. Our hope is that it will represent your own, sincere, personal commitment.

### Commitment in Community

Commitment is not just a matter of offering regular, reliable giving. It is to Our Lord in his church, to each other in fellowship, and thus to the world - the beginning of a new part of our journey of faith. In practical terms this means regular Pastoral Link visits which will begin a week or so after the Basic Stage.

## Important things to do

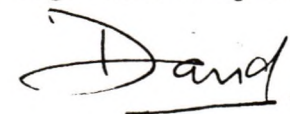
Each of these visits will include the delivery of a Newsletter specially prepared to highlight important aspects of our life and work together. Our first aim will be to pick up some of the points of high priority made during the Attitude Study.

### Over to you

You really do count - everything now depends on you. Your response is unique and it can only be made by you!

You can help. By encouraging and welcoming your visitor, or by being a visitor yourself. By listening carefully to our special series of sermons, which start on Sunday 20th September. By responding with a sincere, thoughtful, commitment. Above all, by worship and prayer.

May God bless us all through this Project,



## FROM THE REGISTER

### Baptism

26th July Sadie Catherine Lloyd, 18 Overcroft Rise.

### Weddings

25th July Gary Richard Fidler, 61 Marstone Crescent to Victoria Louise Waite, 113 Green Oak Road.  
15th August Peter Duncan Gronbech of Oxford to Helen Christine Meddows-Taylor, 28 Meadow Grove Road.

### Funerals

4th August Arthur Foxwell (76), 21 Stocks Green Drive.  
20th August Nancy Watson (83), c/o 5 Laverdene Road.  
21st August Belle Allen Andrews (71), 17 Aldam Road.

Arthur spent the whole of his working life (apart from Army Service) in education, rising to the post of Head Teacher of a large school in Harpenden. He retired in 1978, enjoying many interests with his wife until she died in 1989, consequent upon which Arthur came to Totley to be near his daughter. He enjoyed Sheffield and the Derbyshire Countryside.

Nancy came from nearby Ecclesall and was employed in the hospital catering service, chiefly at the Northern General. Upon retirement, she spent many years nursing her mother, father and her brother. She never married, but was an 'aunt' to many in her large family, which gave her great pleasure. In her latter months, her family cared for her.



Belle, named after a 'Geordie' Aunt Bella, originated from a Newcastle mining family, and was used to hard work. She met her husband George in the Navy, and they were married in wartime 48 years ago. She was essentially a family person with her two sons and daughter Gillian living nearby. Despite suffering from Parkinsons Disease for 4 years, she led a full life and was known and loved by many in Topley.

We send our love and assurance of prayers for these families.

We shall remember at our Memorial Service on Sunday 27th September: James Alfred Scruton, Marion Laurie, May Florence Jackson, Roy Parr, George Hill-Wilson, Norman Calverley, George William Lambert, Tom Knowles, Elizabeth Codd, Doris Russell, and Dorothy Haywood.

#### ON PRAYING

When the adman coined the jingle, "A Mars a day helps you work, rest and play," it is possible he got the last word wrong - a conclusion I came to after reading an article in the 'Independent on Sunday'. "Mars", you may be surprised to know was not plucked from the planets as the name for the confectionery product, but was the surname of the founder of the chocolate bar. One of his descendants, 'Forrest Mars' - after ordering his executives into the oak-panelled conference room - proceeded to share his plans. "I'm a religious man," he told the crowd. Then after a long pause, he sank to his knees, "I pray for Milky Way, I pray for Snickers." No-one in the room dare move. It reminded me of Katyn, a 7 year old in a television item on religion in the USSR. "God," she said, "everyone has his own. The business man's God is money, the drunkard's, wine.".....

#### AND PAYING

It must have been the frequency of the collections, small or great, in the Free Church that ultimately induced one of her members to return to the Establishment shortly after the disruption. Meeting this member one day, his former minister remarked, "Aye man John, an' ye've left us. What might be the reason for that? Did ye think it was na' guid road we were gaun?" "Oh", replied John, "I daresay it was a guid enough road and a braw (fine) road, but, heh man, the tolls were unco (very) high!"

(from the Southern Annual, Selkirk)

Rex B.

#### SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

##### 6th PENTECOST 13 - "The Suffering Community"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Prayer (ASB)

Old Testament : Jeremiah 12: 1-6

New Testament : Matthew 11: 20-end

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle : Acts 20: 17-35

Gospel : Matthew 10: 16-22

##### 13th PENTECOST 14 - "The Family"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 14-end

Gospel : Luke 11: 1-13

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Genesis 47: 1-12

New Testament: Luke 10: 38-42

##### 20th PENTECOST 15 - "I Believe in God"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle : I Timothy 2: 1-7

Gospel : Matthew 14: 1-12

##### 27th PENTECOST 16 - "I want to follow the Christian Way of Life"

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: I John 4: 15-end

Gospel : Luke 16: 19-end

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

#### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"I came to set the earth on fire"

Luke 12:49 GNB



## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

6 Sept Mrs Firth & Mrs Benson  
13 Sept Mrs Brown & Mrs Lawry  
20 Sept Mrs Smith & Mrs Davies  
27 Sept Mr & Mrs Collie  
4 Oct Mr & Mrs Iosson

### Flowers Altar

6 Sept Mdms Powell & Ibbotson  
13 Sept Mrs Holding  
20 Sept Mrs Greenhoff  
27 Sept Mr Hazlehurst  
4 Oct Mrs A. Waite

### Memory Table

Mrs Gray  
Mrs Parr  
Mrs Parsons  
Mrs Parkin  
Miss Wilson

### Silver Cleaning

6 Sept Mrs Snowdon

## WITH GRATITUDE

Les and Dorothy Firth wish to thank everyone who kindly contributed to the Asthma Fund in memory of Alison.

We were able to send £410 to the National Asthma Campaign for its research programme.

## LADIES CLUB

### 1 September

Tony Marples will be showing us slides of his mountain holidays in Austria and Switzerland. If you appreciate magnificent scenery, this is for you!

### 15 September

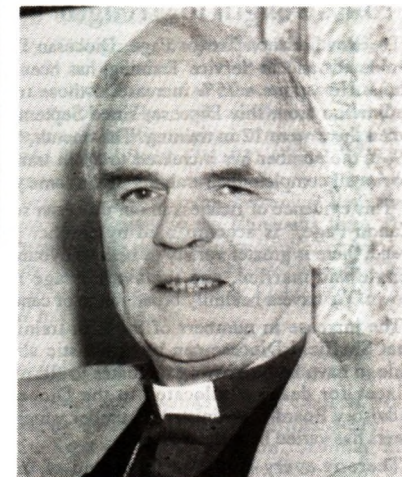
This meeting will be a coffee and chat evening with a Bring & Buy and raffle. As you know, we like to support several charities each year, so we need to raise our funds. Please come along and bring your friends.

# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

SEPTEMBER, 1992

## **Suffering..... a gateway to glory.**

*writes the Bishop of Doncaster*



I have had cause recently to reflect on some verses in the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans; and in particular on those remarkable words: "I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed."

We are, or ought to be, only too conscious of suffering. Near at home in Northern Ireland; in what was Yugoslavia; and across the world from the starving in the Sudan to the boat people of Hong Kong. We live in a time of anxiety for our Church and in a troubled society; and many of us are on the receiving end of personal distress, which few others seem to understand or want to share in.

Now suffering has to be tackled. James in his letter for example isn't too keen on those who see a brother or sister ill-clad and in need of daily food - and who do nothing about it. There is also a healing ministry of wholeness in which the Church is engaged.

However it is not the actual tackling of suffering with which Paul is concerned. Rather he is saying that there is more to suffering than suffering. He tells us that Christians are heirs with God and fellow-heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him. I don't know fully what suffering with Christ means; but it is far from the mark to suggest that in his suffering Christ has put himself in an incarnate partnership with us? The world isn't on its own and nor are we. No one cries alone; for Christ cries with them.

Then in the verses I have mentioned suffering is presented as a gateway to glory; to freedom from the bondage to decay, to an entry into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Suffering has a devastating habit of re-ordering priorities; and for Christians it can bring an acute realisation of the passing character of much that occupies us. The fragility of our condition is a passport to an awareness of an eternal hope.

One significant consequence of this awareness is that it profoundly affects our approach to evangelism. We don't approach people with any sense of superiority. We meet our neighbours as fellow-sufferers and walk with them to the Cross where Christ who has suffered for us all has died; and then in his resurrection we see the sign of God's coming glory.

In this connection, you may remember that last year we kept St. Francis Day as a special day of prayer across the Diocese for the Decade of Evangelism.

This year I hope that many parishes will do the same. St. Francis Day falls on Sunday, October 4th; and so there is an intriguing opportunity to bring St. Francis, a Harvest Festival, and prayer for the Decade together!

A prayer leaflet has been prepared again for personal use; and also some suggestions for use in Sunday Services. Parishes will be sent copies early this month. The prayer leaflets are well worth ordering.

**WILLIAM**  
Bishop of Doncaster



## From strength to strength

The Revd. Canon Trevor Page, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and In-Service Training, has been doing his sums. He reports a 75% increase in those training for ordination from this Diocese, since September 1991, when there were 12 in training. This month, September 1992, the number has increased to 21 in training (they do not all complete their training in the same year).

"This evidence of richness in our diocesan soil" writes Canon Page, "is accompanied by another promising trend, there is greater variety as between young and old, single and married, and the average age is moving down. We have a healthily broad range of candidates."

The increase in numbers of those in training means that Sheffield Diocese can be optimistic about being able to have home-grown candidates to fill most of the places for deacons allocated to the Diocese by the Advisory Board for Ministry, a number which in recent years has varied between 5 and 7.

There is every sign that this trend of increase in numbers in training from Sheffield Diocese will continue, although national figures for those in training for ordination, due to be released shortly, are expected to show only a slight increase.

Canon Page reflects on this new situation for the Diocese of Sheffield by saying, "I suppose it is the old story, that those who come from the back of the field are best placed to surprise themselves."

## Appointments

**The Revd. Patrick John Coghlan** to be Vicar of Anston in the Diocese of Sheffield having returned from Brazil where he has been working as a Missionary with SAMS.

**The Revd. John Michael Wraw**, Team Vicar in Sheffield Manor Team, in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Clifton, Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. David Charles Glover**, Assistant Curate of All Saints, Wath-upon-Deane, to be Chaplain at Hatfield College, Durham, in the Diocese of Durham.

**The Revd. Philip Albert Dobson**, Assistant Curate of St. Mark's, Grenoside, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Team Vicar designate in the Cove Team Ministry in the Diocese of Guildford.

**The Revd. Lawrence Clifford Jenkins**, Vicar of St. Aidan's, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rural Dean of Doncaster

**The Revd. Stuart James Matthews**, Rector of St. Mary the Virgin, Sprotbrough, to be made Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

**The Revd. Peter Wright**, Rector of Aston-cum-Aughton with Ulley, to be made an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

**The Revd. John Frederick Cooke**, Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Balby, Doncaster, in the Diocese of Sheffield, to be Rural Dean of West Doncaster.

**Miss Margaret Elizabeth Selby**, has been appointed Director of Training in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**Mr. John Hoare**, has been appointed Director of Schools in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## Pat Needham to retire



At the end of September, Pat Needham retires after 34 years of ministry in the Church, 28 of them in the Sheffield Diocese. She was born and brought up in Beauchief. She and her family were deeply involved in Beauchief Abbey, so much so that her father, who was on the committee, was nicknamed 'the Abbot'.

After 4 years of teaching P.E. at A b b e y d a l e

Secondary School, Pat was sent by the DLMA (Diocesan Lay Ministry Advisor), Helen Roberts to train in Birmingham. After that it was working first as a Parish Worker, and then after 1987 as a Parish Deacon, in 8 parishes, one of them in the Lincoln diocese.

She began in Oughtibridge, wearing a cap and (knee-length) gown. After 3 months, she ran the parish for 18 months, during the first of 4 interregna in the course of her ministry. Then it was St. Mary's, Handsworth followed by Aston where she was working with the new young curate, Desmond Camelley. Unofficially, she had the care of Aughton church. This was followed by 10 years part-time at St. Chad's, Norton Woodseats, while she looked after her father, and then 6 years at Boultham, Lincoln. She returned to the diocese to St. Peter's, Warmsworth, and now her final parish is, again, St. Chad's, Norton Woodseats, where she is also Chaplain to Beauchief Abbey.

Pat's 34 years of ministry show how far the Church has moved in a comparatively short time. She was among the first of the 'new wave' of women in the '60s, who, unlike their predecessors, were no longer content, as she says, "saying 'yes sir' to the vicar, and doing visiting and children's work". She has worked 'under' or 'with' a variety of clergy, and until quite recently, has never been certain how much she would be allowed or required to do.

Sometimes she was expected to sit in the congregation with the arrival of a new vicar, (sometimes just for the Eucharist), sometimes she was given a stall of her own. Sometimes she ran the parish during an interregnum, and then "she slapped back again" by the new incumbent. Sometimes, she was given a church to run, or expected to baptise, bury and assist at the Eucharist, at other times she was not allowed to preach in the parish church because the incumbent 'didn't like women's voices'.

In her final parish, she has worked in partnership with the vicar Ernie Hume. 'It is a good note to finish on', she says. Pat will continue to live in Norton Woodseats in her retirement, and for a few years, will continue as part-time chaplain to Beauchief Abbey.

## Life begins at 40

This may well prove to be significantly true for St. Paul's, Wheatley Park, Doncaster a little later this year. St. Paul's celebrates forty years in the community of Wheatley Park.

It was on 13th December, 1952 that the church was dedicated by Bishop Leslie Hunter with the mayor of Doncaster, Councillor E. Hubbard in attendance. As the "daughter church" to St. Mary, Wheatley, it remained a part of that parish. In 1982, St. Paul's became a conventional district church.

Now in its fortieth year, St. Paul's stands poised to become a parish. With the support and encouragement of the Deanery of Doncaster it has applied for that status and it is hoped that the application will be completed in time for the Anniversary Celebrations over the weekend 2nd/4th October. A very fitting birthday present.

Events planned for the weekend include an illustrated talk on the history of the area together with reminiscences of local people, a Community Gala Day organised by St. Paul's Action Network and opened by Sir Harold and Lady Walker, the local M.P. and his wife, and a Birthday Service at which Bishop David will preach and the current Mayor of Doncaster and Leader of Doncaster Council will be present.

The celebrations will conclude with a beating of the bounds which will involve the use of a barge to negotiate the northern parish boundary. Memories of an earlier expedition by barge!

As part of its application to become a parish, St. Paul's has agreed with St. Aidan's, Wheatley Hills to annex a small portion of the latter's parish. This will include that well known beauty spot, the sewage works. The incumbent of St. Paul's, Graham Creasey, is contemplating becoming a chaplain there and wonders whether this would be a first!?

## New Organ for St. Matthew's

The new organ at St. Matthew's, Carver Street, Sheffield, is to be dedicated on St. Matthew's Day, 21st September, at 7.30 p.m. There will be a Solemn Eucharist with procession and blessing and dedication of the new organ by Bishop Kenneth Skelton followed by a buffet in St. Matthew's Hall.

The new organ by Goetze and Gwynn is based on the English organ of the 17th and 18th centuries, and is one of only two of its kind in the country. The Organ Appeal for the new instrument is only £10,00 short of its target of £50,000.

Further details of the week of events around the Patronal Festival are available from Patrick Linskill, Tel: (0742) 556025 (home) (0742) 737050 (work).

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum

Are holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 23rd September at 4.30 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, St. James' Street, Sheffield 1. The speaker will be Dr. Peter Maguire of the Psychological Medicine Group, Christie Hospital, Manchester. There's tea, and all are welcome.

## College welcomes

University, College and Polytechnic Chaplaincies are getting ready to welcome tens of thousands of new students, and look forward to meeting students from their home churches. The Anglican Church is alive and well for example at Birmingham University, and the Revd. David Roland Smith (Tel: 021 455 0287) has all the information about Sunday services and weekday events. There's even a pre-term ecumenical conference to welcome all christians to the University from 21st-24th September, to provide new students with an opportunity to meet each other before the rush starts. Anna Lumb at 41, Westfield Drive, Lightcliffe, Halifax HX3 8AW has more details.

## You would be very welcome

to see the flowers at All Saints' Parish Church, Wath upon Dearne on the theme "The Bible Story" on Friday, 25th September from 10-7 p.m., Saturday, 26th from 10-7 p.m., Sunday 27th, from 9.30-8 p.m. and Monday 28th, from 10-6 p.m.

and at St. John's Edlington, where the theme is "God the Creator" from 2nd-5th October inclusive, with a Musical Evening on Saturday 3rd at 7 p.m., and Harvest Evensong on the 4th October at 6.30 p.m. More details from: Mrs. Eileen Mitchell Tel: (0709) 541526.

## Spinning the Divine Yarn

With evangelists Eric Delve, Roger Simpson and David Sherwin at Sheffield Cathedral, on Tuesday, 17th November at 7.30 p.m.

### an evangelistic celebration

Bring your friends and parish contacts along!

These three gifted and widely experienced evangelists are leading workshops on evangelism on:-

Tuesday, 17th November, 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Netherthorpe, and

Wednesday, 18th November, 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Room, Doncaster.

Further details and booking form for the workshops from: The Revd. Dennis Lennon, St. Helen's Rectory, Burghwallis, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN6 9JL.

## Rotherham World Development Group

The Jabbok Theatre Group are performing "Columbus, the Fish and the Tree", in All Saints' Church, Rotherham on Saturday, 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2.50 (Concessions £1.50) available at the door or by ringing Rotherham 542571.

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Copy for November edition to the Editor by 20th September please.



## Flower Festival

at 13th Century church of St. John the Baptist, Wadworth on September 12th and 13th. The theme is "HEAVEN is..."

Times when church is open:

Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Sunday 10.45 a.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Holy Communion on Sunday at 9.15 a.m. and Evening Prayer 6.15 p.m.

We warmly invite everyone to come and see our recently completed Chapel area which is now a splendid Parish Room, screened off from the main body of the church - an example of twentieth century craftsmanship using traditional style and technique.

Refreshments will be served and music played so please come and savour a taste of Heaven.

## Festival Service

The Royal School of Church Music, Sheffield and South Yorkshire Area Festival Service this year will be at **Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, 17th October at 5.30 p.m.**, and will be conducted by Paul Brough, Master of the Music.

The feature of this year's service will be the first performance of a new anthem by Alan Gibbs, a setting of Psalm 46 "God is our hope and strength", which has been specially commissioned by a donor for the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Area of the RSCM. The fact that the work requires trumpets, is a deliberate tribute to the strength of brass instrument playing in this part of the world.

The festival services regularly bring together many people from church choirs throughout the region, and the girls and boys, men and women, who are often meeting together for the first time with other choirs, put in some hard work in rehearsal and then go on at the service to sing magnificently - surely an encouragement to each of them as they sing week by week in their church choirs.

The Festival this year promises to be an exciting and unique event and will show once again that church music is flourishing in South Yorkshire.

## Deanery of Adwick-le-Street "Our Heritage in Europe 1992"

Continuing the Deanery celebrations of "Our Heritage in Europe 1992", the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Campsall will stage an exhibition of Gordon Smith's Photographic Collection of Doncaster and District Country Houses, Past and Present.

This will coincide with the Parish's Harvest Festival and will be held on Saturday, 19th September - Church open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 20th September - Church open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come and enjoy this fascinating and unique collection of photographs and the Harvest decorations in the ancient and noble parish church.

Refreshments will be available both days.

Campsall can be found north of Doncaster from the A1 and A19.

Further details from Marjorie Wood, Telephone Doncaster 700727.

## Enneagram Workshop

A basic Enneagram workshop will be held at St. Peter, Abbeydale, extending over two Saturdays - 17th and 24th October, 1992, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day. Cost of the two days will be £10. Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The workshop will give an introduction to the Enneagram, will help participants identify their own personality types, and give some guidance in how to apply this valuable means of self-knowledge in the path towards wholeness in Christ.

For further information, or to book, write: The Rev. Malcolm Alflatt, 21 Ashland Road, Sheffield S7 1RH, or 'phone (0742) 550719.

## The Church and the World

A series of talks organised by Affirming Catholicism in the Diocese of Sheffield.

St. Matthew's House, Carver Street, Sheffield.

*Thursday, 8th October, 1992*

MAKING PRAYER COMMON

by the Rev. Simon Bailey,

Rector of St. Leonards, Dinnington and Convenor of the Diocesan Liturgical Committee.

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*Thursday, 15th October, 1992*

SACRED SPACE:

Architecture and Liturgy

by the Rev. Tim Ellis,

Vicar of St. Leonards, Norwood and Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

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*Thursday, 22nd October, 1992*

BASE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES:

the Foundation of Liberation Theology

by Helen Stanton

Chaplain at Sheffield University

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*Thursday, 29th October, 1992*

HOPES FOR HEALTH

by the Rev. Margaret Whipp

Parish Deacon of Wickersley NSM and Consultant Radiotherapist/Oncologist at Weston Park Hospital

## October events at Whirlow

From the 2nd - 4th October, there's a follow-on from the Basic/Foundation Course which was begun earlier in the year entitled "Myers Briggs and Life in the Church."

And on the 3rd and 4th October, there's a weekend course aimed at beginners and improvers who would like to paint or have tried to paint in watercolours. The Course Tutor is Pauline Shearstone who has her own studio in Sheffield and is well established as a watercolour tutor both in private art classes and for the Sheffield University Course.

Further details are available from: The General Manager, Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, Ecclesall Road South, Sheffield S11 9PZ. Tel: (0742) 363173.

## WHAT IS DYING?

What is dying? I am standing on a seashore; a ship sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. She is an object of beauty as I stand watching her till at last she fades on the horizon.

Someone at my side says "She is gone." From my sight - that is all. She is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I last saw her, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

The diminished sight and total loss of sight is in us, not in her - and, just at the moment when someone at my side says "She is gone", there are others who are watching her coming; and other voices take up the glad shout, "Here she comes".

And that is dying.

by Bishop Brent.

## CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Our new missionary link will be with Rev. Steve and Mrs Jo Wright who will be departing for Asaba, Nigeria in March 1993 after completing a two-term course at Crowther Hall, Birmingham from September 92.

Jo attended schools in Worcester and Bromsgrove and Steve was educated in London. They met while studying at Keele University, Jo read Psychology and English, while Steve read Computer Science and Economics. They were married in Ludlow in 1984 and moved to Hereford where Jo was a Local Officer in the DSS and Steve was a software engineer.

Jo and Steve moved to Bristol when Steve trained for the ministry at Trinity College, Bristol. Jo worked at a local DSS office. Steve served his first curacy at St. Nicholas, Thorne under the watchful eye of our vicar, David.

Their two children were born during their time in Thorne; Emily in 1990 and Stephen in 1991.

Before becoming parents, Jo and Steve used to enjoy cycling, dancing, acting and singing, but now find that their time is otherwise occupied!

We look forward to a long and happy link with them and hope to see them in Totley before too long.



## YORK VISIT

By popular demand the Social Committee has arranged a coach outing to York on Saturday, 19 September, leaving from the Vicarage at 9.30am and arriving back by 7pm.

There will be an optional guided tour of the Minster at 11am, leaving the rest of the day free for shopping and sightseeing. Also optional is Evensong in the Minster at 4pm and the coach will leave York at 5pm.

The cost of the outing will be £3 for adults and £1 for children, and those interested should sign the list in the Church Hall as soon as possible.

## THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

After the August break we are now running into a more intense period of activity for this project.

**DISCUSSION GROUPS.** Notice of these groups has been given previously and a list of the questions for discussion follows. The list of venues and dates for the groups was given in the August magazine as well as being handed out with the copies of the Report of the Attitude Survey. If you have said that you did not want to join a group, there is still an opportunity to change your mind. We shall not turn anyone away, but do let either Ken Filleul (360872) or myself (362822) know so that we can make arrangements. The same remark goes for anyone who has not been specifically invited previously but would now like to join in.

**SERMONS.** The sermons on each of the services on Sundays from September 20 through to October 18 will be directed specifically towards themes from the Thanksgiving Project. The sermons will be different morning and evening, but it would be good if everyone could attend at least one main service on each of these Sundays.

**BASIC STAGE.** The Basic Stage of the Project begins on Wednesday, 14 October and culminates in our Thanksgiving Sunday Service on Sunday, 25 October. There will be more about this in the October Magazine but please note the dates in your diaries now.

Maurice Snowdon.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

The questions below are "discussion starters". These are based on the thoughtful answers given to the questionnaires and give the parish the opportunity to develop its strategy. A full, open and tolerant discussion of these topics will produce much of value, especially if all taking part listen carefully to what others have to say.

1. Answers to Q1 Evangelism give priority to personal witness and community participation as ways in which the Church can bring people to the Christian faith.

a) What is the Church? Is it the clergy? The people? The building?

b) How can the Church best communicate the gospel to the community? What should the respective roles of the clergy, individual witness and community participation be in this?

c) Does All Saints' Church have a sufficiently strong Christian fellowship as a basis for outreach into the community? If not, how might this base be strengthened?

2. Answers to Q2 Worship show awareness of social change and express concern at the relevance of faith and worship in today's society. The image of church services and churchgoers is thought to be off-putting.

a) Are our services and activities relevant to modern life?

b) Why do you think the Church presents an off-putting image? How may this be changed?

c) Should worship be more enjoyable? Might people be encouraged to take a more active role in Church worship?

3. In Q3 Prayer and Q4 The Bible the majority of people experience great value in prayer but far fewer read the Bible regularly. Some find problems with it and yet Christian teaching is given a high priority in Q8 Christian service.

a) The Bible is a central part of our worship but is it relevant to modern life? How might the Bible be made more easy to understand?

b) About which matters of faith do we most need to be taught?

c) With which other methods might we learn more about the Christian faith in the 1990s?



4. Answers to Q6 Everyday Life stress the influence of faith on attitudes and actions both in the home and outside of it, though some find it can cause tensions within the family at times. Family Christian Life was given the highest priority in Q11 Children and Young People.

a) How might we be helped to communicate our faith to those close to us?

b) Is a large part of the Church's work done by a few people? How might others be encouraged to become more actively involved?

5. Answers to Q7 Giving show a majority in favour of regular giving through the Church, though others preferred some other form of giving. Some stressed that they wanted to give to charities as well.

a) What effect might it have on people both inside and outside the Church when the Church is always short of money? How might this affect its mission?

b) Read St. Luke 18:vv 18-25 and 21:vv 1-4. Is Jesus being unrealistic in his attitude to giving money? How are we to respond?

c) How might we develop a spirit of generosity both through the Church and to the wider world?

6. In answers to Q11 Children and Young People and Q1 Evangelism, great importance is given to contacts and work done with young people.

a) Why is there a lack of resources for youth work in spite of its being given a high priority? How might this problem be overcome?

b) How might we improve communications and relationship between the older and younger generations at All Saints'?

c) What are some specific ways in which we might encourage young people and teenagers to come to Church regularly?

7. Most people thought that the Church should discuss and take action on Social Issues Q10 and ways of caring outreach were considered a priority for the Church in Q12 General.

a) Does the Church care adequately for the lonely, elderly and sick? What can be done to help them?

b) How might we support and encourage the Church's involvement in wider social issues such as world poverty and human rights?

c) What steps might be taken by the Church to become more actively involved with the community generally?

#### HARVEST LUNCH

A celebration lunch is being planned to take place in the Church Hall on Sunday, 11 October at 12 noon. Volunteers will be required to help with the preparation, and a list will be displayed in the Hall for people to 'sign up' as appropriate.

There will be a charge of £2.50 for adults, £1 for schoolchildren and 50p for under-fives - any profits will be donated to Christian Aid.

Everyone is warmly invited to join in the celebrations, which should constitute a fitting preliminary to Thanksgiving Sunday on the 25th. Do contact Mavis Kirton (351286) for further details.

#### GOD'S FIRST XI

The football season is upon us again and earlier this year Canon Collie picked up a copy of "The Sun" newspaper in a restaurant and was surprised and delighted to find an article about Christian football players. Here are just three of the accounts:

Defender Brian Irvine was just 18 when he found God. The Aberdeen player is now 26 and his faith is every bit as strong.

Brian says: "Every time I walk out on to the pitch I am playing for the greater glory of God and not just for myself. I am definitely a born-again Christian. I was brought up in the Church of Scotland but I began to visit other Churches, meeting other Christians and reading the Bible. Now my whole life is centred around God. He gives me great strength in whatever I do. I believe he knows and cares for us all, whether it is playing football or doing anything else."

Midfielder Bernard McNally stands by his faith by refusing to play for West Bromwich Albion on the Lord's Day.

Bernard says: "I have to stick by my beliefs. It would be wrong for me to play on a Sunday. I always pray that by watching me someone might see something good about being a Christian." Bernard turned to Christianity after a girl-friend encouraged him to attend a Brethren church. Now he



and his wife, Karen, worship every Sunday even if West Bromwich are playing. Bernard, 28, says: "I thank God for giving me the ability and strength to play football. I have got used to fans calling: 'Come on, Bernie, get your Bible out.'"

Newcastle United ace Gavin Peacock became a Christian after he saw how his mother's faith in God had changed her life.

Gavin, 24, says: "I found God when I was 19. I was playing for QPR then and still living at home. My mum, Lesley started going to Church and told me she had made a commitment to keep God at the centre of her life. After that I started to see changes in her attitude. Things that made her upset before didn't any more, and she seemed so content. God even helped her give up smoking!" Gavin, a Methodist, has had no problems with his team mates. He says: "Occasionally they take the mickey, but they respect my faith."

#### SEPTEMBER DIARY

1 Tue	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Slide Show - Hall
2 Wed	11.00am	Monthly Morning Fellowship - 3 Akley Bank Close
	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd.
3 Thu	2.00pm	Under-5s Praise - Church & Hall
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
5 Sat	2.30pm	Holy Matrimony: David Holmes & Deborah Bennett
7 Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
9 Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 2 Main Avenue
10 Thu	8.00pm	Standing Committee - 35 Wollaton Road
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
14 Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
15 Tue	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Coffee & Bring & Buy - Hall
17 Thu	2.00pm	Under-5s Praise - Church & Hall
	8.00pm	P.C.C. - Crypt
	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
19 Sat	9.30am	OUTING TO YORK - leaving from Vicarage
21 Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
24 Thu	8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 3 Akley Bank Close
26 Sat	2.30pm	Holy Matrimony: Simon Walmsley & Susan Evans
28 Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
29 Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch - Hall

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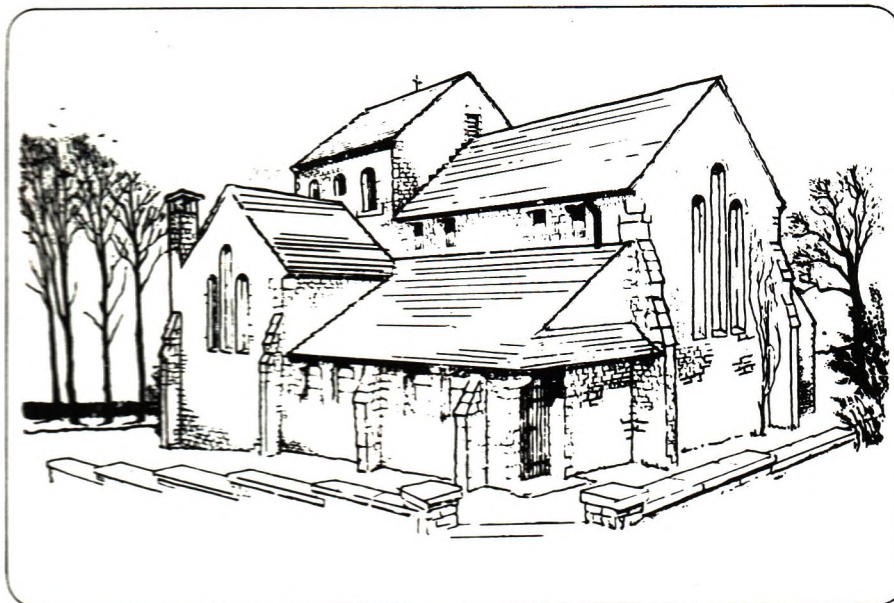
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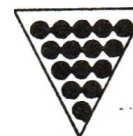
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FROM THE VICAR

H A R V E S T I S .....

Dear Friends,

I trust you all managed to have a holiday, and that you now feel fully refreshed and ready to become totally involved in the exciting things we have on our "Parish Menu" for the coming year.

Harvest Festival on 11th October is the first of these events. No doubt we shall have a lusty rendition of "All is safely gathered in; ere the winter storms begin". This always reminds me that one of my farming sons used to protest ... "not true Dad, we've still got acres of sugar beet to gather in"! However, Harvest Festival isn't just about vegetables, crops, flowers, fruit or fish. This annual event is also there to remind us of the "people harvest".

In local evangelistic terms, there are hundreds of people in our Parish who do not share our faith and trust in Jesus. Our Pastoral Link Project (which begins on All Saints' Day) will provide each one of us with an on-going opportunity to share our Christian Faith with our neighbours, and please God, to "gather them" into our Church family.

In world terms, harvest thanksgiving should make us all feel ashamed that so many people are homeless and hungry whilst we continue to waste food and natural resources. Perhaps we all should send a thanksgiving donation to Christian Aid or Save the Children.

So, "Come ye thankful people come" and help to make this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Festival a people-centred event.

May God bless and keep you and  
your family,

*Dang*

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms:

23rd August Miles Andrew Cooke, 12 Laverdene Avenue  
" James Edward McDonagh, 47 Marstone Crescent  
30th August Emma Louise Battersby, 5 Totley Grange Drive

Weddings:

29th August Mark Young, "The Shepley Spitfire" to  
Louise Diane Walmsley, 1 Terry Road  
Gerard Patrick McLaughlin of Belfast to  
Janet Hilda Firn  
5th Sept. David Holmes, 18 Laverdene Way to  
Deborah Bennett of Gleadless.

Funerals:

26th August Isabelle McArthur Turner(88), 54 Main Avenue  
3rd Sept. Ronald Walker (67) 39 Stonecroft Road  
15th Sept. Florence Louise Marsh (94) 20 Green Oak Road

Isabelle came from a large family in Cleater Moor in Cumbria. She was used to hard work all her life, living in Stainforth mining community and then Totley. She was well loved and very popular, especially with young people. She was a Chruch and Mothers' Union member. Her great love was reading and just being with her family. She had the amazing gift of seeing the good in everyone. We thank God for her long and fulfilled life.

Ron Walker was only really known to us in recent months. Maurice taking the funeral of his wife Joan. Shortly afterwards, Ron was taken to Weston Park for intensive treatment. We were able to visit him there, and got to know him as a very quiet, reserved person. He was subsequently moved to St. Luke's where he was ministered to by Wilf Walton. John Collie took his funeral service, so our whole Church family of All Saints' cared for him. We send our sympathy and prayers to his son, Ian.

"Louie" Marsh had lived in Totley since 1933 having been a Sunday School teacher and married at St.Oswald's Church. She worked with Annie Jackson at Totley Rise Post Office and was involved in many local clubs as well as being a "T.O.P.S." member. She was very independent and was well most of her long life. She spent her 94th birthday with her family shortly before her death. Praise to God for her life and example.

At our October Memorial service at 6.30pm on Sunday the 25th, we shall remember all recently bereaved families,



together with the following from our Memorial Book:

Doris Thomas, Nora Mavis Holding, Geoffrey George Bingley, Kate Hirst, Edith Alice Roberts, Dorothy Jones, Jack Hague, Rose Askham, Harry Freeman, Frank Taylor, Dorothy Felton and Lionel Hugh West.

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Neil our Church Treasurer, is constantly bombarded with literature from those Organisations and Charities to whom we give donations. He asks that individuals from our Church family who have an interest in specific charities, please contact him with a view to their taking over as recipients of information, material, etc. Lack of a contact person could signify loss of interest for a particular charity, and possible loss of a donation.

Plans for the Hall Extension have now been finalised, and a copy is affixed to the Notice Board at the back of the Main Hall. Approval is now being sought from the City Planning Authority and, if all goes well, tenders will be invited over the winter period and work should start in the early spring of next year. The money for this extension (currently standing at just over £60,000) has been left in a legacy for that specific purpose and cannot be used for any other purpose. The Church Council has been asked to make this clear to all our Parishioners, as there will be major repair work on our Church roof in the coming year, and this will have to be paid for by public subscription and other means. All is not doom and gloom however, as we understand our Church is to be classified a Grade 2 Listed Building next year, so we should be able to attract grants from national charities.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who expressed their Best Wishes on the occasion of our 30th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you especially for the beautiful basket of silk flowers and the cards... it was an occasion of great blessing and happiness.

David and Margaret

#### GUIDE NEWS - SIGHT SAVERS'91

Some of you may remember that last autumn the Guides baked apple pies and sold them in the Church Hall after Morning Service. The Guides are delighted to report to you that the grand total raised by North-East England Girl Guides was:

£52,122.13p

One outreach vehicle has already been purchased for Uganda and another will be purchased soon for Ghana. The vehicles are used to transport cataract surgeons to clinics in rural areas. The balance will be used to fund the education programme for blind children in Kenya.

## THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

During October we shall reach the climax of the Thanksgiving phase of this project. Sunday, 25th October is the day set aside as Thanksgiving Sunday and we are expecting a very full church at 10.00 a.m. for the Service on that day. During the service there will be an opportunity for each one of us to make a fresh commitment as to how much money we will give to the church. Leading up to that, and helping us to put our money into a proper perspective, the discussion groups will continue up to October 9th and the sermons on the Sundays in October will offer thoughts and guidance for our response.

Taken altogether the message which we are asked to consider is that, whatever faults or quibbles we may find with the way in which our life seems to us, we have a very great deal to be thankful for. Compared with the famine and drought in Somalia or the fighting in the former Yugoslavia or scenes of disaster and deprivation in many parts of the world we are fortunate indeed. Compared with the homeless in our own country we are blessed with warmth and shelter; most of us have sufficient money to buy essential food and all of us have the opportunity to experience the presence and the love of God in our lives. Often we have also to be very thankful for the love of family and friends and hopefully, we can all give thanks for the fellowship within our Church.

If these and other considerations make us feel thankful we then have to consider our response. With truly thankful hearts our response will be shaped with the whole of our lives - all we do and all we say - in every situation in which we find ourselves. The pledging of a part of our income to the church, whilst a very important part of our response, is only a part. We shall be giving some priority to this part at our Thanksgiving Service but this is only a beginning. We must go on from there and live and work according to our understanding of the gospel - the way in which Our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to respond.

October 25th is a climax indeed but it is a springboard from which the life of the church in Totley will grow. With your prayers and your response we can surely expect that the Holy Spirit will guide us into fresh pathways and give us even more cause for rejoicing in the future.

Maurice Snowden.

Footnote:- Specific invitations to the Thanksgiving Service will be distributed by our visitors during the few days before October 25th but if you do not receive an invitation please join us if you can - all will be welcome.



## PARISH ROTAS

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11 Oct.	Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Kirton
18 Oct.	Mr & Mrs. Filleul
25 Oct.	Mrs. Billard & Mrs. Houldcroft
1 Nov.	Mr & Mrs. Gerald Waite

### Flowers

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
4 Oct.	Mrs. A. Waite	Miss Wilson
11 Oct.	Mrs. Simons	Mrs. Hardy
18 Oct.	Mrs. Loft	Mrs. Parsons
25 Oct.	Mrs. B. Waite	-
1 Nov.	Mr. Hazlehurst	Mr. Bramall

### Silver Cleaning

4 Oct.	Mrs. Mayson
18 Oct.	Mrs. Jockel

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Following the pattern set last year, we shall display a large Christmas card in church during December, offering Christmas greetings to all, and for those who so wish to sign on the understanding that we do not send individual cards to one another in the church family, but donate the money instead.

We shall give the money we collect this year, as a gesture of our love and support to the family of Alison Firth, and in loving memory of her, to the High Dependency Unit being set up at the Sheffield Children's Hospital. The Unit will provide six beds for children with breathing difficulties, and will offer the intensive nursing care without the machinery of the Intensive Care Unit, as a half-way stage before children are ready to move into an open ward. Alison would herself have benefitted from such a Unit.

## QUOTES

Among the things money Can't buy, is what it used to do.

The world holds enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed.

Mahatma Ghandi

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.

Thomas Jefferson

The word "News" comes from the days when coachmen blew their horns North, East, West and South.

# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**OCTOBER, 1992**

## **A WRONG DECISION**

*writes the Bishop of Sheffield*

"The powers that be" St. Paul tells us, "are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). This means that though we by our votes can choose our Government, its authority to govern comes from God and for how that authority is used it is answerable to Him.

Amongst the many responsibilities of the Government is a responsibility for public health and a responsibility too for public morality. Unfortunately it is allowing its concern for the first to do great harm to the second.

AIDS is a terrifying disease - not least because there is no sign of any cure. It is right that the Government should do all that it can to prevent its spread. The decision was taken that this was to be achieved by the preaching of a gospel of "safe sex". That was a wrong decision. And now it is insisted that this must be a compulsory part of the education of every child between the ages of 11 and 13. This too is a wrong decision. There is a terrible irony here. For we know that there is a certain way to curb the spread of Aids. The Christian teaching is that marriage is the union of one man and one woman for life and that all sexual intercourse outside that relationship is wrong. The acceptance of that teaching would end the spread of Aids. But the "safe sex" campaign by assuming total freedom in matters of sex encourages in the strongest possible way the idea that such freedom is normal and right. Anything goes provided that "precautions" are taken. And now that message is to be brought to the 11 year olds! Sex education in schools must be within "the framework of moral values". But to escape that modest (and very proper) restriction this new compulsory teaching on HIV is to be part of the science curriculum. Public morality is to be sacrificed to public health.

Since the 1960's freedom in sexual relationships has become a generally accepted part of the western way of life. It is difficult to be convinced that this new teaching has significantly increased human happiness. The Aids panic has swept away the last element of public restraint. And now the Government itself is encouraging even our children to believe that a rich and varied sexual experience is the norm for everyone from childhood onwards. It is rather as if we were to improve road safety by abolishing the Highway Code and building our cars like tanks! And of course the Christian teaching on sex within marriage is seen as an irrelevance. Will it get a mention in those "science" lessons?

We Christians are not without blame. Inevitably, we share in the general outlook of the world in which we live and, rightly, find it hard to condemn our friends, our neighbours, our children, ourselves. Yet there is a positive Christian teaching which sees all our sexuality as a sharing in the divine creativity and finds its fulfilment in a loving marriage. We need to teach and live our faith in these matters with greater urgency and confidence.

DAVID LUNN

Bishop of Sheffield





# THE NEXT BISHOP OF DONCASTER

**Downing Street announced during August that the next Bishop of Doncaster is to be the Ven Michael Gear, at present Archdeacon of Chester in the Diocese of Chester. He will be consecrated Bishop on March 2nd at York Minster.**

Born in Southend-on-Sea but with his schooldays spent in New Malden he had already felt himself called to serve in the Ordained Ministry of the Church in his sixth form days. National Service was looming and he actually attended (successfully) a Selection Conference (to decide on his suitability for the Ministry) while on Embarkation Leave before setting off for army duty in Malaya.

Returning from the Army he went to study at Durham University obtaining his BA in 1959. Theological training was at Cranmer Hall Durham and he was ordained in 1961 in the Diocese of Rochester to serve as Curate of Christ Church, Bexleyheath. In 1964 he became Curate of St. Aldate's, Oxford and then moved to the North of England in 1967 to serve as Vicar of Clubmoor in the Diocese of Liverpool.

His next move was even further afield when he moved to serve in what was then Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) as Vicar of Avondale, a suburb of the Rhodesian capital Salisbury. (71-76). He retains a deep interest in Central and Southern African affairs and has been back to visit that part of the world a few years ago.

He returned to England in 1976 to become a Tutor at Wycliffe Hall theological college, Oxford and then in 1980 moved to the Diocese of Chester to become Vicar of St. Michael's, the parish church of Macclesfield, Cheshire. During his time in Macclesfield (just over the hills from South Yorkshire) he served as Rural Dean of Macclesfield and Team Rector of the Macclesfield Team Parish. In 1988 he became Archdeacon of

## Date for Youth Leaders

A group of Youth Leaders from the Diocese were fortunate enough to be able to attend "Eagles' Wings" - the first Anglican National Youth Leaders Training Weekend in London earlier this year. They returned keen to share something of what they had learned with Youth Leaders in our own Diocese. They have planned a Diocesan Training Day for all who are involved in Youthwork, at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, 27th March, 1993 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Special speakers are



Chester.

The Archdeacon is 57 years old, and is married. He and his wife Daphne have two daughters (Susan - 27 and recently married - and Sally - 25 and just about to go back to University for further study). Mrs. Gear, who comes from Durham, is a schoolteacher.

An occasional golfer, Mr. Gear is also interested in photography.

The Gears hope to move to South Yorkshire around February and they will live in the general Doncaster area in a home which, as yet, is to be built.

"I am looking forward very much to working in the Diocese of Sheffield. While realising the great demands of the job I am already encouraged by what I see of the life and vigour of the Church in South Yorkshire" says the Archdeacon.

He will succeed the Rt. Revd William Persson who retires as Bishop of Doncaster towards the end of the year. Interestingly Bishop William was another "export" to South Yorkshire from the Diocese of Chester where he served as Vicar of Bebbington and Vicar of Knutsford before becoming Bishop of Doncaster in 1982.

The Bishop of Sheffield: the Rt. Revd David Lunn comments: "I am confident that in Michael Gear we have the man with the gifts and experience the Diocese of Sheffield Needs".

planned as well as a 'Market Place' where leaders will be able to get advice on what resources are available to them both locally and nationally. Workshops on music, drama and games are already arranged, but the organising committee would be pleased to hear from any youth leaders who have particular ideas about what could be included in the Conference, which is for people from all over the Diocese. Contact Sue Pegg on Sheffield 886800 or Arthur Paine on Sheffield 306902, if you've got any requests or bright ideas for the day.

## Argentina Link

This October we shall be welcoming three visitors from the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Argentina (writes Sheffield Diocesan Communications Officer: the Revd Roy Arnold). They will be on the return exploratory expedition, looking into the possibility of forming a New World Link between our two Dioceses to augment our European Link with Bochum and Hattingen-Witten in Germany.

Earlier this year the Archdeacon of Sheffield, Mrs. Anne Watson from Anston and I visited Argentina on behalf of Sheffield Diocese. Our main stay was in the bustling capital city of Buenos Aires: with a population of 10 million, twenty times bigger than Sheffield (England's fourth largest city). Buenos Aires is a city of contrasts: in parts it looks like Paris or Rome, but around the outskirts there are shanty towns as in other major cities of Latin America. 75% of the population of Argentina live in Buenos Aires but out beyond the sprawling city the Pampa spreads mile after mile. I flew over it on my way inland to Cordoba, Argentina's university city and from there I travelled on by car to Los Cocos, a resort town in the Cordoba Hills. That is where the Revd Roger Hogg lives and works with his wife (Patricia) and three children. Third generation Anglo-Argentinian Roger speaks fluent English and Spanish, but he has never visited the United Kingdom. He will be one of our visitors from Argentina this October, together with the Revd Horacio Garcia (who doesn't speak Ingles) and Joyce Illingworth who even speaks Yorkshire because she comes originally from Leeds but has worked in Latin America for many years. This October we hope to show them as much as we can of the Church of England at work in the Diocese of Sheffield. If you should meet them on their travels the simplest thing to say is "bienvenido" which is Spanish for Welcome.

## Mosborough Crafts

At the end of 1990 the Church of St. Mark's Mosborough had to close the doors of its Church Hall for the final time. The Hall was used by many organisations in the village as well as the Church. When erected in the 1920s it was only a temporary building, but it withstood sixty-five years of wear and tear before it was considered unsafe for further use. 1990 saw the formation of SMARF (St. Mark's Alteration and Restoration Fund), to raise money for a new roof, and convert the lower part of the Church into meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet facilities. On SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1992, a CRAFT FAIR is to be held at MOSBOROUGH HALL HOTEL from 11 a.m. - 4p.m. Hundreds of handmade gifts will be on sale, with Fragrances, Christmas Preparations, Glass Engraving, Homemade Cakes and Produce and many others. Homebaked Refreshments will be available all day. All proceeds are for SMARF. Why not enjoy a lovely day out in superb surroundings, and get some Christmas presents as well.

## Is Evangelism Good News For Children

*An evening with Penny Frank author of "Children and Evangelism"*

All interested are invited to an evening with Penny Frank at Christchurch Fulwood on Thursday, 3rd December 7.30 - 9.45 p.m.

Penny has been at various times, a teacher, parent of two children, writer and editor of the TREK teaching syllabus for 3-10's and a leader of children's missions.

Penny was one of the contributors to the report ALL GOD'S CHILDREN and is author of the international best selling series 'The Lion Story Bible'.

Her book, Children and Evangelism, the latest in the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) handbook series was published by Marshall Pickering in July.

COST will be £7.00 for the first booking from any one church - this will include a copy of Penny's book and a photocopyable follow up pack for use in your church. Other members of the same church who may book in will be at the reduced price of £3.00 which includes refreshments and any further handouts. A range of other CPAS resources will be available for sale and inspection. Further details and bookings to the Rev. Mark Smith, 78 Storrs Hill Road, Ossett, West Yorkshire WF5 0DA. Tel: (0924) 270497.

## A visit to Wales?

Wales is not as far away as you might think, for the parish is within the Diocese of Sheffield, and the Church of St. John the Baptist is to be the venue of a Flower Festival over the weekend of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th October. Many local groups as well as all the churches in the parish will provide the displays, and money collected is for local charities.

The Church will be open from 6 p.m. on the Friday, and at 8 p.m. that evening, Peter Brock, a well-known local photographer will present his new programme of slides on Derbyshire. On the Saturday, the Church will be open from 10 a.m. throughout the day and on Sunday, October 4th the Church Army will lead the Morning Service at 10.30 a.m., with a "Harvest Praise" at 6.30 p.m., with the Church open throughout the day. Refreshments are available all during the weekend.

## Sharing our Faith

As a further initiative in the Decade of Evangelism, the Mothers' Union jointly with the Union of Catholic Mothers and the Catholic Womens' League, have arranged a day conference on Monday, 12th October, 1992.

Its purpose is to build confidence in sharing our faith with friends and neighbours, and to give us a better appreciation of the opportunities there are to proclaim our faith.

In the Anglican Cathedral Hall, the day starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 3.15 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome



## Country Way

Most people like to visit the countryside. Millions of people live and work in the countryside. Many others choose to move there to live, thus life in rural communities today is lived under pressure from those who hold conflicting expectations of the countryside. Rural areas are in a period of rapid change and the local church is caught up in the maelstrom of these changes.

Faith in the Countryside, the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas, published in 1990 is considered to be the best overview of rural England in modern times. In the months since its publication it has become clear that local churches are often starved of good ideas, and examples of what is being tried, as rural Christians adapt to meet the challenges which include: new people, fewer clergy, an economy in difficulties, agriculture facing an uncertain future and pressures on the natural environment.

Country Way will fill a gap in the life of those rural churches of all denominations as they respond to the challenge of the Decade of Evangelism. It will provide information, support and inspiration for all involved in rural communities. It will contain news of forthcoming events, your letters and thoughtful articles and features, as well as ideas for worship.

It is important that Country Way hears about your experiences and examples of successful as well as failed projects. Please write in with your ideas for future issues. It will be published three times a year at an annual subscription of £5.00. Send your order and cheque to Rural Publications Ltd., Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ, or ask for a trial copy at £1.50.

## Spreading the Gospel in Song.

The Shiloh Choir of the St. Bartholomew's Church Centre, Sheffield are holding a concert this year at the Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield on SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This reputable Black Gospel Group having been using their harmonic talents within and around Sheffield and South Yorkshire for over seven years, spreading the Gospel in song, bringing healing to many along with warmth and excitement to those who hear them.

This year the Choir is inviting Sheffield to come along, listen, and take part in this spectacular one time event entitled "The Fragrance of the Gospel". Admission is free, but donations would be welcome. If you want to experience this "Fragrance" or if you are just curious, go along and join in this celebration. For further information contact: Mrs. J. Clarke on Sheffield 346210.

## Oughtibridge Craft Fayre

There is a Craft Fayre in aid of the Church of the Ascension, Oughtibridge on Sat. 14th November from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Oughtibridge. Dried flower, pottery, crochet & tapestry, rustic crafts, lace & leather stalls to name a few. Ideal time to buy the unusual Christmas present.



## Diamond Jubilee

Come and celebrate the Womens' World Day of Prayer's 60th Anniversary in this country. The local committee has arranged a very special service which will interest and entertain all who take part. The service in the Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, will be followed by a buffet tea in the Central United Reformed Church next door. The date is THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 1992 and the time is 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss a most enjoyable afternoon.

## Appointments

**The Revd. Peter Hirst Noble**, Vicar of Askern St. Peter in the Diocese of Sheffield to resign due to ill health on 30th September, 1992.

**The Revd. Kevin Edward Tones**, Assistant Curate Warmsworth St. Peter in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Assistant Curate Thorne St. Nicholas in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. John Michael Robinson** to be Assistant Curate Dalton Holy Trinity in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Ian George Wallis**, Assistant Curate Armthorpe St. Leonard & St. Mary in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in the Diocese of Ely.

**The Revd. John Christopher Barnes**, Vicar of Rawdon St. Peter in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd Stuart Geoffrey Noel Brindley**, Vicar of Rotherham All Saints w St. Barnabas has been appointed Surrogate for the granting of Marriage Licences in the Rotherham area in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Henry John Joseph Bird**, Vicar of Doncaster St. George has been appointed Surrogate for the granting of Marriage Licences in the Doncaster area in the Diocese of Sheffield.

## In Stitches!

**Ecclesiastical Expressions at The Knitting and Stitching Show.** The premier event of its kind in the country - The Knitting and Stitching Show - which celebrates all forms of needlecraft both within and outside the home, will be staged at Alexandra Palace London from Thursday October 22nd to Sunday, October 25th. In addition, due to the success of the event, 1992 sees the launch of a sister show in Harrogate from December 4th - 6th. It means that enthusiasts from the North of England will now be able to enjoy the unique quality and style that has brought such accolades to the London Show.

Readers of Sheffield Diocesan News can obtain reduced admission to the Harrogate Show, at the Exhibition Halls (£3.50 instead of £5.00) by producing this actual copy of the News at the door.

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## A.S.A. CONSULTANT

Mrs. Carol Sims, our A.S.A. Consultant, will be resident in the parish from Wednesday 14th October until Tuesday 27th October. She will be available to talk to anyone who wishes to speak to her on a personal basis and can be contacted on the vicarage telephone.

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### GREETINGS FROM KENYA

In August eight of us from Sheffield visited Kenya for 3 weeks. After an 8-day safari to 4 game parks, we drove north-west to the Dioceses of Maseno North and Nambale, which until recently have been linked with the Diocese of Sheffield. Bishop James Mundia of Maseno North and Bishop Isaac of Nambale had arranged a programme for us.

It was a tremendous and humbling experience and we all returned feeling how poor we were in comparison with the Kenyan Christians. Wherever we went we were greeted with great warmth, friendliness and love. It was their earnest desire that links with Sheffield should continue. Though it wouldn't be easy to help in a practical way all they asked for was our prayers and the chance to keep in touch.

Nowhere have I come across such faith as even the poorest people showed and they never ceased to praise the Lord for his goodness to them. No meal was taken without grace being said, no journey undertaken without God being asked to keep us safe and then thanks were given for our safe return. Each day began and ended with prayer.

Two years ago, when the young Kenyans visited Sheffield, I hosted Tom Kipkemoi and John Machariah and this year I was fortunate to see both of them and to stay in Tom's home on Mt.Elgon for 3 days. The whole family turned out to greet my friend and me with song, a typical welcome wherever we went, and we became one with the family.

During our stay on Mt.Elgon we visited 3 churches, all of a wattle and daub construction with earthen floors, simple benches for the congregations to sit on, no shutters or glass in the windows to keep out the wind and rain, and corrugated iron roofs which made the buildings hot in summer and leaked when the rains came. A step led to each sanctuary which were furnished with a table and two chairs. But in spite of bareness and lack of facilities, joy shone on everyone's face; there was a great spirit of unity and the hymns, prayers and sermons all expressed confidence in, and love for, God.

We have so much to learn from Christians there. God comes first and the church is growing rapidly.

Finally, everyone sent their love and greetings to All Saints' and especially so from Kaptama, Tom's church, and the two other churches of Kapsokwany and Chesito. Please remember them in your prayers and it is my hope that the link we already have may continue and that God will bless and protect all our friends there.

Stella Jockel

### ONE WORLD WEEK

Harrowing pictures on our television screens from Bosnia, Somalia and numerous places elsewhere may provide us with all too many reminders of the need for worldwide co-operation in bringing relief to the suffering, and the need for a "United Nations" involvement is being increasingly recognised.

Significantly in October United Nations Day itself (on the 24th) falls within the World Development Movement initiated annual ONE WORLD WEEK (18th-24th), which will focus this year on attempts to improve the living standards and lifestyles of the poorest countries by promoting conditions of Fair Trade.

In order that members of the congregation are given a further opportunity to actively express their Christian concern in this direction (as well as helping to meet some of their own pre-Christmas requirements!), a range of Traidcraft/Christian Aid gifts, foods, stationery and Christmas Cards will be on sale in the Church Hall after the 10am service on Sunday, 18th October.

Requests for Traidcraft catalogues and/or membership details of the United Nations Association would also be welcomed by Ken Filleul (Tel. 360872). Your support could well help others to have a meaningful Thanksgiving of their own!

### LADIES CLUB

Our members are holding a sponsored "Knitathon" on Monday 5th October. The Duchess of Devonshire has very kindly invited us to Chatsworth House for this event. The "Knitathon" is in aid of the Children's Society and our ladies would be glad of extra sponsors. If you would like to help please contact any member of the Ladies Club.

On Tuesday 6th October we are having a talk and slide show on Derbyshire Customs. Visitors would be welcome, gentlemen as well as ladies.

On 20th October Margaret Benson will be talking about toys for children and adults. You are welcome to come along and share your favourite teddy, doll, dinky toy or train set! Admission for visitors is 50p including coffee and biscuits.

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday Fellowship will resume normal meetings on Wednesday 14th October at 1 Quarry Road at 8pm. Venues of future meetings will be arranged at that meeting.



## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 4th PENTECOST 17 - "I want to worship God regularly"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Morning Prayer (ASB)  
    Old Testament : Deuteronomy 6: 10-15  
    New Testament : Acts 2: 42-end  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
    Epistle : Galatians 2: 15 - 3: 9  
    Gospel : Luke 7: 1-10
- 11th HARVEST THANKSGIVING - "Gifts from God for His Service"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Come and Worship - a service for everyone  
    Reading : Luke 12: 16-31  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
    Epistle : I Peter 4: 7-11  
    Gospel : Matthew 25: 14-30
- 18th PENTECOST 19 - "Generous giving for God's work"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB), with Baptism  
    Epistle : Romans 5: 1-11  
    Gospel : Luke 19: 1-10  
10am Young Saints  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
    Old Testament :  
    New Testament :
- 25th THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
    Epistle : II Corinthians 8: 1-12  
    Gospel : John 1: 1-14  
6.30pm Memorial Service

## ON PRAYING

Last month we had a chocolate tycoon praying for the profitability of his products - this month it is of a world-class athlete praying for success, or at least satisfaction, on the track: both were not shy at declaring their prayers.

It happened at the daily christian fellowship held in the games village at the '88 Olympics. An event the following day included Kriss Akabusi, a dedicated christian, winner of gold medals at every major event, except the Olympics, and Innocent Egbunike of Nigeria whose prayer was: "Lord, I don't ask that I should win, but please, please don't let me finish behind Akabusi" - the meeting ended in chaotic laughter.

I suppose that out of the millions of prayers we would find more - to many of us - light-hearted prayers. Prayers to most of us are personal and private; our public prayers are our responses to the priest's or lay reader's prayers for us all. I don't know how it is with others, but I very rarely pray for myself. I pray for others, singly and en masse, as we all do. If we don't need to pray for ourselves we should consider ourselves fortunate that we are so blessed. We should never fail to give thanks. Giving thanks is just as vital a part in prayers as is asking.

The item regarding Kriss Akabusi and Innocent Egbunike is take from "Christians in Sport" a quarterly magazine and kindly passed on to me by Bert Jackson. It is also on the bookstall in church.

Rex B.

## AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER - 2pm

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## OCTOBER DIARY

- 1 Thu. 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church & Hall  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group -12 Marstone Cres.
- 2 Fri. 8.00pm Mission Committee - 2 Main Avenue
- 3 Sat. 7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 4 Sun. 6.30pm Youth Group - Hall
- 5 Mon. 10-12nn Morning Coffee - Hall
- 6 Tue. 7.30pm Ladies Club - Hall
- 7 Wed. 11.00am Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship -  
6 Milldale Road
- 8 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group-12 Marstone Cres.
- 9 Fri. 9.30am All Saints' School Harvest Festival - Church  
7.00pm Ladies Working Party Jumble Sale - Hall
- 10 Sat 7.15pm Totley Community Dance - Hall
- 11 Sun. 6.30pm Youth Group - Hall
- 12 Mon. 10-12nn Morning Coffee - Hall
- 14 Wed. 2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
- 15 Thu. 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Church & Hall  
8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group-12 Marstone Cres.
- 17 Sat. 2.00pm All Saints' School Autumn Fair  
7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall
- 18 Sun. 6.30pm Youth Group - Hall
- 19 Mon. 10-12nn Morning Coffee - Hall
- 20 Tue. 7.30pm Ladies Club - Hall
- 22 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres
- 24 Sat. UNITED NATIONS DAY
- 25 Sun. 6.30pm Youth Group - Hall
- 26 Mon. 10-12nn Morning Coffee - Hall
- 29 Thu. 8.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group-12 Marstone Cres.
- 31 Sat. 7.00pm Totley Community Whist - Hall

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"Prove your repentance by the fruit you bear"

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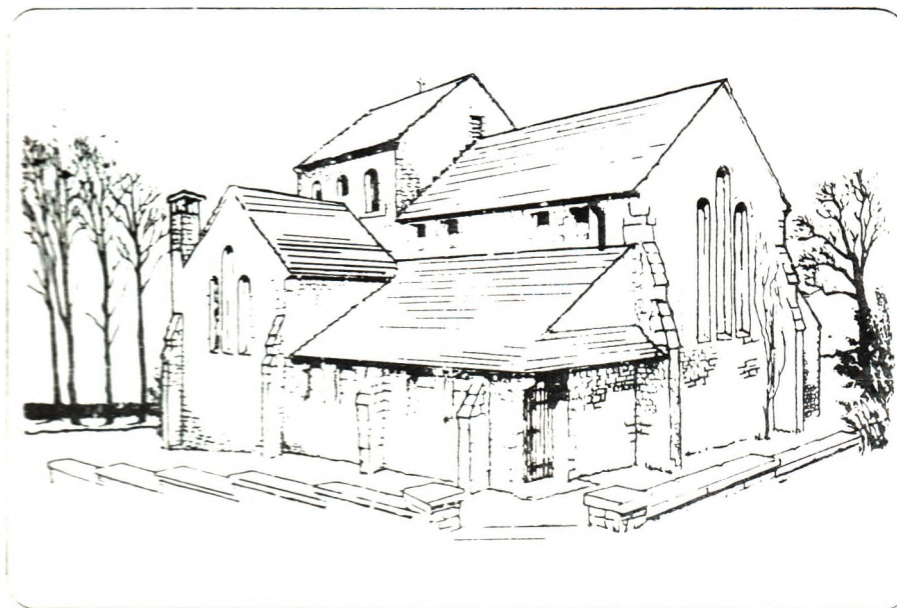
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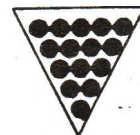
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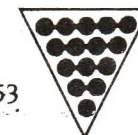
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## FROM THE VICAR

### FORGING PASTORAL LINKS

Dear Friends,

Sheffield is, and always used to be, famous for "forging". This was nothing to do with printing counterfeit bank notes! Sheffield forged amazing items in steel and sent them to all corners of the world. These links still exist, though sadly the steel industry has had to slim down in recent years due to cheaper forgings from other countries. Sheffield pride would say that these forgings aren't as good as ours.

Christians have to be "forgers" too - making links with friends and neighbours in the name of the Lord. Our links should be the best possible, so that they allow folk to confide in us and share the Gospel with them.

Now that we have held our splendid Thanksgiving Sunday, and pledged our money generously to God's work through His Church, we can turn to the "Pastoral Link" section of our Stewardship Project. The aim of this is to forge links with each other as members of All Saints' family, so that the visiting begun during the Basic Stage of our Project will continue, and Bulletins will be delivered from time to time. However, so that we do not just become a cosy club, God challenges us to forge links with those in our street who perhaps used to come to our Church, or perhaps have just attended at special services. We shall rely on you to give these names either to your Visitor, or Maurice Snowdon (Project Chairman) or to myself. We shall then compile further lists of families for which we shall need additional Visitors. So, if you have been visited during the first round, perhaps you would volunteer to be a visitor for this second round. This process, God willing, will continue until every family in Totley belongs to a Church family! A Thanksgiving Sunday and a Pastoral Link Sunday will be celebrated every year so that we have an on-going opportunity to review the giving of our time, our talents and our money.

May God bless us as we seek to "forge" these links in His name.

Our good wishes to you and yours,

*David*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

18th October Daniel Adam Neal of Huntingdon.

### Weddings

26th September Simon Walmsley, 1 Terrey Road to  
Susan Evans of Jordanthorpe.

17th October Xanthe McCracken, 21 Rowan Tree Dell to  
Peter John Lloyd of Ecclesall.

### Funerals

11th September Marjorie Wardale (87), Cheshire Home,  
Mickley Lane.

6th October Winifred Amphlett (77), 75 Aldam Road

9th October Cissy Amos (83), 72a Green Oak Road

12th October Frank William Edward Light (84),  
11 Celandine Gardens.

15th October Emma Moore (77), 66 Aldam Way  
Derek Lee (68), "Moor Cottage", Hillfoot Road

20th October Erna Stewart (70), 3 Green Oak Drive

23rd October John Leslie Moore (59), 86 Sunnyvale Road

Marjorie came from the Parish of Wadsley, but spent the last fifteen years of her life in the care of our Cheshire Home. She passed away with quiet dignity in her 87th year, and her Funeral Service was taken by Rev. Harry Cole, formerly Wadsley Vicar. We send our love to her son Richard. Winifred was a well-known active resident of Aldam Road until a serious fall restricted her movements. Her daughter Ann and husband Donald cared for her. Frank had moved to Sheffield only three years ago to be near his daughter Diana, wife of Peter Purkiss, and their family. After a lifetime spent in London and Kent, he soon acclimatised to Yorkshire folk, and joined in luncheon clubs and a blind club. "Les" Moore suffered from Leukaemia for over fifteen years, but faced that with enormous courage. He had been a professional footballer with Derby County and other teams and then followed his profession as an Insurance Broker until hospital treatment and increasing immobility confined him to his home. He will be missed by a wide circle of friends, and not least by Sylvia and their two sons and children.

### WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"Take heart ... work ... I AM with you"  
3. (Haggai 4:2 NEB)



At our Memorial Service on Sunday 22nd November at 6.30p.m. we shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book: Neill Lycett, Elsie Perkinson, Winifred Twigg, Kathleen Hazlehurst, Janet Bingham, Edmund Couldwell, Ronald Twigg, Betty Johnston, May Jackson, Gwynneth Freeman, Ivy Wilcockson, Pamela Burton, and Marian Jessie Couldwell.

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thank you to Margaret Gillott for the gift of beautiful kneelers which now adorn the Lady Chapel. They certainly do add a much needed splash of colour to that part of our Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eleanor and Gordon Grayson on the birth of a grandson to join their three granddaughters. I was with the England Football Manager, Graham Taylor, the other weekend, so we could have this little chap's name put on his list!

### F A M I L Y   B O N F I R E

at

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL

5th November - 6 p.m.

No admission charge, but contributions of a couple of large fireworks would be welcomed. Refreshments will be on sale.

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Mrs. Joan Stratford has been asked to serve on the Diocesan Board of Education; while this is a personal honour for Joan, she feels that her appointment is a credit to both the school and our church.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Over the winter months we are altering the pattern of our meetings to include fortnightly meetings on Monday afternoons. From the beginning of November we shall therefore meet every other Thursday at our usual time of 8 p.m., and on the alternate weeks meet on a Monday at 3 p.m. We allow ourselves fifteen minutes of general conversation, then observe an hour of guided contemplation or meditation on some aspect of the love of God, always ending with intercession as part of our seeking to mediate that love to others, Newcomers are welcome to join us either occasionally or regularly. See Diary page for details of venues.

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### THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

October will have been a very busy month for many people, but this note has to be written in advance so it is no possible to report in detail. We have been very pleased, however, that 10 discussion groups have been able to meet on each of the four weeks planned and we await to see what results from them.

Looking to the future, the visitors for the Pastoral Link phase which is the long term activity, will be commissioned at the morning service on November 1st. Although we have got a lot of people visiting, we could do with more because we want to extend the visiting to more families than we have visited so far. It will always be possible for you to take up this important work but there is no time like the present and if you want to know more about it please have a word with me or any member of the Steering Committee.

Maurice Snowdon  
(362822)

### QUOTES

With a man like that you don't need sermons  
(Comment on George McLeod, founder of Iona Community)

I think a Bishop who doesn't give offence to anyone is probably not a good Bishop.

Bishop Jim Thompson, Bath & Wells

The church possesses an authority independent of the state - it is not the state's spiritual auxiliary with exactly the same ends as the state.

George Bell, Bishop of Chichester 1929/1954.

A definition of a friend or Christian:  
Sunshine was he in the winter's day and in the Midsummer, coolness and shade.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### SLIDES OF KENYA

I will be showing slides of my Kenyan visit on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Admission is free but donations for Tom Kipkemoi's church at Kaptama will be gratefully accepted.

Stella Jockel.



## ON PREACHERS

Sometimes an incident can occur that strikes a chord of memory of a similar happening of the past – a case of *deja vu*, "we have been here before"/"it has happened before". A new book recently reviewed about life with the late John Collins, written by his wife, set off the following train of thought. Canon John Collins was a passionate and active nuclear disarmament campaigner, and leader of the famous Aldermaston marches of the 1960s. His view did not meet with unqualified endorsement by all of the established church, the reviewer goes on to say. Official christians cast doubts (what would be called smear tactics today) about his christianity. He was, they suggested, a politician in clerical dress, a worldly leftie, possibly a communist or communist dupe.

Back in the 1920s in the South Yorkshire area, the Reverend T.E. Pickering, an Anglican priest dubbed the "tramp preacher" (he had no parish as such), held crowded open air meetings, expounding his hard-hitting christian views on every aspect of the terrible conditions of the time. He too was labelled a communist, arrested on several occasions to spend the night in gaol. Later he became vicar of the sweet sounding Stainton-cum-Hillaby, near Maltby, from where he carried on his pungent christian views in letters to the now defunct Sheffield Telegraph in its original form. He later took a parish in Canada.

Today, the church is more respectable, more sedate, certainly less radical, to the point of being bland and uninspiring – so our critics say. And again, nearly 2000 years ago, the greatest preacher of them all had to withstand carping criticism and niggling sniping by Pharisees and Sadducees who were too busy interpreting the letter of the written law and not the spirit of the law. The reviewer ends "men whom the most sardonic atheist could not help respecting and admiring – George Bell, John Collins, Mervyn Stockwood, Donald Soper and George McLeod – it's hard to find such men today – I wonder why"?

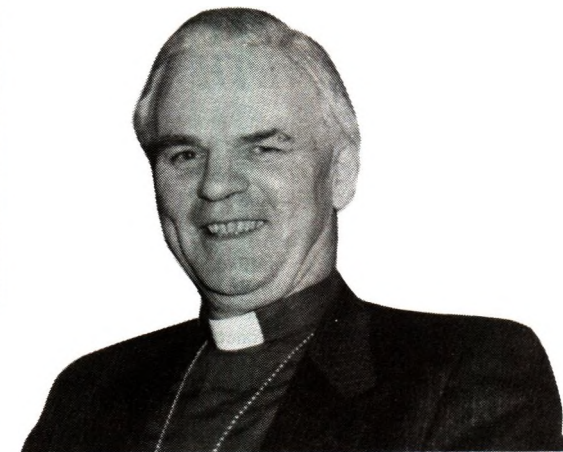
We must find the answer and should we be so fortunate as to find such men showing the characteristics of the above mentioned they should not be stifled because they do not conform.

Rex B.

## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**NOVEMBER, 1992**

### *The Bishop of Doncaster writes:*



This is the last time I shall have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan News. I wish I had some profound words to pass on to posterity; but as is usual on these sort of occasions, words fail rather than coming to the rescue. It has been a marvellous pleasure and a humbling privilege to serve in the Diocese these past ten years. There is so much for which to be thankful. We are greatly blessed in the Bishop's leadership. There are signs in every part of the Diocese of growth and life; and personally speaking Ann and I have made a multitude of friends. Of course there are challenges to face and nothing is perfect, least of all a Suffragan Bishop. I am more aware of what I have left undone than I am of what I've done; but thank God for the Diocese of Sheffield, clergy and laity alike, and for every aspect of its witness.

This month the Church of England takes a decision on the ordination of women to the Priesthood. Everything that might be written on the subject seems to me to have been written; and I won't help matters by writing much more. It is a profound and significant decision, whichever way the vote goes, with considerable consequences. There are however two particular requests I want to make. Both are obvious and I make no apology for that. Please be very much in prayer on Wednesday November 11th as the debate and voting takes place. Secondly, please continue to pray afterwards particularly for those who will feel vulnerable and defeated. There are no quick or easy answers for them; and a period of quiet reflection will be best for us all. None of us are lords of the Church. Christ is. Waiting on God and resting in him is a better course than a false elation or a sense of rejection.

Recently I had occasion to dedicate a Mothers' Union Banner; and I found myself for the first time in my ministry preaching on a text from the Song of Solomon. If the early Fathers were able to take the song as an allegory of Christ's love for the Church, I thought for once I should take the risk and do the same. The text, I hardly need to say, was 'His banner over me is love'. The picture of the young man, guarding his beloved with a love like a banner waved over her and enfolding her, is a moving one. The love of Christ is a banner over all his people. God grant that we might be his standard bearers taking his love to the world.

Yours in Christ

WILLIAM

Bishop of Doncaster



# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BISHOP KENNETH

## Palm Sunday

A church bell rang over the woods and the river valley. The sound was faint, in marked contrast to the huge 100ft statue. High up on the cliff, dominating the view for miles, this commemorates Artem, the Ukrainian Bolshevik leader of the 1920's. The church bell persisted, its ring no longer muffled by ideology. It was a new day with the freedom of fresh opportunities and unfamiliar, harsh choices. It was Palm Sunday, in the Donbass Region - north of Donetsk, Sheffield's twin city.

## New Connections

We were in Ukraine at the invitation of the Donetsk Trades Union Centre, six members of Sheffield Trades Union Council and an industrial chaplain. The international exchange revealed many common interests, among them the future of employment and health and safety. People were surprised to see our meeting interrupted by the arrival of an orthodox priest. He had come to talk about the awakening of religious life. Many new connections were now possible between belief and action. One colleague served as a city councillor, a new Cathedral was being built, people wore crosses openly and spoke freely about their faith. He told me of the care the churches gave to people in distress - injured miners and families bereaved by accidents at the many local pits.

## Singing Miners

Later a group of miners who are members of the Baptist Church spoke about the challenge faith gave them at work. They knew people who had been taken to the Gulags, and never seen or heard of again. These friends are also building a new Church. They would love to come and visit us with their "Ark Group" of singers. They are keen to raise funds so that their building can continue. If you are interested in helping to arrange travel, accommodation and activities for ten visitors next summer, please contact Tony Attwood immediately. To begin with £5000 is needed for their fares!

## Keeping the Link

Bishop Kenneth Skelton was in Donetsk for Easter 1991 with the Sheffield Philharmonic Choir. Early this year I was there to see what's happening to their coal industry. Major changes and job cuts are facing their miners too. The impact will be very severe. Donetsk is a mining city in a mining region. Amidst all the upheaval, the presence of Christianity is increasingly respected. People are wary of the Church - they didn't let on that they had a chapel on the pit top - but they wanted to talk about prayer and a vision for their lives. Bishop Kenneth had spoken of resurrection and hope; it was a great joy to witness these signs. Who will visit next and further these links?

## 'A Continent of Coal'

Asked to give a message for Easter on Radio Donetsk, my greeting "Christ, our Morning Star" will have given some listeners cause for thought! Five weeks of travel in five countries are captured in a slide presentation and commentary. Visits to Gliwice, Doncaster's twin town in Poland, and Auschwitz are included, together with Brussels, and the Braunkohle and Ruhrgebiet (Herten and Hattingen-Witten) areas of Germany. You are welcome to ring Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain (Doncaster 875904) to arrange a showing.

You can see 'A CONTINENT OF COAL' at Doncaster Baptist Church, Chequer Road, (near the Museum and opposite St. Peter's RC Church) on Monday, 9th November, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. including refreshments.

## Mining Turn-over

Many of our churches and congregations are here because of coal. Indeed the Sheffield Diocese was formed as the population increased with the development of the mining communities in the new South Yorkshire Coalfield. Within living memory a physical and cultural revolution occurred. Soon its impact will have altered again as more parts of the area become former mining communities. In 1912 the then Archbishop of York spoke of the Church's "love and care for the mining people". How can we show that love and care now?

A TRAINING DAY for STAFF and MEMBERS of COALFIELD CHURCHES is being held on WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER 1992, 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Anyone is very welcome to attend: Details about the venue and the programme are available from Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain, Doncaster 875904. The day is designed to support pastoral ministry in time of economic upheaval, to increase understanding of changes in power generation and coal-mining, and to deepen prayer and action.

## Pit Partners

Bentley Colliery Manager, Gilbert Wilson, and the new NUM Branch Secretary, John Church, will present an Illustrated Talk on the Growth and Development of the Mine on Monday, 30th November at 7.30 p.m. The Evening will be held in the Church Hall of St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church, on Chequer Road, Doncaster (adjacent to Doncaster Museum). The meeting is part of an occasional series on topics related to working life and arranged at various venues by the Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire.

This talk was first given in connection with events to commemorate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the 1931 Bentley Colliery Disaster last November. It is an excellent example of the kind of close partnership which is so characteristic of our area, but which so often goes unnoticed - partnership in good times and bad between management and workforce, industry and community. Everyone is welcome: you can be assured of a fascinating evening.

Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain

## The Reverend Harold Lee

There will be many in the diocese who were saddened by the news of the death of Harold Lee in September; he was 88. Ordained in Sheffield at the outbreak of World War II he served a curacy at Woodhouse, moving on first to Macclesfield and then to two livings in the Chester diocese. He returned to this diocese in 1961 as Vicar of Mortomley, and went on in 1965 to Campsall where he remained until his retirement in 1971. He only partially retired, however, as he first served as an honorary curate at Bakewell, following his return again to Sheffield, to a bungalow in the Cherry Tree Close complex in the city, he responded willingly to many calls to continue his ministry until he was almost 80, and this gave him great joy. Then, during years of failing health, he was enormously sustained by his wife, Madge. All who met him could not but be struck by his courtesy and kindness. He was indeed a Christian gentleman and a faithful pastor of the old school.

## Appointments

The Revd. Alan Coates, Assistant Curate of Bramley w. Ravenfield in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Askern St. Peter in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Please pray for Dss Eve Atherfold serving in the Fishlake Group of Parishes who was made Deacon on Tuesday, 29th September 1992.

## Home welcome?

Is there anyone who would welcome a Brazilian couple into their home in the academic year beginning in September 1993? Antonio hopes to study English, and his wife, Cecilia, is seeking a job as a housekeeper for 12 months to finance their stay. Cecilia is a member of a vast House Church in Salvador, Brazil and a keen Christian. She was her mother-in-law's maid before she married; (love story with perfect ending?), so is an experienced housekeeper.

Further details from Margaret Selby, (0742 433443).

## Holy Trinity Church, Sykehouse, Doncaster

will extend a warm welcome to visitors who come to the Christmas County Market in Sykehouse Village Hall on Saturday, 14th November from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. A very early Father Christmas will be there, as well as opportunities to buy your Christmas presents from a wide range of stalls. Refreshments will be available.

## Dancing the Day Away

The Parish of Christ Church Doncaster has hit on an energetic way of raising funds for the building of the new church for the Parish with a lunchtime dance every Monday from 11.30 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Earl of Doncaster Ballroom. There's modern and sequence dancing with live music for only £1 and the bar is open and refreshments available. The weekly dance is already proving very popular with people attending from as far afield as Sheffield and Worksop.

## First visit north



Andrew Roberts (pictured left with Jonathon Green) on a visit to Whirlow Grange.

Andrew Roberts has been visiting the Diocese of Sheffield for three weeks, on secondment from the Church Commissioners in London. Having worked for the Commissioners for five and half years, he was making his first visit north. He is one of the first members of staff to visit a diocese on the secondment scheme which began earlier this year and which is to enable Commissioners' staff to see what is going on at first hand in the dioceses, and to help the dioceses to put a face to the people who work at the Commissioners. Andrew, with a long time interest in clergy stipends matters, works in the stipends department at Millbank.

He has been welcomed with typical northern friendliness wherever he has been and has gained an overview of the Diocese which few in London have experienced. His time has been spent with a whole variety of contacts within the Diocese; the Administration Staff, the Diocesan Officers and Committees, as well as people in Deaneries and Parishes. His diary of the secondment, compiled for the benefit of fellow members of staff in London, contains a personal thumbnail sketch of the Diocese of Sheffield and much of what happens here. It will make an interesting read.

## St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Rotherham

are still trying to raise money to prevent the collapse of the church tower, and they invite readers on December 5th at 7.30 p.m. to the church for the Shoreham Singers and their Programme for Christmas, tickets £2; and on January 30th at 7.00 p.m. to Rawmarsh Leisure Centre for South Yorkshire Police Brass Band and Male Voice Choir in Concert, tickets £5. Contact Elizabeth Wilson at 1 Roundwood Grove, Rawmarsh S62 5HW. Cheques payable to St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund.

## Oxfam

is encouraging a Fast for a Fairer World on Friday, 6th November. By going without food for a day and getting sponsors, money can be raised. Contact Oxfam Campaigns Office, 281-283 Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BD Tel: 0742 683307 for further information and the Fast Pack.



## Desert Adventurer for St. Leonard's

Chris Bonington's book "Quest for Adventure", lists a certain journey across the Sahara Desert by the Rev. Geoffrey Howard pushing a Chinese wheelbarrow with a sail from Beni-Abbes in Algeria to Kano in Northern Nigeria in 1974-75, as one of the great adventures of this century.

St. Leonard's, Norwood, Sheffield for the Advent course of sermons "Praying in the city" at the 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist has invited Geoffrey Howard to be with them. Author of a book about his journey across the Sahara, he has also recently written a book on prayer in the inner city "Dare to Break Bread". It is not known whether he will arrive by conventional transport - or by wheelbarrow.

All are welcome to come and see.

## Sheffield Christian Education Council (S.C.E.C.)

is proposing to appoint a "Development and Training Officer" in a new part-time (20 hours weekly) innovative post. S.C.E.C. is looking for a christian with leadership and organising abilities, who is able to communicate with people of all ages, to identify and to develop new initiatives using the resources of the Council to expand its activities within member churches and others.

The duties will include the provision of information and training in christian education to Sunday Schools and Junior Churches and also liaison with other Christian organisations and denominational education bodies.

The Council is also requiring a full time (35 hours) Junior Clerical Assistant for general office duties in which some typing ability would be helpful.

Anyone who is interested to know more is invited to write to: S.C.E.C., Montgomery Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 2LG., or telephone Sheffield 720455. Applications will close at the end of November.

## Mission Afloat

Some good quality Mission Afloat souvenirs are still available - pottery mugs, pens, jockey caps, pencil sharpeners, colouring cards, car stickers. Ideal for Christmas functions, prizes etc. Sales shared with parishes. Contact Tony Davis, 6 Silverdale Croft, Sheffield S11 9JP (telephone 0742 367095).

## Training and Education Team Wants

The new Training and Education Team are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to compile a quarterly news sheet for circulation among the pilot parishes of the Keen Disciples initiative. It will not be a heavy commitment.

Two people are also needed to join a resources group to help review and organise the diocesan educational resources. Teaching experience would be almost essential.

Rachel Rolfe would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in these opportunities. Contact her at: St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT. Tel: 0742 754386.

## St. John's Church Abbeydale

is looking for an Organist and Choirmaster for their two manual Peter Conacher pipe organ and 4 part RSCM affiliated choir. Salary is on RSCM scale and details are available from Rev. G.G. MacIntosh, 2 Devonshire Glen, Sheffield S17 3NY. Tel: 0742 360786.

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum

has organised a study day for professionals and volunteers whose work involves offering support to the bereaved or those suffering from other forms of loss. The day entitled "Work Priorities: Setting Boundaries and Caring for the Carers" is on Monday 2nd November from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Whirlow Grange. Details from Susan Fielding of SABF on 0742 303987 or 0742 669555 (office).

## Mission Doncaster

is holding a series of Three Night Bible Schools on 16th, 17th and 18th November at Doncaster Pentecostal Church, Trafford Way, with the Revd. Tony Higton, member of General Synod, and his wife Patricia. Further details are available from the Mission Centre on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tel: Doncaster 342211.

## European Carols

As part of the ongoing Deanery celebrations in Adwick-le-Street Deanery "Our Heritage in Europe 1992" - there's a European Carol Service at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 6th December at All Saints', Woodlands, Doncaster. All are welcome.

## Cathedral Music

Alan Cottam is the Diocesan Representative of The Friends of Cathedral Music and writes to commend The Friends to readers of the News. Throughout the year in over 40 major churches it is possible to attend a service or a concert sung by a professionally trained choir, drawing on a wealth of music written for the church over many centuries.

The music in our cathedrals has never been finer or more appreciated, and yet its future can never be taken for granted because of financial and other pressures. If you would like to be associated with this living tradition, and join The Friends why not have a word with Alan who can give you more details. Contact him at: 33 Norfolk Park Drive, Sheffield S2 3QG.

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## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

1 Nov.  
8 Nov.  
15 Nov.  
22 Nov.  
29 Nov.  
6 Dec.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Waite  
Mrs. Beeley & Mrs. Job.  
Mrs. Jockel & Mrs. Dixon  
Mr. & Mrs. Carter  
Mrs. Cryan & Mr. Hazlehurst  
Mr. & Mrs. Loft.

### Flowers

1 Nov.  
8 Nov.  
15 Nov.  
22 Nov.  
29 Nov.  
6 Dec.

Altar  
Mr. Hazlehurst  
Mrs. Coates & Mr. Johnston  
Mrs. King  
-  
-  
Miss Taylor

### Memory Table

Mr. Bramall  
Mrs. Monfredi  
Mrs. Dixon  
Mrs. Clarke  
Mr. Bramall  
Mrs. Cooke

### Silver Cleaning

8 Nov.  
22 Nov.

Mrs. Wiles  
Mrs. Parkin

## AUTUMN BAZAAR

28th NOVEMBER - 2 p.m.

### TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL

Stalls will include:

Needlework

Preserves

Cakes

Wrapping Paper

Candle Stall

Tombola

Raffle

White Elephant

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon

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## BARN DANCE

The New Year Barn Dance will take place on Saturday, 9th January 1993 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. As in previous years, this very popular event will be led by the band, Airs & Graces and there will be a buffet and bar. The Social Committee has been able to hold the price of the tickets at £4 for the third year running! Perhaps Mavis should be Chancellor of the Exchequer! As the tickets go very quickly, please give your name as soon as possible to Mavis Kirton (351286), Ken Filleul (360872) or Glyn Waite (364728)



# TOUCHDOWN

## A Week Of Discovery Activities

For Children Aged 7--11

November 16th---- 20th

All Saints Church Hall 5.45pm to 7.15p.m

A week of

**FUN!**

**GAMES!**

**BIBLE STORIES!**



# TOTLEY

### ALL SAINTS' NEWS NEEDS.....

.....someone to take over the job of Parish Secretary in the New Year. This position will become vacant at Christmas and could be a job-share for two or three people, so if you feel you could help please contact Ann Ruthven (368643) or the Vicar.

### LADIES CLUB : FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd November: There will be fashion jewellery for sale, a good selection at very reasonable prices. Come and buy Christmas gifts early this year. Visitors welcome: 50p admission including coffee.

17th November) Speakers yet to be arranged.  
1st December)

Please note: The 17th November meeting will probably go ahead but it will be in Church, not Church Hall.

### TANZANIAN ELECTIVE

As many of you will recall, I wrote an article in the magazine earlier this year about my daughter Kate and her medical elective period in a Leprosarium in Tanzania. Indeed some of you, very kindly, made contributions to the cost of her trip. She had a very exciting and enlightening time, although it was rather a culture shock! The account of her elective is too long for me to write here, but she has given me a copy which I would be happy to loan to anyone who is interested.

You may also be interested to know that the pupils of All Saints' School collected toys, games, sheets, and bandages for me to send to the Kindwitwi Leprosy Village. Kate said that the villagers and their children were absolutely delighted with these gifts, and we have been able to see photographs of the children playing with the toys.

Joan Stratford.



## CHURCH SCHOOLS "THE BEST"

Church of England aided primary schools are among the most effective in the country, according to Professor Peter Mortimore, deputy director of London University Institute of Education. He was speaking at the annual general meeting of the National society, the organisation which established most of the 5100 Anglican aided schools in England and Wales.

Professor Mortimore, formerly head of research at the Inner London Education Authority and professor of education at Lancaster University, has been involved in studies of school effectiveness for 20 years. He is now Britain's leading expert on it.

Research had demonstrated that most Church of England primary schools performed well academically and had maintained high standards of discipline and behaviour, he said. They were also perceptibly caring institutions and were successful in encouraging pupils to adopt Christian values.

Church schools tended to have a stronger sense of mission, were intellectually ambitious for their pupils and were keenly aware of the dignity of individual pupils and teacher. The combination of these factors accounted for the success of church primary schools. The comparatively few Anglican secondary schools were less markedly successful, he said.

Dr. Mortimore urged everyone concerned with church schools - parents, parishes, staff and governors - to decide what outcomes they wanted from their schools and plan to achieve them. Recent evidence had demonstrated that "stakeholders" could make a real difference to the effectiveness of individual schools.

- article in The Church Times.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Frenchman Voltaire (1694-1778), a vehement critic of the Bible, was sitting in his home in Paris, discussing the Bible. With a shrug of the shoulders he dismissed it by saying, "A hundred years from now you will never hear of it. Oh, possibly you might see a copy in a museum, but otherwise it will be gone; it is a thoroughly discredited book!"

A hundred years later, the same house in which Voltaire said these words, his old home in Paris, was the property of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It was one of their distributing houses, packed full of Bibles waiting for distribution to the four corners of the earth! The critic dies, and the old book lives on.

(Taken from The Study of the English Bible)

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 1st ALL SAINTS DAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
Gospel : Matthew 5: 1-12  
Noon Baptism  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 25; 1-9  
New Testament : Hebrews 11:32 -12: 2
- 8th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Special Service and Parade to War Memorial  
Reading : Romans 8 : 31-35 and 37-39  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Holy Communion at Cheshire Home  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : Romans 4 : 13-end  
Gospel : John 8: 51-end
- 15th SIXTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS - "Moses"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : Hebrews 3: 1-6  
Gospel : John 6: 27-35  
10am Young Saints  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament : Deuteronomy 18: 15-22  
New Testament : Acts 3: 1-26
- 22nd YOUTH SUNDAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Come and Worship - an informal service for everyone  
6.30pm Memorial Service
- 29th ADVENT SUNDAY - "The Advent Hope"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : I Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
Gospel : Luke 21 : 25-33  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Advent Praise



# NOVEMBER DIARY

1 Sun.	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
2 Mon.	10-12nn 7.30pm	Morning coffee - Hall Pastoral Committee -108 Sunnyvale Rd.
3 Tue.	7.30pm	Ladies Club -"Fashion Jewellery"-Hall
4 Wed.	11.00am 8.00pm 8.00pm	Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship - 71 Marstone Cres. Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Rd. "Touchdown" Meeting for all helpers -Church
5 Thu.	2.00pm 6.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church & Hall All Saints' School Family Bonfire Contemplative Prayer Group -1 Quarry Rd.
7 Sat.	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
8 Sun.	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
9 Mon.	10-12nn 8.00pm	Morning Coffee - Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
11 Wed.	7.30pm 8.00pm	Kenyan Slide Show - Hall Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Rd.
12 Thu.	8.00pm	P.C.C.- Crypt
13 Fri.	8.00pm	Mission Meeting - 2 Main Avenue.
14 Sat.	7.00pm	Youth Group - "Pottery Painting" - Hall
15 Sun.	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
16 Mon.	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
17 Tue.	7.30pm	Ladies Club - Church
18 Wed.	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Monthly Fellowship - 182 Warminster Road
19 Thu.	2.00pm 8.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church & Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
21 Sat.	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
22 Sun.	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
23 Mon.	10-12nn 8.00pm	Morning Coffee - Hall Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Rd.
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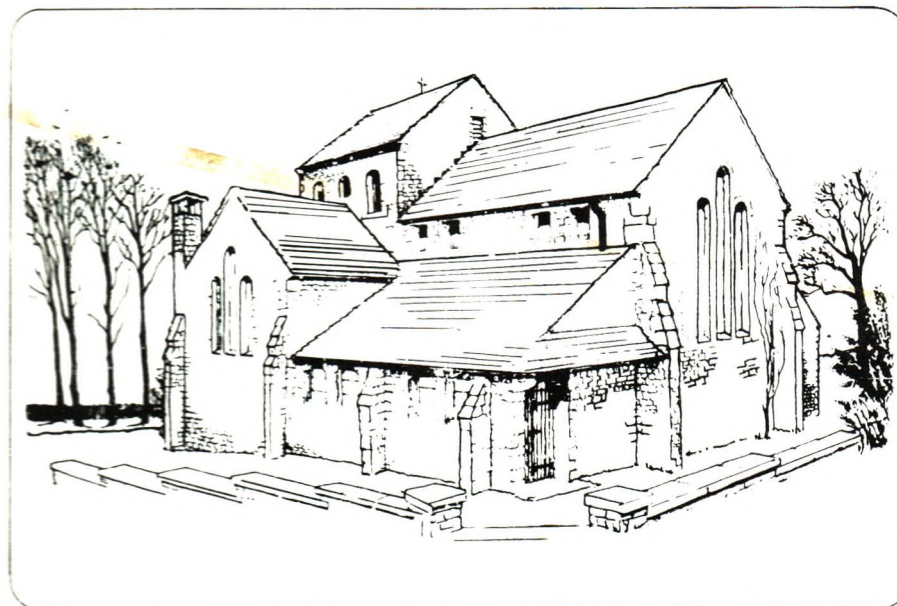
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FROM THE VICAR:

AFTER WEDNESDAY . . .

Dear Friends,

I can already hear you saying to yourself ... which Wednesday is he on about? As far as our Church of England is concerned, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th will become a red-letter day. That was the day on which members of our General Synod (Bishops, Clergy and Laity) voted on the issue of the Ordination of women to the Priesthood. It was necessary, for the vote to be carried in favour of the motion, to have a two-thirds majority in each House. In the House of Bishops, 75% voted yes; in the House of Clergy, 70.4% voted yes; and in the House of Laity 67.3% voted in favour. So it was a close vote by the Laity. The Legislative Committee of the Synod has now to report to Parliament, who will decide whether the measure is "expedient". This is by no means a foregone conclusion. However, if it is passed (in both Houses of Parliament) the Royal Assent could be given before the summer recess.

My reason for writing about that Wednesday and the vote is two-fold. Firstly, it is important that parishioners are informed about important issues. Secondly, I am very anxious that we do the right thing following the voting. As I see things, the main task of the Church is to PRAY. We need to pray...

... for those who genuinely feel unable to accept the outcome of the voting, and are feeling hurt at this moment. Please pray that their future might become clear.

... for those who are still confused by the voting and are not sure about the decision that has been taken. Please pray that God will speak clearly to them.

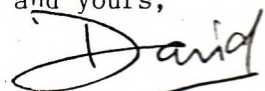
... for those women who are Deacons, and whose ministry feels more valued than before. Please pray that they may face the future with true humility.

... for all the Congregations of our Church of England. Please pray that a spirit of tolerance, love and understanding may prevail.

Finally, I ask your prayers for our Bishops. Please pray for Bishop David that God will direct his path in the months that lie ahead. Please pray too for Bishop Bill (and for Anne) as they leave us for their retirement. We praise God for their work amongst us.

May God guide and bless His Church, and us as members of it.

With all good wishes to you and yours,



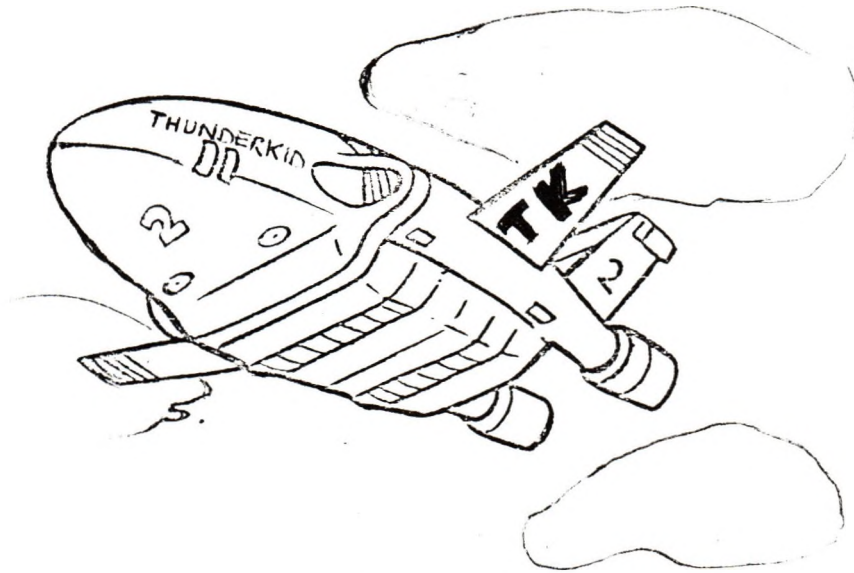
SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am.

- 6th ADVENT 2 - BIBLE SUNDAY (Visit of our Link Missionaries)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Morning Prayer (ASB)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 55: 1-11  
New Testament : Romans 15: 4-13  
10am Young Saints  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : II Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5  
Gospel : John 5: 36-47
- 13th ADVENT 3 - "The Forerunner"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle : I Corinthians 4: 1-5  
Gospel : John 1: 19-28  
10am Young Saints  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament : Malachi 4: 1-6  
New Testament : Matthew 3: 1-12
- 20th ADVENT 4 - "The Annunciation"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Christingle - a service for everyone  
3.30pm Cheshire Home Service  
6.30pm Carol Service
- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.30pm Holy Communion (ASB) - All Welcome!  
Epistle : Titus 2: 11-15  
Gospel : Luke 2: 1-20
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Family Service and Holy Communion (ASB)  
Old Testament : Isaiah 9: 2-7  
New Testament : John 1: 1-14  
11.30am Cheshire Home Communion
- 27th CHRISTMAS 1 - "The Incarnation"  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Epistle : Galatians 4: 1-7  
Gospel : John 1: 14-18  
6.30pm Memorial Service



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## BIBLE SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6th

John was an excellent skipper. I'd sailed with him a number of times and I had every confidence in him even though he classed me no more than a cabin boy. When some distant piece of land was barely distinguishable - even to him - his calm confidence was usually expressed in the phrase, 'all will become apparent'. Sure enough, as we approached the coast, it gradually did.

But could he be wrong? Just this once? Those were questions I secretly asked myself as the breeze freshened, the sails filled, the boat keeled and the light became dimmer as the clouds covered the sinking sun. Darkness at sea can be a help as well as a threat. The loneliness is more severe but distant lights become clearer. I spotted a light near the horizon and it gave me hope - except when I realised it was moving and there was still no sign of a shoreline.

I went below to make a hot drink, glad to be out of the noise of the now strong and gusting wind. As I placed the mug in the skipper's hands I said, with as much calmness as a brave 9 year old glued to his first horror film. 'Do you know where we are?' 'No,' said John - and my heart sank, a metaphor which in itself didn't instil a great deal of confidence. After a pause, which I later suspected was deliberately impish, John added, 'but I know where we've come from and I know where we're going'. Of course, one eye ever alert to the whole 360 degrees of the horizon, the other on compass and chart, John had the situation well in hand.

All became apparent and later, in the safe hospitality of the harbour, John enlarged on some basic rules of seamanship. 'Respect the sea, make a plan before you set out, trust your instruments and never be unnerved.' 'Easier said than done,' I thought.

The Christian life is not simply putting your sails to the wind, exhilarating as that can be. There have to be ground rules, there has to be nerve and confidence, and above all we need to know where we have come from and where we are going. That's exactly what the Bible does for us. But, like the chart on the boat, it's no good giving it a cursory glance every now and again. That way it will look confusing. There has to be regular reference so that, however, fearful the conditions or however bewildering the surroundings, there can remain a quiet confidence and strength.

Bible Reading Notes provide excellent guides to the shart of the Bible and offer the necessary discipline to refer to it regularly. For further details contact either Viv Filleul (360872) or Dudley Nixon (352663).



## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### Baptisms:

1st November Edward Eric Bergdahl, 25 The Quadrant

### Funerals

28th October Arthur Bennett (68), c/o The Cheshire Home  
Alice Byron (91), 4 Chapel Lane

13th November Elsie Broadhead (90), 86 Green Oak Avenue

Arthur was a popular resident of our Cheshire Home. Coming originally from Hillsborough, he had been a HGV driver for over 25 years. Unknown to many, he suffered with MS for over 40 years! He was most courageous, supported by his wife and family. When she died he came to Mickley Hall, and was very happy there.

Alice only lived in Totley for the past 7 years, coming from Cheshire to live next door to her son Alan and family. She had a comfortable cottage, with a marvellous view of the hills. She appreciated visits from her many friends, and enjoyed Communion in her home. All her life she had been a Church member, chiefly at St. John's, Dukinfield, where she sang in the choir. She had a good life, enjoyed whist, and had a peaceful ending to her life (as she wished) in her own home.

Elsie came from Walkley and was well known in Sheffield, having been a waitress for the Gas Board for 25 years, and for Spittlehouse Caterers for over 50 years! She rose to be Head Waiter and organised everything precisely. She was a good neighbour and enjoyed her family and their children. She had been well most of her life, suffering latterly from Alzheimer's Disease.

At our Memorial Service on Sunday, December 27th at 6.30pm we shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our memorial Book: Robert Cecil Seaton, Gladys Atkin, Emily Deighton, Gertrude Mabel Swift, Eleanor Green, Gaynor Hadley, Francis Edward Bramall, Eirene Calverley, Gerald Shale, Guy Sneath and Doris Atkinson.

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# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**DECEMBER, 1992**

## **REFLECTIONS ON COAL**



- 1 **Round One** has gone to the People of England. With our fellow citizens of Scotland and Wales we've made it clear that we want the Pits to stay open. Yet that has done nothing to solve the main problem: you can't eat coal: it only makes sense to bring it up out of the ground if there are customers prepared to buy it and use it.
- 2 **The Price of Coal.** I like the definition of a cynic as someone who "knows the price of everything and the value of nothing". I'm not a cynic so I start my pricing of coal up Swaledale looking at the sheep! If we insisted on buying our meat where it was cheapest the Yorkshire Dales would be a farm free wilderness. And then - down memory lane perhaps - I remember that we are an island, the war and even that long-running bogey-man, "the balance of payments", National Security, the well-being of towns and villages, the overall well-being of the economy - just as things price lamb, so they must also price coal.
- 3 **But we mustn't forget that**
  - (a) As a nation we live by trade. And that means that our manufacturers must have electricity that is no dearer than their competitors.
  - (b) God has put His world into our hands: we must take care of it. If "acid rain" were the price of coal would it be too high a price.
- 4 **A policy for Coal**
  - (a) A guaranteed market for British Coal so that British industry and British Homes have a guaranteed energy supply.
  - (b) And if this means Government action to
    - (i) stop Coal imports.
    - (ii) stop Electricity imports from France.
    - (iii) stop the wasteful use of Gas in Electricity generatingmay that action be taken soon.
  - (c) Renewed commitment to research into better and cleaner ways of using coal.

And what you may say has all this has to do with the Bishop of Sheffield this Christmastime? I answer that we are God's People and it is God's Coal! That first Christmas God entered into our human experience and in so doing made it very clear that this is indeed God's world in which we live. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas - and a good coal fire!

DAVID LUNN

Bishop of Sheffield



## VISITORS... from Argentina

*Paying a two week visit to Sheffield Diocese, three representatives of the Diocese of Argentina, Revd. Roger Hogg, Miss Joyce Illingworth and Revd. Horacio Garcia. In March 1993 the Diocesan Synod will decide whether to go ahead with a new world link between South Yorkshire and Latin America.*



## ....and from GERMANY

*The Revd. Stuart Brindley writes:*

'I just never thought the people would be so open and friendly.' That was what the coach driver said after he had been with us in the Diocese a few days. For him it was a first visit to Britain. For a good many of the 36-strong party from our Partner Church District of Hattingen-Witten it was a second or third time here. And for Klaus Sombrowsky it must have been the sixth or seventh visit. (Remember him taking part in the Eucharist at Doncaster Race Course in 1990? He hopes to be with us next at Michael Gear's consecration in the New Year.)

There is no doubt this thing is growing!

It all began with three clergy from Sheffield Diocese going across to Hattingen in 1987 to explore the possibility of a relationship. Since then there has been an official group visit each year - by us to them or by them to us.

Gradually we have got to the point where we can mix our programme richly. This time not only did we experience yet again the richness of the hospitality at Bishop's Lodge where Bishop Bill and Mrs. Ann Persson entertained us on the Friday night. We also did some hard work - very hard work, actually! - studying a book on the Epistle to the Galatians. It was by a German theologian called Ebeling. How many of us found it 'enabling' and how many found it 'disabling', I'm not sure! But it was something of a relief to discover that the Germans found it just as heavy as we did.

The week was full of highlights. And it's difficult to pick out which was the brightest. Let me summarise the

whole programme and you can say what you would most have liked to join in.

There was the study day, held at the Roman Catholic Carmelite Friary at Tadcaster. Marvellous example of inter-Church co-operation, that! There was the talk with Bishop David at 'Bishops Croft' on issues facing the Church of England at the present time; the afternoon with Provost John Gladwin in the Cathedral where 'social responsibility' was the theme; the morning spent in a marvellous Old Folks' Home at Bentley, Doncaster, with the town's Director of Social Services and some of his colleagues; the reception in Doncaster Mansion House; the visit to York Minster; the Harvest Supper at Brampton Bierlow; the visit to the Deame Valley project; and the final service in Rotherham Parish Church with Bishop William preaching.

Next time perhaps you could join in!

Most of the credit for organising the programme and for ensuring its smooth-running must go this time to Grant Macintosh of St. John's, Abbeydale.

What's it all about, though deep down?

Maybe 'leaven' would be a good 'Stichwort' or slogan.

Here were lots of us meeting with thirty-six of them - and coming more and more to the realisation that it wasn't actually 'us' and 'them' at all. We're parts of one 'us-family'. From our different lands with different languages and different traditions, socially and theologically, we managed to perceive our unity in love. Is this part at any rate of what the Church as a whole should be seeking to do in the new Europe - acting as a model of acceptance and co-operation for all Europeans?

We like to think so!

## GOODBYE TO BISHOP BILL AND ANN

### An open letter from the Archdeacon of Doncaster

I write on behalf of the Bishop and his staff, the Rural Deans, the clergy and the thousands of lay people who make up the people of God in the diocese of Sheffield, to wish you God speed, and many years of health and happiness ahead of you as you go into retirement. Was it only ten years ago that we welcomed this tall young Bishop and his charming wife into our diocesan family at your consecration?

Thank you Bill, for your wise counsel, in staff meeting and committee, for your timely and thought provoking sermons and addresses, for the evangelistic zeal with which you carried through your vision for mission in the diocese, for your commitment to Christian unity. We have been proud to see you taking a leading role in national Church affairs, and admired your loyalty to the Church of England, with a desire to see its influence permeate all parts of society: hence your continued willingness to enter into all kinds of community activity.

Above all perhaps we have appreciated from both of you your care and concern for clergy and laity, especially in times of their need, shown often in your generous hospitality in welcoming us all into your home. Many of us have envied Ann's ability to remember names and faces to a remarkable degree, and appreciated also her warmth and affection for everyone with whom she has come into contact in a busy life. How ever has she found time to be a wife, grandmother, Bishop's personal assistant, cook, hostess, MU speaker, counsellor, gardener, and all the other things she has done so well?

We have to say goodbye (which means 'God be with you' of course) but many of us will remember you both for a long time into the future, and wish you every blessing.

With love, on behalf of us all.

Desmond C.



### Appointments

**Professor John David McClean**, Lay Representative General Synod, has been appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Mark William Godfrey Stibbe**, Assistant Curate St., Thomas' Crookes in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Grenoside St. Mark in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Lewis Malcolm Atkinson**, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wordsworth Avenue in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Vicar of Oughtibridge The Ascension in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Frank Ball**, Chaplain to Shrewsbury Hospital in the Diocese of Sheffield to retire at the end of the year.

**Mr. Timothy Frank Smithies**, formerly part-time Youth Evangelist with St. Thomas' Crookes has been appointed Youth Officer in the Training Team in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**Capt. Gerald Hitchin**, Church Army Evangelist and Lay Worker in the Parish of Goole in the Diocese of Sheffield to be Community Worker and Evangelist in the Parish of Charlesworth with Gamesley and Dinting Vale in the Diocese of Derby

### Affirming Catholicism

announces a QUIET AFTERNOON at ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, HERRINGTHORPE, ROTHERHAM on Saturday, 5th December, led by the Vicar Brian Cooper. Starting at 12 noon, it finishes with the Eucharist at 3.30 p.m. Further details are available from Patrick Linskill on Sheffield (0742) 556025 (home) or 737050 (work).

### Boxing Day 'Messiah'

The first concert given by Rotherham Choral Society was a performance of Handel's Messiah on Boxing Day 1892. To mark the Society's centenary, the same work will be sung on the afternoon of Boxing Day at All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham. It is to be a 'bring and sing' presentation (Prout Edition) conducted by Dr. Roger Bullivant, with Bernard Baker at the organ. Soloists are Christine Starr, Paul Wilson, Geoffrey and Valerie Littledeyke.

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## New Bishop of Doncaster's Consecration

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Tickets are available for any in the Diocese who wish to go to the service. If clergy and others wish to robe, they need to say so when they apply for tickets.

There is some difficulty in parking in York near to the Minster, and so a couple of coaches have been booked (seats £3.50) which will leave the Cathedral at 9 a.m. returning at 5 p.m.

It is likely that there will also be a coach from Doncaster. If you wish to apply for tickets for the Consecration Service, please contact Miss Margaret Barlow at the Diocesan Office, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT. Tel: 0742 726528, who can also give more details about coach travel to York.

## God's Coal, Amen???

The Doncaster Coalfield has a stay of execution, until the results of three months review of the Colliery Closure Plan are announced in the New Year. The Plan would mean the extinction of deep mine coal production - our basic industry. Churches have united in joining the general unanimous opposition. After all we are here because of the coal-mining which led to the creation of many of our communities, parishes and churches.

Decades worth of electrical power is about to be written off in terms of its coal equivalent. It will not be long before we rue the day. How shall we explain this action to our children?

Increased demand for other sources of fuel will surely mean higher prices, and perhaps shortages. The manner of the announcement bore no regard for people, families and communities. Even the investment to burn coal more efficiently and cleanly has been abandoned. This Coalfield Diocese, led by our Bishop, says loud and clear "this will not do".

'God's Coal' is a 40 page booklet about the Church's Mission amid development and change in the Mining Industry and Communities of South Yorkshire. It can be bought at the Cathedral Bookshop or from the IMSY Centre, Cemetery Road, Baptist Church, Napier Street, Sheffield S11 8HA; £1.20 inc. p&p.

'God's Coal' celebrates the work of the Coalfield Churches Extension Scheme. It was published to mark the eightieth anniversary of the beginning of that work and first sold at the Diocesan Eucharist to launch the Decade of Evangelism. A new book will set out the Church's response to the present crisis. As someone from Malby said, "people on the High Street asking shoppers to sign the petition - this is the Churches Together in Evangelism". Watch this space for further details.

Tony Attwood

## Appealing little place, Arksey!

The accent in the Arksey Church Roofs Appeal, launched on Whitsunday, has from the first been on the one-off and out-of-the-way. The launch itself included a Garden Party: hardly unusual, but not at all such events have as their main attraction - and it was! - a Ladies' Aerobics display (never before has the Vicarage lawn been trampled by so many male feet!). More recently, at how many fancy dress 'fun evenings' has one entrant (aged 5) competed as a flower and another (a little older!) as a teddy-bear, while a member of the congregation was rather convincingly got up as a practitioner of the oldest profession of all for ladies? Songs of Praise are ten a penny, but not every one doubles as a public celebration of the 28th anniversary of the organist's appointment (the organist, alias churchwarden, alias PCC secretary, is Mr. Ian Wilkinson). Best of all (and newsworthy on two occasions for the editor of *The Star*) in how many villages of under 2,000 people has one lady earned £445, as Mrs. Mollie Inglesfield has done, by selling watercolours painted to order (and of fully professional quality: birds or flowers, £5 framed for the smaller size, £10 for the larger, the ideal Christmas present, telephone 0302 - 874651)? But there is nothing out-of-the way, but only the generosity we should expect of the donor, in the gift just received from no less a person than Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. With that 'right royal' encouragement we hope to scale even better heights of the unusual, starting with - none of your 'coffee mornings', but a 'chocolate afternoon'! And with that, we should top the £6,000 mark with room to spare.

## Two in One

Rachel Rolfe has available for people to view in the office, a nurture course for adult non-readers who want to know more about their faith and learn to read. For further details please contact Rachel Rolfe, St. Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT. Telephone Sheffield (0742) 754386.

## New Format "What's On"

"What's On" in a new format, will be sent to all clergy, Youth leaders and those who work with children, in December. It will contain news and information of training events, resources, a parish profile, and relevant diocesan dates. If you do not receive "What's On", copies can be ordered from the Director of Training, Margaret Selby, 25 Bannham Road, Sheffield S9 4PG, at 50p per copy, or £1.50 for the three issues a year."

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## PARISH ROTAS

### Coffee Rota

6 Dec.	Mr & Mrs. Loft
13 Dec.	Mrs. Job & Mrs. Murrell
19 Dec.	Young Saints
27 Dec.	Mr & Mrs. Glyn Waite
3 Jan.	Mrs. Ruthven & Mrs. Snowdon

### Flowers

	Altar	Memory Table
6 Dec.	Miss Taylor	Mrs. Cooke
13 Dec.	Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. Haywood
20 Dec.)		Mrs. Heap
27 Dec.)	Christmas Trees	Mrs. Wiggett
3 Jan.)		Mrs. Parsons

### Silver Cleaning

6 Dec.	Mrs. Ludlam
20 Dec.	Mrs. Simons

## QUOTES

A Government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always rely on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw 1856-1950

Bread for myself is a material thing. But bread for my neighbour is a spiritual thing.

Berdyayev

Graffiti on a barndoor amid lovely, lonely Snowdonia: "It doesn't matter who I am - just stand there and really listen - for this surely must be a part of heaven".

A Welsh Childhood - Alice Thomas Ellis

Not what is yours is mine, not what is mine is mine, but what is mine is yours if you need it.

St. Francis of Assisi

## NORMAN HOUSE

There will be a box in Church, end of November to beginning of December, for donations of men's toiletries (shampoo, after shave, talc, soap, etc.) biscuits, sweets, games, tinned food etc. which will be taken as our Christmas gift to Norman House. This is a half-way house for ex-prisoners before they live on their own again in the community. Our gift last year was greatly appreciated, so please do give if you can. Thank you.

Pauline Perkinton



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The "Soup Wagon" has been running for about a year now, going out seven nights a week all year round, to three main areas of Sheffield - Kelvin flats, Broomhall and Devonshire Green.

The aim of the wagon is to provide soup, bread and most of all friendship to the homeless, alcoholics and others who frequent these areas. The good news is that it is a success, particularly at Devonshire Green where not only have relationships been developed, but people have been welcomed into church life and become Christians.

The "Soup Wagon" is "front-line" evangelism and about six churches in Sheffield staff the wagon: Kings Centre, Sharrow-vale Christian Fellowship, Walkley Baptist Church, St. Thomas' Crookes, Dore & Totley Housechurch and Christchurch, Fulwood; but our aim is to get as many different churches involved as possible.

The volunteers who go out with us find that the experience is not just one of giving, but of receiving and learning a great deal for themselves personally. When you are faced with someone who has absolutely nothing in this world and no hope, you realise just how rich and blessed your own lives are. It is thrilling and challenging to know that you hold the keys of God's Kingdom itself, and that there is a world out there dying to enter in.

We have found the response to our work completely humbling, the gratitude of these needy people to the little we give is overwhelming; their openness to the Gospel is refreshing; and their plight is heartbreaking. We have never felt threatened or fearful, rather we are looked after by those we meet, and we find there is a wonderful sense of humour - we meet quite a few characters out there!

The volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, some outgoing, some quite shy and quiet - just like the types of people we come across each night, so really anyone can become a volunteer, the only criteria needed is to have the love of Jesus in your hearts.

If you are interested in coming along, or finding out more about this, please contact: Nigel Floodgate/Richard Holmes at the Kings Centre, tel.588279.

## CHRISTMAS IN CHILCONTIN, BRITISH COLOMBIA

At 19 years, Eric Collier rejected a bright future in the legal profession in England in favour of working in a trading post in the wastes and wilderness of Northern Canada. He married a part Indian girl, Lillian, and later with their two-year old son, two horses, cart, tent, tools and provisions and with a grant of 150,000 acres, plus a lot of faith, went to lead the life of a trapper. Together they built a log cabin and as you can well imagine had many stirring adventures. He was, as they say today, "ecologically sound" (nature lover to you and me).

His proudest achievement was to restore two beaver-built dams, using beaver methods, to rescue the surrounding area from a swamp so that he could irrigate and cultivate the land to provide certain crops for his horses and family. His reward was two pairs of beavers (the gift of the local government inspector) for each dam to breed more colonies and as a bonus bring back the wild life to their former habitat.

Here is an entry from his diary:

"In England the morning service in church was as much a part of Christmas as turkey and plum pudding. But there are no churches in the wilderness - not in our part of the world. But just the same the wilderness need not be devoid of religion. Though there is no hassock to kneel upon, no choir to sing "Little town of Bethlehem", no parson, pastor or priest to preach a sermon from the pulpit, one has but to stand amid the deep calm of the forest for only a few moments to understand there is a creator of all things bright and beautiful and that his presence is everywhere at the same time. (Similar sentiments but expressed somewhat differently by a 7-year old Russian girl on a T.V. programme who replied, when asked who or what is God, "God is air" meaning He is everywhere). There in our one-roomed cabin at the headwaters of Meldrum Creek this late Christmas afternoon (1931), the sun about gone, night closing in, I knew and Lillian knew that we were as near to Almighty God as we'd be were we kneeling in some pew, faces in the palms of our hands."

Happy Christmas!

Rex B.



## SUDAN KILLINGS

Over 100 Christian men in Sudan have been crucified by Muslim soldiers, reports Christian Solidarity International.

Baroness Caroline Cox, who visited Sudan on behalf of CSI, has appealed to United Nations to intervene on behalf of 250,000 "civilian hostages", largely Christian, who are under siege in the city of Juba.

The area around Juba has been mined to prevent citizens escaping. The people live in churches and a football stadium because their homes have been destroyed. In some parts of Sudan there is no food or medicine.

Despite the suffering, Christians continue to plant churches. But they are baffled by the lack of support from the church worldwide. "Why doesn't the Christian community in the rest of the world raise their voice on our behalf?" asked one pastor. "We are strong in Christ although we are hungry and thirsty and dying of disease, and we will take our cross to show the world that we are Christians. But the people who are killing us do so in the name of Islam."

If you wish to send a pre-printed postcard to the Sudanese ambassador, requesting free movement of aid to all areas of Sudan, contact CSI on 0702 74066.

Prayer - the families of martyrs  
- prayer and protest from the world church  
- those under siege.

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November/December 1992

## WITH OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

We cannot thank you all enough for all the love and care which has been shown to us during this sad year.

We especially want to thank All Saints' congregation and the Junior Choir for their generosity in donating and working hard to send such a substantial amount to the High Dependency Unit Trust Fund at the Children's Hospital.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

With love,  
Les, Dorothy and Ann-Margaret Firth  
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## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

Following a very interesting talk by Captain Alan Turner of the Church Army about the work of H.A.R.C. - Homeless and Rootless at Christmas - it has been suggested that we raise money towards this very worthwhile cause by holding a very informal evening of carol singing in the Hall.

You may wish to bring along a favourite poem or story to read - a group may wish to sing an odd carol or two or play some music. Plates of mince pies would be welcomed especially. Much of the evening will be spent singing favourite Christmas Carols and having a good time. Bring family, friends and throat lozenges!

## THANKS (for)GIVING!

..... £111.62 proceeds to Christian Aid from a most enjoyable Harvest Lunch

..... £104.16 sale of Christian Aid/Traidcraft cards and merchandise on 18th October.

..... "Pleasure beyond Measure" by the multi-talented Children's Choir on 12th October - encore please!

## LEPROSY MISSION

The October collection amounted to £119.75, making a total of £274.75 for the year. Many thanks to all who contributed. Please keep on saving those odd coins for this worthwhile cause. Leprosy can be cured with our help and support. Praise the Lord!

Sue Wright

## WORDS FOR CONTEMPLATION

"Keep watch . . . hold yourselves ready".

(Matthew 24 vv 42 & 44 - NIV & NEB)



# DECEMBER DIARY

1	Tue	12.15pm	Liaison Lunch - Hall
		2.15pm	Ladies Working Party - 38 The Quadrant
		6.15pm	Thunderkids - Hall
		7.30pm	Ladies Club - Christmas Decorations - Hall
2	Wed	11.00am	Wednesday Monthly Morning Fellowship- 6 Milldale Road
		8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 126 Totley Brook Rd
3	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 4 The Crescent
5	Sat	7.00pm	Totley Community Whist - Hall
6	Sun	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
7	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
		3.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 4 The Crescent
8	Tue	2.00pm	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - Hall
		6.15pm	Thunderkids
9	Wed	8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 4 The Crescent
		7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight - Hall
11	Fri	8.00pm	Mission Meeting - 2 Main Avenue
12	Sat	9-12nn	Young Saints"Christmas Workshop"- Hall
		7.15pm	Totley Community Dance
13	Sun	6.30pm	Youth Group - Hall
14	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
		2.00pm	All Saints' School Christmas Pageant-Church
15	Tue	6.15pm	Thunderkids - Hall
			Ladies Club Christmas Dinner - Cross Scythes
16	Wed.	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Road
		7.15pm	All Saints' School Christmas Pageant-Church
		8.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship - 1 Quarry Road
17	Thu	2.00pm	Under Fives Praise - Church and Hall
		8.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 4 The Crescent
19	Sat	3-4pm	Totley Community Dance - Hall
20	Sun	10.00am	Christingle Service
		6.30pm	Carol Service
21	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
		3.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Group - 4 The Crescent
22	Tue	6.15pm	Thunderkids - Hall
28	Mon	10-12nn	Morning Coffee - Hall
29	Tue	3.30-5.30pm	Young Saints Christmas Party) Hall
		7.00pm	Youth Group Christmas Party )

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